

# OBHS News

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## DECEMBER OBHS CHRISTMAS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2007, 6:00 P. M., AT THE LAKE NEBAGAMON AUDITORIUM.

WE WILL BEGIN WITH OUR CHRISTMAS COVERED DISH DINNER. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TALK GIVEN BY GAIL SAARI AND MARY JANE SEDIN ON THEIR RECENT TRIP TO FINLAND AND RUSSIA. WE WILL THEN HOLD OUR BUSINESS MEETING. OUR VOLUNTARY GIFT EXCHANGE (\$5-10) WILL CLOSE OUT THE EVENING.

**ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME!**

**Thanks to the Village of Lake Nebagamon for the use of their Auditorium, to Shirley Kankas-Rouleau for making arrangements and for decorating, and to all who have brought food and refreshments to share.**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Sitting here watching the snow fall makes me think of the song "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas." Christmas is the time of the year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the real and often forgotten reason for the season. It is the time for Churches to have special programs and concerts, and children's programs; the time for school Christmas programs; the time for families to get together to enjoy the meaning of family and of giving. But for some this year, when loved ones have been lost due to illness, accident or other reasons, this season will not carry the joy that it should, and we pray that they may find comfort in the One who is our Comforter.

As the Old-Brule Heritage Society President I am amazed at the commitment the members have to get projects completed that are near to their hearts, and that they feel are a real benefit to the group. Without these members and their commitment we would not have been able to keep this group going. It is not just physical things that we can see and touch, but the organizational operations, the setting of goals, the planning, and preparing meals, selling of merchandise. A BIG Thank You to all, for making my position an easier one.

**Accomplishments this year of 2007:** New shingles on the Windmill roof; rebuilding of the Eskolin Log House; installing an underground electrical system; reworking the parking lot area; getting the Davidson Windmill blades turning (even if it is by electrical motor to be able to control the speed); planting of a Memorial Tree to remember all those who have contributed so much to the organization; erecting a large rock to mount the Memorial Sign on; the continuing progress of the Archive Group, to document and scan old legal documents, photos, and scrapbooks; a successful Mid-Summer Celebration, Fund Raiser, Windmill Tours and a Scandinavian Dinner; the continuing sales of our merchandise, including the new 2008 calendar; improvements and updates to our Web site; and the list goes on and on.

**Goals for the New Year:** More finishing touches on the Davidson Windmill; making the Eskolin Log House more useful, and showing its historical importance; finishing the Memorial Sidewalk, and start to add the names to the paver blocks; completing a lot of the projects that have been started, but are not completed; getting some of our Archive materials available on the Web; making our Web site a more useful and informational site; and the list can go on and on; but let's first complete the more pressing items.

Please check out our “[www.oldbrule.org](http://www.oldbrule.org)” Web site as your president is presently updating the site on a regular basis. (Note: If the Web site looks like it has not changed please push the “refresh” button on your browser.)  
Respectfully, Earl Granroth

#### FROM THE EDITOR:

We have entered our tenth year as a group. As we felt our way forward in the earliest days the task ahead and the outcome were nebulous, but not without guiding principles. As the instigator of this process I was committed to gathering the history of the Town of Maple, and of its neighboring small communities, most served by the School District of Maple. From experience I realized that local history had to be gathered from within the communities where it was made. No one alive, nor any group, nor academic discipline, has the resources or the omniscience necessary to do justice to all the precious lives as lived within our small and precious communities and institutions.

Oral histories have been an important component in the attempt to capture these intimate communal exchanges. But they were not all. Civil records and processes had to be preserved as well from all of the institutions that had been created locally in response to *existential forces* from many directions. By *existential forces* I mean those forces we grapple with from one moment to the next in all our waking experience of life, in our awareness as free beings. The significance of these forces is not only a matter of individual perception. This is so because we are social beings. We were created for community life, and dialog with friends and family and neighbors... and even our enemies. We were created for dialog with creation itself, and with its Creator. We attack the problems of living together. We were made to attack them locally, first and foremost. Our towns and villages are legally constituted political expressions, and remnants, of the process of facing the local demands of life, and the demands of local life together.

The structure of Law has an important role to play in all that has been said above. Law, too, is a remnant of collective experience. Law protects the wisdom of what should remain inviolable...individual rights to free expression...rights to private property and stable community life, and so on... but also obligations and responsibilities, always to others, but to ourselves as well. And obligations and responsibilities to life itself and its Creator.

