

# OBHS News

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**NEXT MEETING/PROGRAM WED., AUGUST 11, 2004, NOON AT THE HOME OF HARRY AND MARY WESTER IN BENNETT.**

**MARY IS PREPARING A PICNIC LUNCH FOR THE GROUP. After lunch and a brief business meeting we will tour the windmill Harry built, and then we will go on an historic tour including an old copper mining site east of Gordon.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME! PLEASE BRING A FRIEND. OUR THANKS TO HARRY AND MARY!**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Members,

Greetings from our Town of Lakeside! I hope everyone's summer ended up pleasant, especially after the dreary May and June we experienced. My garden has suffered from those cool months. However, my beans are doing nicely. Also the berries are well behind in their ripening, and I even heard many black berries didn't blossom.

We were very busy these past two months with our group's first published book, Windmill repairs and our County's Sesquicentennial Celebration, with our part, the *Juhannus Juhlat* (midsummer celebration) and windmill tours. The ladies (Karin Colby, LaVerne LaPole, Mary Ann Gronquist and Alice Christensen) did an awesome job cooking the *mojakka*. Our book turned out very good and we have been receiving more pictures and information for our second issue, since our inventory is dwindling.

The windmill is looking great. It received a fresh coat of paint, new windows, wind veins and steering/support brace (2 – 35 foot tamarack) half sawed poles that were donated by Grube's Trucking, which they also helped us install. The following people helped on the main project and deserve recognition, Mary Ann and Jack Gronquist, Harry Wester, Les Krumm, Eddie Walman and Jim Pellman. Also a special thanks to the large group that turned out in May to help with the prep work. Once again I have to recognize Bill Anderson, of Cornerstone Surveying and Mapping, who donated much of his time representing us and envisioning the value of the project. Bill even managed to fit us into his schedule while relocating his family to the beautiful Village of Lake Nebagamon.

We are currently waiting to hear from the WI-DOT on a small tract we want to purchase. This will allow us then to decide where the Eskolin log home will be placed, which then will be submitted on our permit.

We must be grateful to Gary Peterson and Wesley Johnson for making a motion to have the town's blessing in moving forward with the windmill interpretive center. At first it was tabled by county zoning because a person in our town was very vocal in not seeing any change. Also, I would like thank Pearl Swanstrom for explaining that we know what we are doing, and, after all, reminding those with questions that it is our land. I would like to say to the those opposed to our improvements; you might want to acquire accurate information and not listen to rumors and speculations. To these individuals trying to form an alliance to halt our efforts to improve the site and educate the people, I do have a video these people can watch that my children, and even I have enjoyed – "Veggie Tales, the Rumor Weed." I still have great hopes that they enjoy the outcome of our vision.

We must realize that “no growth” is unrealistic, when in reality we need to attain a sustainable growth for our younger generations. Of course these areas remain undetermined in our town at the present time, but should be evaluated to keep large developments out, especially ideas from large cities. After all, we just voted down a 71 unit complex near the mouth of the Amnicon. Now these developers from Minneapolis are trying to start the process again, but this time they want to send a representative here to address our issues. “Too late: take your ideas to the mouth of the Nemaadji. Superior is promoting growth.” I hope Superior looked at all the companies and jobs that have left the area. Are they victims of the ideals of Risk Management (Mergers)? Have these beliefs filtered into Schools, Government and worse yet the Churches, where the propagators and sympathizers can give a nice donation off the bonuses they’re receiving to feel less guilty for the stresses and burdens they have caused to so many individuals?

At this time I would like to thank the board and the group for all the work they have done in supporting O-BHS. I hope more people realize the importance of their town and its relationships. Even if people do have differences in opinions, values and morals we can still be proud of the town we live in.

Sincerely,

Paul Colby

P.S. I will be resigning from my position at the annual meeting; however, I will remain on the board since I am an advocate of this group’s mission.

#### **FROM THE EDITOR:**

The planned Douglas County Sesquicentennial events are mostly behind us in what has been a very busy summer. Particularly satisfying was an event at the Douglas County Historical Society’s Vasa Hall on Saturday, the last day of July 2004, where old families in the county, meaning those who have been here for over 150, and then for over 100 years, were recognized. What was surprising was the absence of the local media. This was truly a chance to reflect on continuity with important values, one of the most important, our families.

