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JUNE O-BHS REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 14TH, 6:00 P. M. AT THE LAKESIDE TOWN HALL.

OUR MEETING WILL BEGIN WITH OUR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS
AND THEN OUR PREPARATION WORKSHOP FOR THE MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL.

ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

Thanks to the Town of Lakeside for use of their hall, Thursday, and throughout the celebration and to Alice Christensen who made arrangements, to all who serve us in the kitchen, and to those who bring refreshments to share.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Memorial day is a time to remember those who have given their lives for us in so many ways. Most often thought of are those who have lost their lives in battle to protect our freedoms and this country. But there are those who have come to the end of a long life, who have also served this country, in building ships and planes, and in making sure that business continued and that the home fires were kept burning. One of these was the late Dorothy Gonschorek who served her country on the home front working in the shipyards.

Another group that we should remember are our fathers and mothers, and our grandparents, who gave their lives to build our communities, who carved out of this land homes, churches, and the towns, to provide the local governmental bodies. These local governmental bodies provide the responses that were not possible when Old Brule was one large town.

We as a group have been very busy in keeping the organization running, and with the following projects:

- Shingling the Davidson Windmill and the Eskolin house
- Running buried electrical lines serving both the Windmill and the Eskolin house.
- Installing a support plate for the Windmill blade shaft.
- Sponsoring the Copper Creek Mine Trek on May 19, 2007
- Continuing work on the old Eskolin house to get it ready to house displays.
- Preparation work for the Mid-Summer events (and more help is needed).
- Web site improvements with additional materials.
- The purchase of a new "Badge-A-Minit" badge (button) maker to provide less expensive merchandise items, with pictures such as the Davidson Windmill.

I personally want to thank all of you who so faithfully work so hard on the above listed projects and many other items too many to list here. THANK YOU!

Please check out the "www.oldbrule.org" Web site as your president is presently updating the site on a regular basis.

Respectfully,
Earl Granroth

FROM THE EDITOR:

The question arises within me repeatedly about what we as a group are about. Just what is it that makes this enterprise for me and for others of you a consuming passion? History is the protection of something precious. Later in this newsletter I share with you a speech delivered by Judge Learned Hand which captures succinctly what that something is. We are protecting the record, the evidence of people, living in liberty. We are protecting it closest to where it arises, in the lives of ourselves and our neighbors, in our small local places. We are protecting it in the artifacts lovingly created by hand, in the letters, scrapbooks and documents, the expressions that reveal our intimate humanity, in unique grist mills and log and brick houses and churches which served our families and our communities, in the records of small businesses and cooperatives. We possess the insight to know the value of these free creations: We have lived among them, we have helped shape them, we have been served by their makers through them, we have been privileged to see them in their creation and their use, and in their partnership with the living and the inert gifts we have found in our local places. We protect all of this for those who in the grip of mass standards lose their way, looking too often for answers in enlargements and complexity, speed and might, not trusting the simple voice of liberty within themselves and in their neighbors. Our historical work is a witness and a gift. I thank all of you for sharing with me in this work, this protection of a heritage, and in this creative giving which is life itself.

-Jim Pellman

2007 OLD-BRULE HISTORY PHOTO CALENDARS FOR SALE.**2006 CALENDARS STILL AVAILABLE.**

The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, produced its eighth and final calendar in 2005 with more pictures of Brule's past. Proceeds of these annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, are being used for the publication of the history of Brule, hopefully to be completed soon. Limited numbers of the 2005 calendar and earlier issues are still available. To order any of these calendars by mail, please write or call Janet Follis, P. O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820 (715) 372-4948.

Continuing in the BHRG calendar tradition, the *2007 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendar* is still available at \$6.00 each. Our 2006 calendar is also available at \$5.00 in limited numbers. They are available from O-BHS members or at limited local business outlets. An e-mail address for more info: musketeer6@cheqnet.net, and phone: 715-363-2549, or check our Web site at www.oldbrule.org. Shipping and handling costs are \$3.50each.

OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE *O-BHS NEWS* ARE THOSE OF THE WRITERS ALONE AND ARE NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT OFFICIAL POSITIONS OF THE O-BHS ORGANIZATION.

ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Archives Committee would welcome other volunteers to help us in this important part of the O-BHS mission. Our continuing project is learning to use the computer in support of our work, scanning documents and photos, storing records and creating data bases. Our thanks to our loyal committee members and contributors, and to the Town of Maple for archives space. If you enjoy exacting work please join us at 1 p.m. at the Pellmans' some Monday afternoon. Next meetings: June 4, 2007 followed by June 18th, 2007. Please call 363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

**Unapproved MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

Cloverland Town Hall
April 11th, 2007

ATTENDANCE: 29
TIME: 6:15PM

A. **Call to Order:** The Meeting was called to order by our President, Earl Granroth at 6:15 p.m. He introduced our guest speaker, Kathy Laakso, Director of the Douglas County Historical Society. She spoke on early Labor Activities and Conflict's in the City of Superior. She talked about current exhibit creation and research projects, and gave a DCHS Annual Meeting update. Kathy has recently been selected as one of the Douglas County Outstanding Citizens of the Year for her preservation efforts in Superior. Her heart is still in the theater and she hopes to utilize the stage recently restored at

the Vasa Hall for historical productions. She had a lot of pictures to show also. Earl asked Kathy if she was working on Women of World War II exhibit. Earl thanked Kathy for her speech, then called for a moment of silence before our refreshment break. We all took the opportunity to look at the pictures she brought before the Business Meeting.

Business Meeting:

The Meeting was called to order by our President, Earl, at 7:30pm

B. **Minutes:** Audrey moved that we approve the minutes as printed and Minerva seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. **Treasurer's Report:** Jackie read the Treasurer's Report.

Chippewa Valley Bank, Lake Nebagamon, Checking Account:	\$ 3,762.81
NBC, Poplar, Windmill Account:	\$ 6,210.44
C/D Money Market Account:	\$ 7,500.00

D. Old Business:

1. **Davidson Windmill Committee:** Construction Report: We are waiting for a bid from Jay Elmore on the windmill (and cabin) roofing project, consisting of roofing the windmill (and cabin). Shingles for the mill are on order from Hobart Finn; Electricity to the grounds at a one time cost of \$ 300.00 for the ECE connection plus other materials and installation (Phase I); Material order going forward. Harry took Jay to the Windmill to see what the job consists of. We need a written bid from him. Harry mentioned we probably should increase Jay's preliminary bid. Alice said she would talk to Jay tomorrow, and call around for some bids on shingles from H & H lumber and so forth. Hobart intended to match all bid's. A ConocoPhillips grant via Paul Colby is being sought. Cabin needs: Shingling, looking for windows, shelves and wiring, cabin floor, metal door, and chimney, ground improvements, pathway, handy cap ramp, parking lot, benches, field stone, final landscaping, culverts, safety railings. Midsummer Dinner and Tours prep for 2007. For the 2008; Finnfest 2008 at UMD tours.

2. **Fund raising:** Windmill key chains soon available. Magnets and other items on order: Magnet Pads, Windmill, Bong Plane, and Taylor's Bridge magnets. The Board recommended a button maker be ordered. Earl passed out three different magnets for people to look at. Earl was given permission to order the button maker machine.

3. **Archives Committee:** The next meeting will be at Pellman home on Monday, April 16th, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. Meeting every other Monday; more volunteers needed. Follis papers scanning nearing completion. The Committee helped to get out the OBHS News letter last session. Our thanks to all who gave a helping hand.

4. **Website Committee:** Earl Granroth has been doing updates and improvements on the Web site. Check out our Web site at www.oldbrule.org. More work is needed on the site's market portion, Davidson Windmill description, history and so forth; Earl wants to do a lot of changes. He is putting events on there too. A thank you was expressed to Earl for all the work he has done on the Web site.