In our first nine years our group has done well in facing these obligations and responsibilities. There is much more to do, but as we deal with preserving the vital local remnants of life, we remain on the right path to positively contribute, and to actively share in the advancing life process of our local communities. We in the Old-Brule Heritage Society have become a positive *existential force* ourselves.

Finally, those members who have purchased earlier printings of *Wisconsin Far Northwest* may want the full collection of Harry Wester maps. Those maps included in the last printing are: the Towns of Amnicon, Bennett, Brule, Cloverland, Dairyland, Gordon, Hawthorne, Highland, Lakeside, Maple, Oakland, Parkland, Solon Springs, Summit, Superior, Wascott, and the Villages of Lake Nebagamon and Poplar. Please contact me. -Jim Pellman

#### 2006, 2007 and now 2008 OLD-BRULE HISTORY PHOTO CALENDARS FOR SALE.

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 their 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 *2008 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendar* is now available at \$7.00 each. Our earlier calendars are 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](mailto:musketeer6@cheqnet.net), and phone: 715-363-2549, or check our Web site at [www.oldbrule.org](http://www.oldbrule.org). Shipping and handling costs are \$3.50 each.

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 databases. Our thanks to our loyal committee members and contributors, and to the Town of Maple for archive space. If you enjoy exacting work please join us at 1 p.m. at the Pellmans' some Monday afternoon. Next meetings: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 1:00 p.m. Please call 363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

**Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes  
Old-Brule Heritage Society  
Highland Town Hall, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2007, 6::00 PM**

30 in Attendance

**Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Earl Granroth at 6:10 p.m. Earl handed a belated Certificate of Appreciation to Harry Wester for the four years he has served on the Board & committees. Also a certificate went to Paul Williams for the four years he also served on the Board & committees. Thanks to Harry and Paul for all the hours they put in. Paul W. could not be there, so Earl said he would bring his certificate to him

**Program:** Earl introduced our guest speaker, Mr Dave Thorson, who gave a power point presentation called "the Glacial History of our Region." Besides talks he gives motorized tours revealing the history and glacial parts of the region. There were questions asked and he answered them well. It was a very interesting talk. We then broke for coffee and refreshments.

**Business Meeting** began at 7:10 p. m Earl called the meeting to order. He thanked Janine Seis & Jan Johnson for securing the hall, thanked the Town of Highland for making it available to us, and thanked all who brought refreshments to share.

**Minutes:** Approval of the July 11<sup>th</sup> 2007 Regular Meeting minutes. Audrey Hakkila moved to approve the minutes and Mary Ann Gronquist seconded the motion, which carried

**Treasurer's Report:** Due to the absence of our treasurer, Jackie Plunkett, Jim Pellman relayed her report:

Chippewa Valley Bank Checking Account	\$ 3,739.92
NBC Money Market C/D Account	\$ 7,652.95
Davidson Windmill Account Poplar	\$ 2,819.73
Mill Merchandise sold	\$ 633.25

This did not include the Bake Sale and donation money.

Marilyn gave a report of the bake sale and donations: Bake Sale: \$295.11, Donations: \$70.10.

Donations so far for Paver Bricks: \$150.00.

Irene Parenteau moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Marion Christensen seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**1. Davidson Windmill Report:** It was a successful Apple Festival Weekend, Tours and Bake Sale. Thank you to all who helped out and donated baked goods. From the Leadership Council led by Geoff Wendorff with around 30 participants that toured the Mill there were \$ 8.50 in sales and \$ 6.61 lunch donations. Harry said the group was very interested in the mill and the house. He mentioned that the blades on the mill are turning now by electric motor. It was his goal to get the blades turning and his goal has been met. Will seek bid on sidewalk project.

**Next Mill Meeting:** Tuesday, Oct 23, 2007, 6:00 p. m. at the Eskolin House.

**2. Fund-raising Committee:** We have a lot of small items, buttons, magnets, books, etc. There will be a Website ad to order buttons. Shipping cost \$ 1.13 for 1 oz. in a bubble envelope (0-00)at Sam's, \$1.30 for 2 oz. Regular Mail would be the best if we could hold the thickness to under 1/4 inch total with packaging.

