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NEXT MEETING/PROGRAM WED., OCT. 8, 2003, 6:00 PM JERRY FECHTELKOTTER RESIDENCE, POPLAR DR. RON MERSHART ON TAPE SPEAKING ON GEORGE R. STUNTZ

The next regular meeting of the Old-Brule Heritage Society will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2003, beginning at 6 p.m. **at the home of Jerry and Lyle Fechtelkotter in Poplar.** [This is a change of location, the former proposed site being the Poplar Village Hall.] For our program we will show a video made at a prior meeting of Dr. Ronald Mershart speaking about early regional government surveyor, explorer, promoter and settler, George R. Stuntz. George Stuntz is a favorite of former president, Jim Pellman, and Jim will introduce the Mershart talk and answer questions on Stuntz's interesting life.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! PLEASE BRING A FRIEND AND REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE! OUR THANKS TO THE FECHTELKOTTERS WHO HAVE MADE THEIR HOME AVAILABLE.

A LETTER FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT:

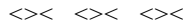
Dear Members,

My name is Paul Colby. I live in Lakeside with my wife and children. I have been elected by the Board to the presidency of O-BHS. I first declined. However, after some persuasion from the Board, I finally accepted. The main reason I accepted was the willingness of Board Members to assist and help with many of the tasks and responsibilities that Jim was involved in. This type of full Board leadership and guidance will lead to growth and positive outcomes in our organization. I am an advocate of empowerment. It offers everyone a part in our goals and vision: Members and Volunteers will feel and be a part of the process and we will only grow as a heritage Society and as individuals. What a positive outcome!

I will continue to offer my knowledge, expertise and ideas, which may be both conservative and liberal, to the committees and to their projects. I am also very interested in hearing and learning new ideas from our group and affiliates.

In this position I will also attempt to be as energetic and passionate as the former President, Jim Pellman, in preserving the history of our towns. With this goal we will educate others on how important local history and heritage is in the Northern Wisconsin region. We especially need to educate the younger generation in our schools on how we once lived and maintained our local independence.

Sincerely,
Paul Colby



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REMINDER: OUR NEW TREASURER, SHIRLEY KANKAS ROULEAU, IS NOW COLLECTING DUES FOR 2004. THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT!

A REPEAT CALL FOR LOCAL SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORIES

The Steering Committee working on the celebration of the Sesquicentennial or 150th birthday celebration of the founding of Douglas County and its County Seat in Superior is asking for scholarly essays from anyone on any topic which will help illuminate our past. The Committee will select the best entries, first for publication in local papers, and then would like to collect and edit them for inclusion in a published text containing a fully rounded County and City history. Hopefully there will be someone to create entries on the history of each of the communities within the county, and on the businesses and activities, and important personalities that have at one time or another touched and shaped our lives.

The Committee asks private individuals, companies, schools and governments to come forward with submissions. Entries can be sent immediately to the Douglas County-Superior Sesquicentennial Committee-History Project, Jan O'Brien, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, 205 Belknap Street, Superior, WI 54880. Please let the Committee hear from you !

WORLD WAR II VETERAN, CAPT. HELEN D. (NIEMI) PRIVETTE, RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS, AND STUDENT HISTORY WRITERS ARE HONORED AT OUR SEPTEMBER ANNUAL MEETING AT THE BONG CENTER.

We held our 2003 Annual Meeting (our fifth) at the Richard I. Bong World War II Center in Superior. Hope Swenson, a Bong Center volunteer, and our membership at a prior meeting, made arrangements which secured the room, and allowed those in attendance to tour the new facility following the meeting. Lois Pollari prepared the video we showed of Helen Privette speaking about her WWII experiences, and Hope Swenson made arrangements to have Helen's casket flag raised as weekly honor flag on Friday, September 12th. Many attended this flagraising in honor of Captain Privette and our attendance at the annual meeting the following day topped sixty! Our thanks to both Hope and Lois for their sterling efforts.

We also made our presentation of cash awards to three Maple School District Junior Scholars for their histories of the lives of Elna Rantala (Liz Urbanak), Maple, Kay Johnson of Brule (Jake Levin), and Dickie Tuura of Brule (Darren Stewart). We thank all the family members for their wonderful support, and the scholars themselves who read their efforts before the group (except Darren Stewart who was celebrating his birthday). Thanks to Minerva Johnson and to Hope Swenson for carrying this project forward.