5. **Pollari Memorial Gift:** Lois wants school input. Much of it will be what the school wants to do. It will be next Fall some time in September or October; she will approach the school about it. There were several different ways mentioned about how it should be approached

6. **Publicity (Advertising):** Articles in the *Connection* and *Daily Telegram* are being submitted by Audrey Hakkila.

7. **Publications Committee:** Heritage Maps on hold for now. Calendars sell for \$ 5.00 for 2006 and \$ 6.00 for 2007. Work will have to begin soon on the 2008 calendars. *Wisconsin Far Northwest* is still in need of reprint. Preparations have been ongoing. Printer no longer listed; have to get another estimate. Lakeside history *Sisu & Sauna* steady sales. Davidson Windmill booklets and brochure planned. Brochure design complete. 2007 Centennial anniversary for Village of Lake Nebagamon and Town of Maple and Brule River State Forest. Jim Pellman's Town of Maple history is in progress for this year. Maple Annual Meeting is April 14th, 2007, ticketed Centennial Luncheon to follow; \$ 5.00 refunded at the door; contact a Maple Town Board member. Summer event(s) in planning.

8. **Memberships:** Dues are still being collected for 2007. Please keep track of volunteer hours on the blue sheet form and turn in last year's if you haven't yet. Several Member ship Renewals and new members after our message with last newsletter. There was one call, from Lois Johnson, who decided to let her subscription lapse. OBHS Volunteer Recognition Patches being looked into before annual meeting.

9. **Brule History Research Group:** ISBN Number Reserved Laila was talking about what was going on in their group. Earl wanted to know if Laila has any calendars and how many. There was a discussion regarding possible centennial planning in Brule.

10. **David Maki Activities:** Jim shipped some files to him.

11. **Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, May 9th, 2007, at Alice & Cassius Christensen's at 6:00 p.m.

12. **Second Copper Creek Mine Site Trek** with Northern Lakes Archaeological Society, north of Pattison Park, scheduled for Saturday, May 19th, 2007. Harry & Mary Wester have made contact with Willoughbys for a shorter route into the site

from the east. Park on Darrow Road.

13. **Taylor's Bridge Sign repair:** Permanent replacement available from Superior Trophy; Partner with DCHS? Superior Trophy can make us a sign Jim made a motion to replace the sign and Jackie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Taylor's Bridge prospect: Install within Amnicon Falls State Park. Lois moved to look into the site and Shirley seconded the motion. Jim to facilitate. Motion carried.

14. **Historical Car Tours** proposed. We need to set up a committee to work on that for the Centennial year (and Finnfest).

15. **Other:** David Thorsen would give a talk and show slides. Paul Colby moved that we have David Thorsen speak on Glaciers; Jackie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jim to follow up.

E. New Business:

1. **Next Regular Meeting:** Lakeside Town Hall on Thursday, June 14th, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. The "speaker" will be us as we will be setting up for our Midsummer Dinner and Tours. Earl said the meeting had to be changed to Thursday because of the Lakeside Town Meeting (now Wednesdays).

2. **Communications:** Newsletters from other societies, downstate workshop announcements. May 11th workshop with Minnesota Historical Society at Chisholm \$ 25.00 fee. Jim plans to go to Chisholm.

3. **Planning for Annual Meeting?** Hold it at Amnicon Falls State Park Pavilion again? We will need to get a speaker & program.

4. **Other:** There will be a Mill Committee meeting at Jackie Plunkett on Wednesday, May 2nd, 2007 at 6:00pm

F. **Adjournment:** Alice moved that we adjourn and Jackie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thank you to the Town of Cloverland for the use of their Town Hall, and to the ladies who served tonight, and to all who brought refreshments to share. A special Thank you to Jackie for making the arrangements.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Colby, Secretary

FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps and tee shirts and sweat shirts for sale. Early issue magnets are going for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our general fund. The Windmill mugs are \$4.00, caps, \$5.00, and tee shirts, any size, \$10, all proceeds going into the Windmill Fund. Sweat shirts, any size are \$25.00, taxes included.