There was a discussion on how we should keep track of our selling of merchandise. It was decided to use the tic sheets to check off each time there was an item sold. Donations for the N W Regional Conference: a Tee shirt, sweatshirt, Windmill cap and a book, brochures, and little books.

**Younkers Books** Shirley sold 43 books so far. They are \$ 5.00 a book and she still has more books to sell. The sale this year is Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Sale starts at 6:00 a. m. The booklet is worth \$ 10.00 on a purchase. Last year we got \$ 400.00 in sales and donations.

**3. Archives Committee:** Meets every other Monday at 1:00 p. m. at the Pellmans home. October 22<sup>nd</sup> is the next meeting. Paul gave us a new scanner. We thought we were done with the Follis papers but we are not quite done

**4. Website Committee:** Our President Earl has faithfully kept up the Website. Our thanks to him for all he does on the Website. Earl wants to put in a brand new sheet and order form. We are going to see if Jon Winters will let us have a small piece of Website so we can data base the messages we receive. Viewers could then email our site rather than we use our private email addresses.

**5. Pollari Memorial Gift Committee:** Maps are in progress Lois has held meetings. Randy Jones is helping. Next meeting is Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:00 p. m. at Lois's in Lake Nebagamon.

- 6. Publicity/Advertising Committee:** Pamphlet distribution. Paver brick sale: Press release is out. Apple Fest publicity was good.
- 7. Publications Committee:** Heritage Maps now in progress under Pollari Memorial. *Wisconsin Far Northwest* printing is in. New calendars for 2008 are in their final design stages. Paul and Shirley are getting more ads. It was asked if the people who bought the earlier *Wisconsin Far Northwest* printings would be able to get the new maps. Harry said they are based upon plat maps from 1906 to the present.
- 8. Membership Committee:** Please turn in your year end (to July 31,2007) blue volunteer slips if you haven't done so already. Dues collection for 2008 is now well in progress.
- 9. Brule History Research Group:** Laila mentioned it still is in progress despite their personal losses. They still haven't selected a publisher for their work
- 10. Finn Fest Duluth (July) 2008:** Paul Colby and Jim Pellman attended planning sessions. Finnfest will host 7,000.
- 11. Local 2007 Centennial Activities:** Maple, Highland, Lake Nebagamon, & Brule, Brule River State Forest. Possible fall Historical Tours with other groups. Jim asked if anyone is interested in doing it now that it is so late in the Fall. It was stated we have had so much doings this summer so it was so hard to get every one interested. Jim would talk to Kathy about it if anyone is interested.
- 12. Taylor's Bridge:** Kathy Laakso at DCHS is to follow up with original provider.
- 13. Next Board Meeting:** November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at Cassius and Alice Christensen's home 6:00 p. m.
- 14. Other Old Business:** It was stated that we should only have cookies or bars with coffee at our regular meetings but at our Christmas party we could have Pot Luck. Mary Ann suggested making up a container of coffee, sugar, creamer, cups and napkins to send along to wherever the next meeting is going to be held.

**New Business:**

1. Marilyn said she had seen Joyce Erickson and she had asked if we would be interested in a loggers' cook shanty. Harry moved to talk with her about it and Jim seconded the motion which carried. Marilyn to follow up.
2. Alice asked about using the bake sale money towards getting some cabinets for storage. Barb Granroth moved that we to get the cabinets with the bake sale money, and Harry seconded the motion, which carried.

**Sympathy & Encouragements:** Paul Williams, Cassius Christensen, Ken Magnuson, Swen Tyykila.

**Communications:** Invoice from *Telegram* for paver memorials ads: \$ 190.20. Thanks to Paul for ad & paver work.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Christmas Meeting, December 12<sup>th</sup>,2007, 6:00 p. m. at Lake Nebagamon Auditorium. Shirley will take care of asking for the auditorium for that date. Everyone is asked to bring a dish for pot luck, and a \$5.00 to \$10.00 gift if you would like to be in the gift exchange. Speakers: Alice will talk to Gail Saari and Mary Jane Sedin about speaking about their recent trip to Finland and Russia.