Also our president honored with presidential certificates of recognition and appreciation those whose terms on the Board ended with this annual meeting: 1st Vice President, Larry Luostari, 2nd Vice President, Jerry Fechtelkotter, and Treasurer, Alice Christensen. All were charter members of our group, and all have performed irreplaceable services in the creation, growth and continuing success of the Old-Brule Heritage Society. Our enduring appreciation to all of them.

ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE TO RETURN FROM SUMMER BREAK.

The archives room in the Maple Community Center is slowly filling with archive material. Some construction work still remains, but this has not stopped the Archives/Collection Committee from getting down to a work routine which we hope will some day entirely fill the new space. It is a relief to have many valuable town and regional records and items already safely shelved there. Audrey Hakkila, Shirley Kankas Rouleau, LaVerne LaPole, Arnold and Doris Perala, Jim Pellman, Irene Brazill, Delores Pellman, Irene Parenteau and others have been volunteering their time to the Archives/Collection committee work. The group is now on a summer break but we will welcome other volunteers to help us in this important part of the O-BHS mission. Before our break we finished the inventory of the William F. Follis papers. These were made available by members Bill and Jan Follis, and we will be indexing and assessing them, and copying the most essential. We also inventoried

the papers of Helen and Harvey Johnson of Lakeside which also will end up on a computer database. Our thanks to these loyal members and contributors, and to the Town of Maple for archive space.

2004 BRULE HISTORY PHOTO CALENDAR TO BE AVAILABLE

The Brule History Research Group organized in 1995 to research, write, and publish the history of Brule. Their annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, will be used for the publication of the history.

2004 calendars will be available from Janet Follis, P. O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820 (715-372-4948) for the cost of \$7.50 postpaid, or \$6.00 locally from a BHRG member or at Lori's Store. An e-mail address: knmo@baysat.net.

FUNDRAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps and tee shirts for sale. Magnets are going for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our general fund. The Windmill mugs are \$8.00, caps, \$9.00, and tee shirts, any size, \$10, all proceeds going into the Windmill Fund. A new order of shirts has a new enlarged design thanks to Bob Aho and was popular at our Midsummer Windmill Tours.

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 1/2 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 improved image is now available in our magnet series. Our thanks to Noah who donated the digital image to O-BHS.

Wisconsin tax is included in all our prices. Shipping and handling for mugs, caps and tee shirts is a \$4.00 minimum. All items will also be available for purchase at our meetings.

(UNAPPROVED) MINUTES OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC. REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 13, 2003, AMNICON FALLS PARK

Attendance: 28

11:30 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Jim Pellman, president, welcomed all who came

II. PROGRAM: Jim introduced Mr. William Eldred of the Amnicon Falls Park staff, who gave a history of the park and answered questions from the group. The meeting agenda was distributed, which gave additional information about the park. The talk was about one hour and was interesting and informative. Following the talk a potluck lunch was enjoyed by all, with bratwurst and hotdogs and pop provided by the society.

III. BUSINESS MEETING:

A. MINUTES: A motion was made by Audrey Hakkila and seconded by Minerva Johnson to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion carried.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT: The treasurer was absent, but a written report was included in the agenda. No action taken. Alice Christensen had reported there is \$4,354.14 in the Davidson Windmill Fund (not including interest since last meeting) and \$1,963.49 in the General (checking) account.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. HERITAGE PARK: No new action.

2. DAVIDSON WINDMILL: Plans are being made to open the site for tours and our Scandinavian Bake Sale on the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of the Bayfield Apple Festival, (October 4-6th).

Regarding Heritage Tourism designation, we would have to work with Ruth Goetz of the Department of Tourism from Ashland on the number and type of signs needed at the site, if we even qualify for "Heritage Tourism" designation. Approximate cost would be \$100 per sign, three signs minimum. One requirement is that these sites have someone on site on a regular basis which is not the case at the mill. No further action taken.