Available also are copies of a David Noah Seis photograph of the mill for sale. This image comes in three sizes: 4 by 5 inches, 5 by 7 inches, and 8 ½ by 11 inches. The smaller reproductions can also be used as post cards as each has a brief historical description on half of its reverse side. Prices are \$1.00, \$2.00 and the largest one which has no printing on it \$3.00. All are laser reproductions on card stock suitable for framing. This same image is available in our magnet series. Our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's books *Pathways* and *Echoes* are available for \$20.00 a copy + \$3.50 shipping. Wisconsin tax is included in all our prices. Shipping and handling for mugs, caps and tee shirts is a \$4.00 minimum. All items are available for purchase at our meetings or by contacting an O-BHS member. O-BHS Calendars for 2006 (\$5) and 2007 (\$6) are also available (\$3.50 shipping).

Unapproved MINUTES, BOARD MEETING

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

Alice & Cassius Christensen's Home

May 9th, 2007

Member's Present: 10;-Earl Granroth, President, Harry Wester, Jackie Plunkett, Karin Colby, Alice Christensen, Jim Pellman, Jack Pank, Mary Wester, Hope Swenson, & Irene Brazill.

A. **Call to Order:** Earl called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

B. **Approval of the Minutes** of the last board meeting, March 14th 2007, at the Hope Swenson residence in the Town of Lakeside as printed in the latest Newsletter: Jim made a motion to approve the minutes, and Harry Wester seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. **Treasurer's Report:**

Chippewa Valley Bank Checking Account	\$ 1,182.00
NBC Poplar Money Market C/D Account	\$ 7,500.00
Davidson Windmill Saving Account Poplar	\$ 5,610.44

Jackie read the Treasurer's report and said all bills were paid at this time.

Alice asked Jackie about the C/D and interest and Jackie explained it to her. Harry had sent roofer Jay Elmore to pick up galvanized steel sheeting. Alice made a motion to approve Jay getting the sheeting, and Hope seconded the

motion. Motion carried. Harry moved that we accept the Treasurer's report and Karin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Old Business:

- 1 **Davidson Windmill Committee report:** Jim said that there is good progress in the roofing and with Phase I. Board members had been canvassed allowing Phase II to start: Ron H. to pick electrical order for windmill for cabin work and line to be buried either today or tomorrow. Cabin shingling to be finished soon as well, wiring, windows, and door installation, safety rails, culvert replacement, flooring, suspended chimney, staircase, fieldstone, rip-rap, needed parking lot work, copper exhibits. Earl had taken pictures that he will show us during our lunch. Earl said we are making good progress. Harry has given some paint to Jay for painting. Harry said that Jay had been so happy that the progress on the Mill was coming along so good and also the roof on the house is soon to be done too. Jim explained about the wiring. At first Paul thought it was going to be to short. Friday the ECE will be coming. Harry talked about his son having matting to put on top of the sand. Harry will bring the roll of it. There was 1 extra bundle of Windmill shingles left. The price of the shingles was \$ 616.00.
2. **Fund raising committee:** Button Machine is ordered, Key Chains, Magnets and so forth are in.
3. **Archives Committee:** Next Meeting at Pellmans May 14th 2007 at 1:00pm. Very busy people working on many different projects.
4. **Website Committee Report:** More work needed on site's market portion, and public links, Davidson windmill History & Etc. Earl said he wants to put in more pictures, and he has installed a contact page for the Board Members but didn't list phone numbers or addresses. He has been taking pictures of the shingling on the windmill and house.
5. **Pollari Memorial Gift Committee:** Lois has a meeting scheduled with two Principals.
6. **Publicity Advertising Committee:** Jackie ask about bringing the new pamphlets around to different places. It was decided to bring 10 pamphlets to each place. Discussion on doing some publicity through the newspapers, and to call different TV Stations, and to advertise when we have something special going on at the Mill. KDLH-TV needs to be contacted at least tow weeks in advance. Jackie is going to contact Channel 10; Jim & Paul Colby will contact others too.
7. **Publications Committee:** Heritage Maps still on hold; Davidson Windmill 3 part flyers are in (Conoco Phillips Grant); *Wisconsin Far Northwest* fourth printing still in progress.
8. **Membership Committee:** There was a good response to enclosure placed in the last Newsletter. Dues are being collected for the year 2007. Please turn in your last year's blue volunteer hours sheets if you haven't already done so. Also, be sure to turn in your hours through the end of July 2007 BEFORE our annual meeting. There was discussion on first renewal after a member joins. (Someone joining today would not have to renew until 2009. All memberships run from January 1st to December 31st.)
9. **Brule History Research Group:** ISBN number reserved. They are making good progress for this year. They are moving right along, but still don't know who will publish their work. They will have a book of family histories.
10. **David Maki Activities:** Not much news at this time. He is following what we are doing.
11. **Dennis Smet savu-sauna:** Duane Lahti with Oulu Historical Society has accepted it.
12. **Second Copper Creek Mine Site Trek** is set for May 19th 2007. There is a sign up sheet if you would like to go. Participants will meet on Darrow Road at 9:30 a.m.
13. **Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday June 14th, 2007, at Lakeside Town Hall, 6:00 p.m. We will set up after the meeting for our Mid Summer Festival. Town and Village Exhibits will be completed.
14. **MHS Workshop:** Paul & Jim will be attending the Minnesota Historical Society workshop in Chisholm, Minnesota, this coming Friday, May 11th, 2007. Participants to pay their own fees and transportation.
15. **Finnfest Duluth 2008:** Paul Colby attended a planning session in Cloquet regarding the 2008 Finnfest
16. **Local Centennial Activities:** Centennial Activities for the Town of Maple, Village of Lake Nebagamon, Brule River State Forest. Possible Fall Historical Car Tour with other groups. E.g. CCC Camp in Brule Valley Historical high lights, Cemetery Tours Committee will be created later to develop tours. August 4th will be the Town of Maple Annual Meeting /Centennial Picnic.
17. **Other Old Business:** David Thorsen to be contacted to give a talk and show slides on Glaciers, Brule Valley.

E. New Business:

1. **Taylor's Bridge:** Internal sign damage replace with other than paper. DCHS Coordination needed. Seek to have Bridge possibly moved into Amnicon Falls State Park (William Eldred contact).
2. **Sympathy & encouragements:** Irene Parenteau and others. Karin will send a card to Irene.
- 3 **Communications:** Latest communication from other local Historical Societies, WHS, Minnesota Historical Society Interpreter, etc.
4. **Next Board Meeting:** July 11th, 2007, at Hope Swenson's Home in Lakeside at 6:00 p.m.
5. **Other New Business:** Annual Meeting Saturday, August 18th, 2007 at the Windmill Site, 12:00 Noon. It will be a pot

luck lunch. Jackie made a motion to have the Annual Meeting at the Windmill Site; Hope seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was discussion on inviting the Finnish *Järvenpää* singing group that Irene Brazill sings with, and possibly Chuck Zosel to speak. There was a discussion on getting three new folding tables for use at cabin. Harry moved that we purchase three new tables and Alice seconded the motion, which carried. Jackie was going to see about getting some first aid kits. She was going to inquire about them from the County Nurse. Jim moved for Jackie to get two first aid kits. Karin seconded the motion, which carried. Jackie said she would look at the wish list on the Website to see if there is anything that would help us. She said she would also check with the fire dept about fire extinguishers. We would need two of them. Maybe someone would like to donate two of them. Harry made a motion to have Jackie check into getting them. Jim seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Alice will be hosting a meeting of the lunch committee to plan our Midsummer Dinner on Wednesday, May 30th, at the Christensens' at 2:00 p.m. Mill committee meeting will be May 30th at Eddie Walman's home in Maple, 6:00 p.m.