**Adjournment:** Marilyn moved that we adjourn, second by Alice. Motion carried.

Respectfully, 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. ***SEE OUR WEB SITE ([www.oldbrule.org](http://www.oldbrule.org)) FOR CURRENT SALE ITEMS AND PRICES.***

Available also are copies of a David Noah Seis photograph of the mill. 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*, and Lakeside's *Sisu and Sauna* are available for \$20.00 a copy + \$4.00 shipping. Wisconsin tax is included in all of 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, 2007(\$5) and 2008 (\$7) are also available (\$3.50 shipping). Our 2008 Calendar is available at our meetings or from any member by request.

Members Present: 10: Irene Parenteau, Marion Christensen, Alice Christensen, Karin Colby, Jack Pank, Hope Swenson, Jim Pellman, Mary Ann Gronquist, Irene Brazill, and Eddie Walman.

**Call to Order:** Alice called the meeting to order in place of our President, Earl Granroth, who is convalescing at home.

**Minutes:** Approval of the Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Board Meeting, published in the last news letter. Alice moved to accept the minutes as published, and Hope seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Jackie, was unable to be here due to work. Jim handed out her report.

Checking account, Chippewa Valley Bank:	\$ 5,283.44
Certificate # 1	\$ 5,101.97 (maturity date on certs.: 12/16/07)
Certificate # 2	\$ 2,550.98 Interest rate on both 3.8200%
Mill Fund	<u>\$ 2,817.35</u>
Total	\$15,753.74

Please Note the following:

From checking we need to take out the following

Grants:	\$2,309.80 (\$ 120.90 used for ad. We still have an outstanding bill to Paul Colby for pavers)
Cabinets for the house	\$295.11 (proceeds from bake sale voted on at the meeting.)
Scholarship Fund:	\$250.00 (Voted on at the annual meeting.)
2008 Calendars:	<u>\$961.00</u> has been taken care of.

Checking: \$5,283.44, Total above 3,795.91, leaving a checking balance of \$1,487.53.

We must decide if we are going to roll the certificates, one or both. Do we need the money this year or not for the pathway? If not maybe we could leave them for another 6 months.)\*\*\*

Our income for the next few months should be merchandise sales, calendar sales, paver sales, memberships, and books. Paver sales to date \$490.00.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report, and second. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **1. Davidson Windmill Committee Report:**

**Sidewalk:** Jim explained that we have enough money in the checking account for the check made out to Dave Pooler Construction for doing Phase 1 of the sidewalk. Jim needs a motion on the check so he can give the check to Pooler Construction. He will take a down payment now of \$ 2500.00 and the balance when he finishes. Hope made a motion to authorize the \$ 2500.00 to Poolers and Irene seconded the motion. It carried. Jim explained that he is being very careful about the spec. on the handicap ramp. Jim said our apron is going to be an issue because the door has to open onto a sufficiently wide flat surface. We also need 15 bales of hay. Paul is getting the hay. Eddie said he could get some if Paul can't and David Pooler is to get a hold of Roger about the 10 yards of sand. Jim called Roger about the sand, and Roger said he would have it there in the morning. Concrete cost may be slightly higher due to adding chloride for cold conditions. There will be no foam under the walk areas because this causes black ice safety hazard in the Fall and Spring. Foam will go under Biffy slab. Jack asked about how much our electric bill is running a month. Jim said around \$ 18.00.

**Memorial Stone:** Ron Hendrickson has delivered the memorial monolith to mill site. We need to add ¾ of a yard of concrete to our sidewalk order for the stone. Mary Ann moved to order ¾ yd more, Irene P. seconded. Motion carried.

**Cabinets:** Alice suggested looking into getting some Rubbermaid cabinets for the Eskolin house so we can store supplies. Alice and Jack thought that Rubbermaid cabinets would probably be the best way to go. The proceeds from the last bake sale are to go toward the cabinets, voted on at the last meeting. This will be a Spring project. This will be taken up at the next Mill meeting. **Next Mill Meeting:** None currently scheduled.

**2. Fund-raising Committee:** We are using tick sheets to control inventory. We donated for the Northwest Regional Convention a Tee shirt, sweatshirt, windmill cap, a book and brochures, and little books.

**Yunkers Booklet Reports:** We sold almost the same amount as last year. The sale was on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007. In 2006 we got \$ 400.00 in sales and donations.

**3. Archives Committee:** Meets every other Monday at 1:00 pm at Pellmans. Next meeting: November 19<sup>th</sup> 2007. Paul Colby has given us a "new" legal scanner. It has been a lot of help. Currently we are working on Coop Services records.