Jackie Plunkett with the help of other Douglas County Historical Society members and staff had pulled together photos and volumes of information on local families. Dr. Ron Mershart served as able and knowledgeable host in presenting certificates to many of the fifty or so in attendance. Participants ranged in age from almost 100 to a non-walking infant. Many headed to the Head of the Lakes Fairgrounds after the presentations to see the grand stand show. Thanks to Jackie, Ron, Kathy Laakso, the LaBountys, Teddie Meronek, Phoebe Martens and Lori Trifilette for their part in this important ceremony. The Society thanked the many families for their participation.

Thus far sales of our new book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, have been very good. We have yet to promote it heavily, wanting our Society members, their families and friends to have first opportunity to get copies in the first printing of the first edition which was limited to 200 books. Feedback has been heart warming. The book seems to hold together very well as it was finally designed, but more pictures and maps would make it even more inviting. I foresee a later enhanced edition. Our thanks to Greg Peterson of Silver-Tonsberg Printing in Superior whose skills brought together a beautiful book.

- Jim Pellman

#### **ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.**

The group would welcome other volunteers to help us in this important part of the O-BHS mission. Our current 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 archive space. If you enjoy exacting work please join us at 1 p.m. at the Pellmans some Monday afternoon. Next meeting: August 9, 2004.

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.

**2005 BRULE HISTORY PHOTO CALENDAR AVAILABLE.**

The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, has produced its eighth calendar with more pictures of Brule's past. Proceeds of their annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, will be used for the publication of the history of Brule.

To order a calendar by mail, please write or call Janet Follis, P. O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820 (715) 372-4948 (\$7.50 postpaid), or pick them up locally for \$6 from a BHRG member or at Twin Gables, Lori's Store, River House and Round Up North. An e-mail address: [knmo@baysat.net](mailto:knmo@baysat.net).

**(UNAPPROVED) MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING  
OLD BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.  
JUNE 9, 2004 LAKESIDE TOWN HALL**

Attendance: 26

Time: 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Colby.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting was made by Jim Pellman, seconded by Shirley Kankas Rouleau. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer Shirley Kankas-Rouleau reported the following:

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Membership	15.00	Paper products	7.19
Conoco Philips Donation	3,000.00	Lumber	222.99
Mill Donation	15.00		
Interest	2.06		
Mill Fund Balance	7,276.78		
Gen Fund Balance	1,478.17		

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Audrey Hakkila, seconded by Irene Parenteau. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

DAVIDSON MILL: Paul Colby reported on the workday held at the Mill on May 15. Pat Colby and his son Jonathan came and put up the new poles. A motion to give them each a copy of our new book as a thank you was made by Jim Pellman, seconded by Janine Seis. Motion carried. Painting of the wood to be used in repair of the sails was done that day, as well as cleanup of the ditch. Some repair of one of the sails was done, but there are still 7 sails that need repair. Jim has scaffolding that can be used. Two workdays were set up to try to finish the repairs, Tuesday June 15 and Wednesday June 16, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The carpentry work will be done on Tuesday and the painting on Wed. Food will be appreciated by the workers. Some cleaning of the inside of the mill needs to be done also. Paul Colby reported on some opposition to moving the log building onto the mill site, but the Town Board did give its approval to the plan.

FUNDRAISING: No report.

ARCHIVES: No report.

BRULE HISTORY RESEARCH GROUP: Laila Magnuson reported that their 2005 calendar is ready for printing. The OBHS digital camera will be sent to their group for their use. The book they are planning to publish may be done in two editions.

SESQUICENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE: A report was made on the dinner preparations. A list was passed around for donations of bread and bars and volunteers to work the day of the dinner. Workers will meet at the Lakeside Town Hall on Thursday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m. to begin preparations for the dinner. A sign owned by the Lakeside Fire Dept. may be available for advertising the dinner. Paul Colby will check into it. Questions were asked as to what the contents of the time capsule should consist of. Ideas were shared. The display boards for the townships were discussed. More boards need to be purchased. A motion was made to purchase additional boards by Lois Pollari, seconded by Jim Pellman. Motion carried. Janine will purchase them and deliver them where needed. It was decided to have a lower price for the meal for children; \$3.00 for children from 6 through 12, and free for children 5 and under. A request was made by Jeannie Castleberry who does basket weaving and her brother who does blacksmithing to demonstrate and sell their crafts at the mill during the open house. A motion to allow heritage crafts was made by Janine Seis, seconded by Bob Aho. Motion carried. Margie Koskie, who does tatting, was also interested in demonstrating and selling her craft.

COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE/WEBSITE: The laptop computer was brought to the meeting. Mary Ann Gronquist will take it home to learn how to use it with help from Janine Seis.

PUBLICITY: Audrey Hakkila reported that articles publicizing the Midsummer events have been sent to the Daily Telegram, the Duluth News Tribune, Manney's Shopper, Northwoods Shopper and the Connection. There will be paid ads in the Daily Telegram previous to the event. Over 30 posters created by Janine Seis have been distributed also. New

brochures were discussed. Bob Aho will work on them. A motion to order an additional 1000 brochures (for a total of 3000) was made by Shirley, seconded by Janine. Motion carried.

NEWSLETTER: Newsletters will be given out at the Windmill open house and will serve as programs for the time capsule ceremony. Members compiled and folded newsletters following meeting.

PUBLICATIONS: Jim reported that the book of town histories is at the printers and should be ready for us to sell at the Midsummer event. Cost of the publishing is \$1500. The book will sell for \$20. 200 copies were ordered. The Wester maps will be printed separately and inserted in the books.

MEMBERSHIP: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETING: Next Board meeting, July 14, place not determined. Next regular meeting, August 11, picnic at Maple? Time?

COMMITTEES: Jim announced that the \$200 scholarship was awarded to Adam Philipsik of Lake Nebagamon.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jim received a letter from Kay Tenerelli regarding a presentation of a plaque which designates the Windmill as being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A motion to have Jim attend the presentation ceremony was made by Lois Pollari, seconded by Paul Colby. Motion carried. The Government Center time capsule will be buried at this time also.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Janine, seconded by Lois. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Gronquist, Secretary

**(UNAPPROVED) MINUTES BOARD MEETING  
OLD BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.  
JULY 14, 2004, LOIS POLLARI HOME IN LAKE NEBAGAMON**

Present: Paul Colby, Janine Seis, Alice Christensen, Karin Colby, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau, Eddie Walman, Paul Williams, Harry Wester, Delores Pellman, Lois Pollari, Jim Pellman, and Mary Ann Gronquist.

- The meeting was called to order by Paul Colby at 6:20 p.m. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.
- Financial Report: Treasurer Shirley Kankas-Rouleau reported a profit from the Midsummer dinner and Windmill tours and merchandise sales of \$931.95. The Mill Fund has a balance of \$7,723.78, and the checking account has \$873.70. The cost of the book printing was \$1,480.00, and over \$1,000.00 has come in for book sales already. Paul Colby will check with the Town of Lakeside about the fee for janitor services following the dinner. A motion to reimburse Delores Pellman for a fee she paid for International Book Sellers' Prefix and 10 numbers was made by Paul Colby, seconded by Alice Christensen. Motion carried. (about \$265 total). Remaining numbers can be used for future publications (calendars, pamphlets, books, etc.).
- Lois Pollari reported there is a Sesquicentennial event planned in Lake Nebagamon on July 24 and 25 where it may be possible to have a table to sell our book. Shirley volunteered to sell the books. Jim, Shirley, Janine and Lois will check with Kay Coletta regarding this.
- Old Business: A motion approving the effort to try to acquire the abandoned right-of-way from the DOT at the Davidson Windmill was made by Jim, seconded by Lois. Motion carried. Letters and documents supporting this motion are on file with the secretary. Paul Colby has submitted a letter to Thomas Thimm of the DOT regarding this purchase, but no reply has yet been received. A motion was made by Paul Colby, seconded by Harry Wester, to present Bill Anderson of Cornerstone Surveying and Mapping a copy of our new book in appreciation for all the surveying work he has done at no charge. Motion carried. Jim reported that he attended two zoning committee meetings. County has now given approval for the plans, but would want a formal proposal of the plan regarding any water and sewage plans for the property as we move forward. Paul has requested a bid from Mr. Woodhull for moving the log cabin. No response as yet. Lois Pollari moved that Jim and Paul Colby continue to pursue the moving of the cabin, including the purchase of the land if it is at a reasonable price. Alice seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Fundraising: Jim showed a picture of Taylor's Bridge from Audrey Hakkila who received it from Roy Martin, which could be used for a color magnet. Hope Swenson is continuing to pursue the magnet situation. We discussed having a pin with the Windmill on it made for sale, such as the Sesquicentennial pin. Jim will look into this. Lois suggested trying to apply for a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council in 2006. No action taken.
- Archives: The committee is dormant now, but will meet on August 9 at the Pellman home. Lois presented an outline for doing oral histories.
- Brule History Research Group: Jim passed around their new 2005 calendar, now available. They are investigating the cost of publishing their history book. Lois made a motion, seconded by Shirley, to use our resources to support the publishing