F. **Adjournment:** Alice moved that we adjourn, and Harry seconded the motion. The motion carried. Our thanks to Alice and Cash Christensen for hosting our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Karin Colby Secretary

Area History: No. 56

The Spirit of Liberty by Judge Learned Hand

With the Memorial Day rifle salutes and tributes at local cemeteries fresh in our minds and hearts, I felt it would be good to share the still fresh words of the Honorable Federal Judge Learned Hand who died in 1961 at 90, considered one of the most brilliant legal minds in our Nation's history. He delivered these remarks in New York's Central Park on May 21st, 1944, before a large number of immigrants newly sworn in as American citizens, and before the victor in World War II was decided. Where is his like today?

*These thoughts are quoted for meditation in many places on the internet. Hand's brief speech is ranked by some with Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. It was gathered among Hand's thoughts on liberty in the book, **The Spirit of Liberty**, published in 1952 by Alfred Knopf.*

we have gathered here to affirm a faith, a faith in a common purpose, a common conviction, a common devotion. Some of us have chosen America as the land of our adoption; the rest have come from those of us who did the same. For this reason we have some right to consider ourselves a picked group, a group of those who had the courage to break from the past and brave the dangers and loneliness of a strange land. What was the object that nerved us, or those that went before us, to this choice? We sought liberty; freedom from oppression, freedom from want, freedom to be ourselves. This we then sought; this we now believe that we are by the way of winning. What do we mean when we say that first

of all we seek liberty? I often wonder whether we do not rest our hopes too much upon constitutions, upon laws, and upon courts. These are false hopes; believe me, these are false hopes. Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies, no constitutions, no law, no court can even do much to help it. While it lies there it needs no constitution, no law, no court to save it. And what is this liberty which must lie in the hearts of men and women? It is not the ruthless, the unbridled will; it is not freedom to do as one likes. That is the denial of liberty, and leads straight to its overthrow. A society in which men recognize no check upon their freedom soon becomes a society where freedom is the possession of only a savage few; as we have

learned to our sorrow.

What then is the spirit of liberty? I cannot define it; I can only tell you my own faith. The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which weighs their interests alongside its own without bias; the spirit of liberty remembers that not even a sparrow falls to earth unheeded; the spirit of liberty is the spirit of Him who, nearly two thousand years ago, taught mankind that lesson it has never learned, but has never quite forgotten; that there may be a kingdom where the least shall

be heard and considered side by side with the greatest. And now in that spirit, that spirit of an America which has never been, and which may never be; nay, which never will be except as the conscience and courage of Americans create it; yet in that spirit of that America which lies hidden in some form in the aspirations of us all; in the spirit of that America for which our young men are at this moment fighting and dying; in that spirit of liberty and of America I ask you to rise and with me pledge our faith in the glorious destiny of our beloved country.

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Notices:

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: To **all of you** who continue to work so hard in preparation for Midsummer at the Mill. To the many of you who joined us for the Trek to the Copper Creek mines, and to the **Willoughbys** who shortened our hike. To the many of you who have renewed your memberships, and to those new to our list, **Gordon R. Peters** from Poplar, **Edward Luoma** from Pennsylvania, **John M. & Shirley Deterling** of Poplar. We appreciate hearing again from **Gene & Agnes Davidson**, **Sandra Dailey**, **Robert Sideman** (thanks for the clipping), **Harold Emmett Swanson**, **Floyd Ketola**, **Carol Gartner**, **Tom & Bonnie Brown**, **Doris Haukkala**, **Bill Raunio**, **Clarence Mattson**, and **Paul Dennis** with **Northern Finnish Mutual Insurance**. To **Jay Elmore** of **Sunrise Roofing** who despite health issues, bounced back to do a great job roofing the mill and Eskolin cabin, and to **Hobart Finn** of **True North Cedar** in Duluth who provided us with a fine product at rock bottom price in the white old growth shingles he sells. Again, to **Paul Colby** & his employer, **ConocoPhillips**, for the additional grants which are helping us so much with our projects at the Windmill site. The other large petro-energy company in the area, **Murphy Oil**, has also been recently very generous with us as well.