**4. Website Committee:** Need to contact Jon W. regarding Email to our site. Paul will take care of that.

**5. Pollari Memorial Gift Committee:** Map is in progress. Lois has held meetings. Randy Jones has been helping.

**6. Publicity /Advertising Committee:** Pamphlets distribution: Mary Ann has been going around distributing them in Superior. Paver Brick Sale press release went out. Bayfield Apple Festival publicity was good.

**7. Publications Committee:** Heritage maps now in progress under Pollari Memorial above. *Wisconsin Far Northwest* printing is in; 2008 Calendars are in. Those wanting *Far Northwest* maps to complete their collection should sign up. There will be a printout of towns & villages in the next newsletter. Jim mentioned as of right now we are looking for places to sell our calendars. Kathy Emmons at the Gopher Hole has done a nice job of selling our calendars for us. Thank you to

Kathy. It was discussed that we would contact the new Cenex gas station in Brule to see if they would be willing to sell some for us when they open up soon.

**8. Membership Committee:** Please turn in your 2007 blue Volunteer Hours sheets in if you haven't done so already. It is very important that we document volunteer hours. Dues collection for 2008 is now well in progress.

**9. Brule History Research Group:** Committee is active again. They still don't know who will publish their work. Jim discussed with them what format is needed for printing.

**10. Finnfest 2008:** Paul Colby & Jim Pellman are attending planning sessions. Finnfest 2008 will host 7,000 people in July. Paul will go again on Thursday night. There was a discussion on what was going to be going on at that time: Tours, speakers, tours of the Windmill, etc.

**11. Taylor's Bridge:** Haven't heard from Kathy Laakso regarding sign repairs.

**12. Next Regular Meeting:** Christmas Meeting, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at Lake Nebagamon Auditorium, 6:00 p.m. There will be a pot luck supper. Please bring a dish to pass, and a \$ 5.00 to \$ 10.00 gift if you would like to be in the gift exchange. Speakers: Alice will talk to Gail Saari and Mary Jane Sedin to speak on their recent trip to Russia and Finland.

**13. Other Old Business:** None at this time.

**New Business:**

1. Alice discussed getting busy to try to get some of our work completed on the house this Spring, like the shelving, cabinets, lights, chimney, the 3<sup>rd</sup> wall on the Biffy. Mill committee will discuss what should be done first.

2. Hope made a motion to sell the 2008 Calendars wholesale for \$ 4.50 and \$ 7.00 retail. Marion seconded the motion, which carried.

3. Tour of Cedar Island: Jim P, Minerva, and Velma went. Thank you to Doreen Swanson for the tour.

**Sympathy & Encouragement:** Paul & Mrs Williams, Cassius Christensen, Ken Magnuson, Swen Tyykila, Earl Granroth & Mary Wester.

**Communications:** Sales Tax Permit Renewal, many Paver orders, and Annual Membership Renewals. We are exchanging information with different historical groups with our newsletters.

**Adjournment:** Irene P. moved to adjourn with a second by Marion. Motion carried.

Our next Board Meeting will be held at Jackie Plunkett's on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p. m.

Respectfully, Karin Colby, Secretary

**Area History:**

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*This past summer the Town of Brule held a warm and well attended Centennial Celebration within the Brule pavilion at which State Senator Bob Jauch, County Board Chairman, Doug Finn, Brule Town Chairman, Dennis Smet, and your editor briefly spoke. The town had celebrated a premature "Centennial" in the 1960s, and as a result had not celebrated one in 1987 on the true one hundredth anniversary of the of the large old town's legal creation. But what happened in 1907 that warranted a 2007 Centennial Celebration? The Town of Brule that year lost the town hall of its earliest years and earliest boundaries located in what that year became the Town of Maple. Its seat of government was moved from the Maple unincorporated Northern Pacific Railroad hamlet to the fire hall within the Brule Northern Pacific hamlet. Besides losing its town hall to Maple, Brule lost its Town Clerk, Frank Hansler, who was a resident of Blueberry, now within the Town of Maple's boundaries. Frank Hansler became Maple's second Town Clerk in 1908. What then was Brule celebrating? It was commemorating a major reshaping of its own civil and community structure. Later, in 1921 with the formation of the Town of Cloverland, both Maple and Brule lost their northern thirds to the new town, setting at that time the final physical boundaries of each. But this change required no change in seat of government. In going its own way the Town of Cloverland with its many newcomers and the support of the Wisconsin legislature would establish its own "town seat." Brule and Maple would continue on within the new reality of their smaller areas.*