3. TAYLOR'S BRIDGE: Question was raised about the number of people who showed up for the Taylors's Bridge Sign Dedication Ceremony (with DCHS) when a Duluth *News Tribute* newspaper article was circulated about the event. Jim said about 25 were present for the dedication of the sign marking the former location of the bridge. The event was a success.

4. VOLUNTEER HOURS: Jim said to turn in all hours volunteered in 2002.

5. BRULE HISTORY RESEARCH GROUP: Laila Magnuson and Minerva Johnson gave an update, and had calendars for 2004 for sale. Price the same.

6. SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: An update was given. George Luoma's memorial money will be used for repair and preparation of the trailer donated by Norma Lind.

7. HISTORY PAPER AWARD: An update was given by Minerva Johnson and Hope Swenson. Dr. Mershart will help involve the schools through the Sesquicentennial Committee in further discussions regarding papers and items in lieu of this year's contest which got few entries. He felt the Sesquicentennial in Douglas County may give further interest if all ages and classes get involved.. Minerva and Hope were asked to invite this year's winners to our annual meeting at the Bong Heritage Center, where the awards checks will be given.

8. COMPUTER SOFTWARE (for Archives): No new action.

9. BOARD MEMBER NOTEBOOKS: Still gathering materials.

10. JULY 4TH PARADE: Parade was discussed and pictures were circulated. Jim said OBHS received a lovely plaque. Everyone considered the float and parade a big success.

11. HERITAGE TOURISM FORUM: Was held June 15th at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ruth Goetz, Dept. Of Tourism and Tom McKay, Wisconsin Historical Society, speakers. Attended by Jim and Delores Pellman, Norma Lind and Minerva Johnson.

12. LOCAL HISTORY AWARD NOMINATION: Jim Pellman's name was entered as a leader for our local unit. In October the winners will be announced at the annual convention in Chippewa Falls. Hope suggested that several go. No action taken.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. NEXT MEETING: This will be the annual meeting at the Bong Center in Superior.

Arrangements are made to allow those in attendance to tour the building. Lois Pollari and Hope Swenson are planning to have the honor flag flown from the flagpole on Friday, September 12th at 9:00 a.m. Several expressed interest in attending this flagraising in honor of Captain Helen D. Privette and in attending the following day at the Bong Center at 1:00 for the annual meeting and tour. The highlight of the event will be a tape of Helen Privette talking about her involvement in WWII.

2. ANNUAL MEETING: Hope Swenson has arranged for us to hold our annual meeting at the Richard I. Bong WWII Heritage Center in Superior on Saturday, September 13, at 1 p.m. The fee for the room which Hope has offered to pay for, would include 11 tours, and additional attendees would be \$5.00 each. A speaker will have to be arranged for. Facilities are available to lunch. Motion passed to hold the meeting at the center with O-BHS paying the \$5.00 for each attending beyond the initial 11. RSVP to Hope if you plan to attend. A casket flag raising memorial for Helen Privette would be held Friday, September 12th.

2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Tabled.

3. CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL (Superior): Discussed saving of school. As a symbolic gesture of support, a motion was made by Minerva Johnson, seconded by Audrey Hakkila, to send \$50.00 with a letter of support. Motion carried.

4. CONOCO-PHILLIPS GRANT: Jim thanked Paul Colby for getting a grant to help the Windmill improvement. The grant was for \$500 from Conoco Phillips Co. of Houston ,Texas.

5. Jim thanked the Cooperative Services in Maple for some raffle tickets purchased in our name in support of the Brule Lions Barbecue, but we did not win anything.

6. Jim announced that fund-raising items are still for sale. He also asked for a picture of Taylor's Bridge when it was active in commerce.

7. Jim announced he received a thank you from Jeffrey Stovern for his scholarship award.

8. Jim announced the next regular meeting is October 8th. More information on the speaker and place at the annual meeting.

9. Because the time was extended already for the meeting, Jim tabled other items such as extended committee reports on the agenda. Before closing, he asked for a show of hands for people attending Helen Privette's flagraising and for the Saturday Annual Meeting

10. Jim adjourned the meeting after thanking again those who came and who contributed to the excellent picnic. Meeting adjourned about 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope Swenson for Mary Ann Gronquist

Area History: No. 34

“Finns Pioneered Over Douglas County; Here Over Half a Century; Harju Relates Parts Played in This Area,” from the *Superior Evening Telegram*, on page 26, June 14, 1939, continued from August’s *O-BHS News*.