CONGRATULATIONS: To School Board member **Eve Zosel**, wife of founding OBHS Board Member, **Chuck Zosel**. She was honored in February for 20 years of service during the 2007 State Education Convention. To **Audrey Hakkila** for the recognition she recently received at the annual volunteer luncheon held at UWS for her service on the board for the Aging Resource Center for Douglas County and other community service activities, including her vital roles for us at OBHS.

ENCOURAGEMENTS: To **Irene Parenteau** after her recent surgery. To **Shelby Adolphson** of Poplar as she continues to heal, and to recent NWHS grad, **Rita Ronchi**, as she continues the miracle of her recovery.

OUR SYMPATHY: Belatedly to **Mrs. Ellen Wells** on the loss of her husband **Fred** well over a year ago. Both were early generous supporters of our group. To husband **Richard Guhl** and the family of **Ruth Guhl**, who passed away on February 27th, 2007, due to complications after surgery. Ruth worked tirelessly gathering genealogical materials on people from our region, in cemeteries, and in census lists. She helped our group host a group of Finnish genealogists a couple of years ago via her daughter **Linda** at **Round Up North** in Brule. Our thanks to **Ken & Laila Magnuson** for their memorial gift in Ruth's memory. To the family (one that has helped us much) of **Lucille Grube** who died April 4, 2007 at 87. To the family of **Ronald Johnson**, who passed away at 65 just last week, son of **Helen (Winkka)** & the late **Harvey Johnson**, and kin to so many of our active members. To the family & friends of **Karen Niemi** who died recently. To those close to County Board member **Woody Budnick** of Lake Nebagamon who died unexpectedly May 13, 2007, at 53 after recent heart surgery.

..... and who have we missed or forgotten?

Calendar:

June 4, Monday, 1 p.m. Archives Committee meets at Pellmans'.

June 5, Tuesday, 9 a.m. Windmill & Cabin Work Day.

June 14, Thursday, 6 p.m. Workshop/Regular Group Meeting, Lakeside Town Hall. (Postponed one day.) Flag Day.

June 15-17, Friday 3-6, Saturday 9-6, Sunday 11-4 (**Father's Day**), Midsummer Celebration (*Juhannus Juhlat*), Davidson Windmill Tours.

June 16, Saturday, Lakeside Town Hall, Scandinavian Dinner: 11-2 p.m., and community historical displays.

June 21, Thursday, Summer Solstice (First Day of Summer).

July 4, Wednesday. Independence Day.

July 11, Wednesday, Board meeting at Hope Swenson's in Lakeside, 6 p.m. Nominating Committee to form.

July 16, Monday. Deadline for contributions to the August issue of *O-BHS News*.

July 16-17, Monday-Tuesday. Oral History Workshop at NGLVC in Ashland. \$25 fee. 15 slots.

August 4, Saturday. Maple Town Annual Picnic, Centennial Theme. Live Country Music.

August 18, Saturday, Noon. OBHS Annual Meeting. Windmill Grounds. Pot luck. *Järvenpää Singers* invited.

WEB SITE ON LINE

The Website Committee has been working with member **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** in **Superior** on our own site (www.oldbrule.org). *Please note routine updates and changes at the site.* President Earl Granroth has been making updates. Thank you all for your patience as we continue to build up the site. Thanks to **Audrey Hakkila** for her many efforts. **Microsoft** has donated Web site software permitting updates to the site. Thanks to all for your gifts and contributions of skill.

Anyone interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society is encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may contact any member or the President at the return address below, or call him at (715) 364-2216, or our Treasurer, Jackie Plunkett at 363-2417. Her address is 4845 S. County Rd F, Maple, WI 54854. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable at the time of our annual meeting in August. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

Old-Brule Heritage Society, Inc.

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