*Chairman Doug Finn brought with him an old copy of the **Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of Douglas County Wisconsin for the 1906-7**, once owned by Joe Lucius of Brule. Doug generously promised that copy to the Old-Brule Heritage Society Archives, and Supervisor, Kay Johnson, present at the event, followed up Doug's promise by mailing the copy last week. Our thanks to Doug and Kay. What follows are some quotes and interesting figures from the **1906-7 Proceedings**. The Town of Amnicon had been amputated from Brule in 1906. Newly seated P. A. Peterson from Poplar represented Amnicon. The Douglas County Board with 15 members at that time consisted of:*

City of Superior—First Ward—R. J. Nye.

Second Ward—Thos. C. McLean.

Third Ward—Anton Olson.  
 Fourth Ward—Peter E. Bergman.  
 Fifth Ward—Louis Westlund.  
 Sixth Ward—Wm. J. Stack  
 Seventh Ward—A. Berthiaume.  
 Eighth Ward—C. O. Stensrud.  
 Ninth Ward—Chas. Peterson.

Tenth Ward—Edward Buchanan  
 Town of Amnicon—P. A. Peterson.  
 Town of Brule—W. J. Conness.  
 Town of Gordon—Geo. A. Bubar.  
 Town of Nebagamon—Nick Lucius, Jr.  
 Town of Superior—H. Ward.

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Adjourned special meeting July 17, 1906.

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The following resolutions were adopted:

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Resolved by the County Board of supervisors of Douglas county, that the Register of Deeds be and he is hereby authorized and directed to record in his office the plat of the cemetery of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Bethany church of Poplar, Wis., for the sum of \$5.00. The said cemetery being located on the Southwest 1/4 of Sec. 6 Township 47 Range 11, west in Douglas Co. Wis.

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Adjourned annual meeting, November 19, 1906.

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Resolved, By the county board of Douglas county, that the equalized assessed valuation of all the property both real and personal in the several towns and the city of Superior in the county of Douglas is hereby fixed and determined to be as follows; for the year 1906:

In the Town of Amnicon . . . \$302,372  
 In the Town of Brule . . . . . \$341,445  
 In the Town of Gordon . . . . \$527,185  
 In the Town of Nebagamon . \$850,000  
 In the Town of Superior . . . \$1,165,125  
 In the City of Superior . . . \$15,525,566

Total . . . . . \$18,711,693

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Synopsis of assessment rolls as reported by town and city clerks for year 1906, Douglas County, Wisconsin:

Town—	Horses.	Value.	Cattle.	Value.	Mules.	Value.
Amnicon . . . .	92	\$3,170	284	\$4280	...	...
Brule. . . . .	142	4,985	291	4370	...	...
Gordon . . . .	194	10,345	164	2860	4	\$150
Nebagamon . .	394	24,305	403	9310	6	225
Superior . . .	174	3,439	486	4905	2	15
Superior, City	<u>835</u>	<u>40,335</u>	<u>1241</u>	<u>24825</u>	...	...
Total	1831	\$86,579	2869	50550	12	390

	Sheep & Lambs.	Value.	Swine.	Value.	Wagons, car- riages and sleighs.	Value.
Amnicon . . . .	44	\$90	8	\$35	4	45
Brule . . . . .	22	44	16	48	8	95
Gordon . . . .	17	40	6	30	..	...
Nebag. . . . .	158	315	123	400	83	1120
Superior. 177	207	...	...	4	50	
Sup., Cty. . . .	...	...	...	<u>739</u>	<u>18560</u>	
Total. 418	\$696	153	513	838	\$19870	

	Watches.	Value	Pianos.	Value.	Organs & melodians	Value.
Amnicon. . . .	1	\$10	1	\$75	..	...
Brule . . . . .	..	...	13	660	2	10
Gordon . . . .	..	...	..	...	..	...
Nebagamon . .	1	200	25	2375	..	...
Superior . . .	..	...	..	...	..	...
Superior, City	<u>..</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>855</u>	<u>48560</u>	<u>..</u>	<u>...</u>
Total . . . . .	2	\$210	894	\$51670	2	\$10

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Adjourned annual meeting January 18, 1907.