This, the second installment from Rudolph Harju’s history of the early Finnish presence in northern Wisconsin, appeared not long after the large Finnish Pioneer Celebration held at the Coop Park on the Brule River where a Pioneer Museum had been established. As Harju acknowledged, this history benefited tremendously from historical materials instigated and gathered by the Northern Wisconsin Finnish Historical Society and its director, Kalle Aine. Would that we knew where the original materials that Harju used are located today. In our first installment Harju spoke about the earliest Finnish presence in Superior and Douglas County. We ended as he was summarizing the records of the early "Vainon Turva" Temperance Society in Superior.

Harju ignores the broader political history and town government formation (such as Old-Brule) in the region, and he does not deal with the settlement activities of other ethnic groups, simultaneous with and sometimes preceding the Finnish activities. His portrayal is accurate in that typically the Finns developed local cultural institutions parallel with and independent of those of the dominant American culture when their numbers were great enough. Harju’s perspective is interior to Finnish cultural and “community” life. The current editor’s comments appear in italics throughout. Editor.

By RUDOLPH N. HARJU.

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A Hall Was Purchased.

Besides its regular organizational activity, the society [*"Vainon Turva" Temperance Society in Superior*] had its women's auxiliary, the sewing circle. Also a good sized library was maintained by the society.

The minutes of the society's meeting of May 28, 1899, indicate that the question of buying a hall for the organization had been discussed at length. The discussion centered around a building situated on Fifth street between Cumming and Baxter avenues. The meeting elected a committee to purchase the hall. The committee reported to the following meeting held June 3, 1899, that a hall had been bought for the sum of \$200. An agreement had been made with the owner of the lot where the hall was that the society would pay \$2 a month rent. In the deal the society had gotten besides the hall also two stoves and 50 chairs, the committee reported. From the minutes of later meetings it appears that the society thrived for a long period of time in the new quarters. New members joined the society regularly. Through the initiative of the society new organizations had been set up in several nearby communities, such as Maple, Waino and Brule and others.

With the acquiring of the hall, also new problems arose for the society. For instance the minutes of the meeting of October 29, 1899 indicate that the question whether or not the hall can be used for dancing had been brought up for discussion. After a customary thorough discussion the meeting finally decided that only members could dance in the hall. For non-members this privilege was denied. Also at the same meeting it was reported that some non-Finns had wanted to rent the hall for church services, but the hall had been refused.

New Ideas Gain Foothold.

With the turn of the century new outlooks and tendencies began to develop among the Finnish people generally. The repercussions of their general ideological fermentation was soon also felt among the Superior Finnish people. The fast moving events in Finland, its rapidly growing labor movement out of whose ranks thousands yearly migrated to America, in a relatively short period of time upset all former values. Consequently new desires and aspirations developed which no longer could be satisfied in the old ways. The labor outlook with its strong socialistic leanings attracted to itself thousands of Finns. The Finnish organizations in Superior could no more than in any other place escape the effects of the new trend.

Although it seems that the activities of the "Vainon Turva" society were broad and varied, however, it no longer could fully satisfy the desires and aspirations of the Superior Finns. Consequently in April, 1904, a branch of the "Imatra" league was organized in Superior. The "Imatra" league was pro-labor with pronounced socialistic leaning. This organization was the forerunner for the present Workers Educational Society which owns and carries on its activities at the Workers hall on Fifth street and Tower avenue

The activities of these organizations of earlier years in Superior have had a decisive influence on the Finnish people of later years, not only in Superior, but in the entire tri-state area. These early activities have vastly contributed to the building of Finnish newspapers and other institutions. Similarly they have profoundly influenced the building of the magnificent cooperative movement of this area to which the Finnish people have played a decisively important part.

At the same time when the Finns began to settle permanently in Superior, the communities of Maple, Waino, Brule, and Oulu began to see the effects of the axes of the sturdy and determined pioneers as they hewed their homes into the previously uninhabited wilderness. In the following we shall briefly discuss some of the highlights of the pioneering days of these communities.

First Settler in Maple.

The first known [*Finnish ethnic*] settler in Maple, which formerly was called Little Canada, was a Finnish [*speaking*] man by the name of John August Rante [*a.k.a. Bran, Brant, a Finnish speaking Swede*], who in 1885 settled on a homestead a few miles north of the village [*the land where John Vanhala Lukkarila first lived purchased from John Rante, and where Gerald Soyving now lives*]. Soon he was followed by John Karvala [*Carvela*] and Heikki [*Henry Antilla*] Anttila, who in 1887 filed their homesteads north of the present highway No. 13. About the same time Abraham Harju, John [*Vanhala*] Lukkarila and several others arrived to take up homesteads.

It was not long before these brave pioneers were followed by other of their countrymen and soon the beginning of a community was well on its way. Needless to say that the life of these first settlers was extremely difficult and hard. There were no roads, no fields or clearings. True, there was a railroad through the village, but no roads into the country. Everything that was needed had to be either carried or otherwise lugged through the narrow and almost impassable paths. Later narrow roads were built that were traveled by oxen. At times, especially during springtime, these roads were impassable.

The first settlers were compelled to seek employment from the outside, working in lumber camps nearby and in Duluth and Superior. Thus most of the time the women and children were left alone in their new homes to get along as best they could.

The dwellings were all made of logs with birch bark roofs in the midst of the dense forest. The clearing of land for cultivation was extremely difficult because of the heavy and dense timber as well as the nature of the soil. During the first years a few cows were brought into the community. There were no horses. All work and traveling was done by oxen.

Community Interest.

With their characteristic stubborn determination, the pioneers forged ahead and soon the community began to take shape and become more and more habitable. As the community grew the problems of community interests came to the fore waiting solution. Such questions as the establishment of a cemetery, the building of church, the organization of a temperance society as well as a store were some of the questions enthusiastically discussed in the community. The discussion soon led to efforts of practical nature.

Hence the first cemetery was established in 1893 and the second in 1906. The first school was organized in 1895. The Evangelical Lutheran and the Apostolic Lutheran congregations were formally organized in 1901 although for several years prior to this date they had carried on their church activities.

As a result of the efforts of a Superior temperance group a temperance society known as the ... [*"Savon Jääkäri" was formed in*] Maple at a meeting held September 3, 1899. A little later another temperance society known as the "Kanteleen Ääni" society was organized, but very little is known of its activity [*lasting from 1902-3*]. Also a Finnish socialist local was organized in 1910. It built a hall for itself in 1911. The organization, however, soon disappeared from the scene.

Self-Sufficing Community.

A joint stock company, known as the Farmers' Trading company, was organized either in 1900 or 1901. It did not last very long, however, for in 1903 it was liquidated through a bankruptcy sale. The present cooperative store was organized July 6, 1913, but it did not start operations under its own auspices until April 2, 1914, after the association had been incorporated under the state laws.

The first child born in Maple was Henry William Anttila, who was born August 29, 1888.

The first confirmation class was held in 1900. The first threshing machine was brought into the community in 1906. At one time there were in Maple seven saloons and three stores.

The community was almost completely self-sufficing. The settlers tanned their own leather, made their own shoes in addition to the necessary tools and implements. They even raised their own tobacco.

Lakeside-Poplar Communities.

Lakeside and Poplar area was settled during the same years when other northern Wisconsin communities got their first Finnish settlers. The first settler in the Lakeside community was Henry Knuutila, who filed his homestead in 1886. He later ventured into logging operations, but was not very successful in this enterprise. Soon he moved with his family to Cromwell, Minn. to resume his pioneering work. Next was Tom Peterson, who filed a homestead near Knuutila's.

These two first settlers were soon followed by other two Finnish pioneer families. Among this group were Jacob Davidson and Erick Hanson with their families, who filed their homesteads in 1886 and 1887. Davidsons have died, but Mr. Hanson is still hale and hearty at the age of 81. He lives with his son on his original farm home that he built more than 50 years ago.

An interesting landmark of these early pioneers is the huge old-country model windmill on highway No. 13. The mill has been built by Mr. Davidson. For many years it ground the flour for the early settlers of a large territory.

In a very few years after the first families had ventured into the uninhabited wilderness scores of newcomers arrived and soon a thriving community was a reality.