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The following claims were allowed and the chairman and clerk authorized to sign and issue orders for same.

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**County Board Fund.**

T. C. McClean —  
 1151—Per Diem . . . . . \$30.00  
 W. J. Conness —  
 1160—Per Diem . . . . . 41.28  
 W. J. Conness—  
 1161—Per Diem . . . . . 28.32  
 Chas. Peterson—  
 1162—Per Diem . . . . . 30.64  
 P. A. Peterson—  
 1163—Per Diem . . . . . 18.91

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**Brule Road Fund.**

L. F. Baxter, et at.—  
 1106—Labor . . . . . 28.13  
 Nebagamon Lbr. Co.—  
 1133—Labor . . . . . 200.00  
 J. A. Lien—  
 1155—Labor . . . . . 45.00  
 Charles Coquett —  
 1156—Labor . . . . . 38.25  
 Maple Mer. Co.—  
 1157 —Supplies . . . . . 9.80  
 Frank Carron —  
 1158 —Labor . . . . . 20.00  
 R. Kreido —  
 1159 —Labor . . . . . 151.00

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Adjourned special meeting July 17, 1906.

Board met at 10 a. m. pursuant to adjournment. The village of Lake Nebagamon having been incorporated and officers elected on February 19, 1907, Myron Reed is entitled to a seat on the board as village supervisor.

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### Notices:

**THANK YOU'S & RECOGNITIONS:** To **Paul Colby** & his employer, **ConocoPhillips**, for the capital grants which help us so much with our Windmill grounds improvement including the memorial sidewalk, and to all those so far who have donated toward paver memorials. To the **Town of Lakeside** for its recent annual donation. To **Patrick Carter**, Maple Postmaster, who just joined the OBHS as an individual member. To **Faymie Laakso** for providing access to old **Pellinen family** photos. To County Board Chairman, **Doug Finn**, for the copy "1906-7 Record of Proceedings" for our archives, and to **Kay Johnson** for getting it to us. To **all members** caught up on their dues for 2008 and for your support in 2007.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To members **Char Harms** and **Lora Olson** on their recent birthdays. To the **Kohtala family** in Duluth, on the marriage of daughter and granddaughter, **Sarah Kohtala**, of Chicago to **Todd Edwards**.

**ENCOURAGEMENTS:** To **Arnold & Doris Perala** as they manage health issues. To **Paul Williams**, **Margie Koskie**, and **Ken Magnuson** dealing with health issues. To members **Jackie & Keith Plunkett** and family and her brother, **Pat Meteraud**.

**OUR SYMPATHY:** To the family and friends of Wentworth's **Cassius Christensen**, a founding member of OBHS, who died today. To the family and friends of **Grant Raivala**, 29, from Brule, who died in his home November 29th.. To the family and friends of **Stephen Arnovich**, 35, of Superior, killed recently in a pipe line explosion near Clearbrook, Minnesota.

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

### Calendar:

**December 7**, Friday. Pearl Harbor Day.

**December 12**, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS Christmas Regular Meeting. Lake Nebag. Auditorium. **Gail Saari & Mary Jane Sedin** to talk on their recent trip to Finland and Russia. Business meeting, and gift exchange (\$5-10, wrapped marked M or F).

**December 17**, Monday, 1 p. m. Archives at Pellmans.

**December 22**, Saturday. Winter Solstice.

**December 25**, Tuesday. Christmas Day.

**December 31**, Monday. New Year's Eve.

**January 15, Tuesday.** Deadline for contributions to the February issue of *OBHS News*. MORE HISTORICAL NEWS ARTICLES ARE WELCOME AND NEEDED: CHURCH HISTORIES, AUTOBIOGRAPHIES, OLD CLIPPINGS, ETC.

### WEB SITE ON LINE

The Website Committee has been working on our own site ([www.oldbrule.org](http://www.oldbrule.org)). *Please note routine updates and changes at the site.* President Earl Granroth has been making these 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. Thanks to all for your gifts and contributions of skill. **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** in **Superior** is our Web host at no charge to us.

**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!**

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