The only community activity in the early days was religious activity conducted by the Apostolic congregation that was established in 1890. In 1898 a Baptist minister Bergland settled in the community which added to the former activity. The first school was built in 1889 near the Middle river on Matt Hendrickson's farm.

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To be concluded in our December issue.

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A REWARDING TRIP TO NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN COUNCIL FOR LOCAL HISTORY HELD IN HURLEY.

Several members of our group made it to the annual convention held September 27, 2003, hosted by the Iron County Historical Society. Delores Pellman supplied her van with Paul Colby, Norma Lind, Irene Parenteau, Jim Pellman, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau making the trip with her. Jackie Plunkett made the trip on her own. The speakers were all excellent and included Tom McKay of the State Historical Society Local History Office, Attorney Paul Sturgul on Ethnic Migration into the South Shore mining and lumbering districts, and Gene Cisewski on Native American migration into the South Shore region. A tour of the Iron County Historical Museum was the highlight of the day. Hopefully others will have the chance to attend future sessions. All have been stimulating and rewarding. Thanks to Delores for the generous use of her van.

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS

Thanks to **ConocoPhillips** for their generous \$500 donation in support of the Davidson Windmill in the name of their employee, **Paul Colby**, for his community volunteer efforts in their program to encourage employee volunteerism.

Also thanks to **Eugene and Doris Sipila and their daughter** from St. Cloud, Minnesota for their donation of a 1954 Finnish map.

Thanks to all those who have already renewed their membership for 2004.

WE CANNOT THANK YOU ALL ENOUGH FOR YOUR MEASURES OF CONFIDENCE & SUPPORT.

Congratulations to former Douglas County Sheriff, **Richard Pukema**, and Officer **Gary Graveson** for their 2003 Wisconsin Fire and Police Hall of Fame Annual Inductions in connection with events held at the Old Firehouse & Police Museum in Superior.

We are saddened to hear of the sudden death of Maple resident and retired laker Captain **Robert Jacobson** of Maple. Our sympathy to his brother **Stanley**, and to his family and friends. His last command before retirement was the *Roger Blough*.

We continue to wish members **Margie Koskie**, and **Doris Perala** full recoveries, and **Cassius Christensen**, also a speedy return to full health.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Marjorie Vattendahl Bong Drucker**, widow of the "Ace of Aces," who died September 27th after a long battle with cancer.

-and who have we missed or forgotten?

Calendar

September 26-November 1, Washburn Historical Museum & Cultural Arts Center: Wisconsin Humanities Council / Smithsonian Exhibit, *Barnstorm Wisconsin-Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon*. 2003 is the "Year of the Barn."

October 4, 17, 18, 31, November 1, Hamre Events: "Olive, Wine, Music...and Murder," reviving a Halloween tradition of Fairlawn murder mystery dinner theatres established by Rachael Martin. At Fairlawn Mansion. (218) 879-8543 for tickets.

October 4-5, Saturday 9-5 & Sunday 9-3, Davidson Windmill Tours and Scandinavian Bake Sale. Bayfield Apple Festival.

October 8, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., O-BHS regular bimonthly membership meeting. Jerry & Lyle Fechtelkotter Residence, Poplar. Program: Dr. Ron Mershart speaking on tape on "George R. Stuntz," early figure in our region's history.

October 17 & 18, Friday and Saturday, Annual State Convention of Local Historical Societies in Chippewa Falls, the first time ever held outside of Madison.

November 12, Wednesday, O-BHS Board Meeting.

November 25, Tuesday, deadline for contributions to the December issue of *O-BHS News*.

November 27, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

December 10, Wednesday, O-BHS regular bimonthly membership Christmas meeting.

December 25, Thursday, Christmas Day.

WEB SITE ON LINE

The Website Committee has been working with member **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** in **Superior** on site changes which have led to a changed web address and to our own independent site (www.oldbrule.org). Thank you for your patience as we work to build up the site. Thanks to **Audrey Hakkila**, **Jackie Plunkett**, **Donna Bergsten**, and **Jon Winter**.

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) 364-2500, or our Treasurer, Shirley Kankas Rouleau, at 374-2413. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable at the time of our annual meeting in September. Higher levels of support are also welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

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