- of their book. Motion carried.
- Sesquicentennial Committee: Jim attended a presentation at the Government Center where he received a heavy bronze plaque designating the mill as listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and a before and after picture of the mill, all very nicely done. We also received a participant plaque for the 4th of July parade.
  - Website: We discussed the website. No new progress. The name on the second website was incorrect – was O-B “Historical Society” instead of “Heritage Society.”
  - Newsletter deadline July 15.
  - Publications: Jim showed the new book and explained about having to edit out some of the pictures to stay within budget. We discussed possibly publishing another book in another year with more pictures, possibly just a photo album. Lois suggested making a list of possible publications to be presented to the group at the annual meeting.
  - Harry and Mary Wester were thanked for their donation of the rental fee for the paint sprayer used at the Mill.
  - Scholarship: Jim will contact our publicist (Audrey) to submit a picture and article about the recipient, Adam Philipsek, into the *Daily Telegram and Connection*.
  - Jim is speaking on Finns and towns at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center near Ashland on July 15.
  - We discussed the upcoming Forest History Association Conference on Sept. 25 near Ashland. No new information on plans to participate.
  - Jim and /Delores Pellman , Laila Magnuson and Minerva Johnson attended a round table meeting at the Boys and Girls Club with the State Superintendent of Education Elizabeth Burmaster and other non-profit groups. She would like to see these groups’ efforts mesh better with the school districts. Jim gave her a copy of our new book. Motion made and carried to absorb cost of book.
  - New business: Coming meetings. We discussed skipping the August meeting, but as the bylaws require a meeting every even month, it was decided to tour Harry Wester's windmill and then the copper mine in Gordon, beginning at 1 p.m. on August 11. Discussed a program for the Annual Meeting on September 11 at NW Middle School. It will be a potluck. Lois suggested having committees report on the accomplishments made during the past year. Ruth Guhl was suggested as a possible speaker for an upcoming meeting. October meeting will be at Amnicon Town Hall. November board meeting will be at Alice Christensen's. December meeting will be our Christmas potluck at Maple Community Center.
  - A motion to pay Ernie Ronn \$25 for playing his accordion on the 4th of July float was made by Lois, seconded by Jim. Motion carried.
  - Jim reported on receiving a letter from David Maki, a professional archaeological geophysicist based out of Minneapolis, who is interested in locating a Finnish American archaeological site, such as the remains of a burned structure, to survey using modern technological equipment. No action taken as yet.
  - A Minnesota Historical Society Conference will be held in St. Cloud.
  - Paul Colby reported an upcoming Finnish Language and Culture Seminar at UMD.
  - Motion made by Eddie Walman and seconded by Paul Williams to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Gronquist

#### 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. Some tee shirts are in limited supply.

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 image is available in our magnet series.

Our new book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, is now out and available for \$20.00 a copy. \$3.00 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 will also be available for purchase at our meetings or by contacting an OBHS member.

**Area History:**  
**No. 39**

Another excerpt from our new book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*:

**THE TOWN OF CLOVERLAND**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Mike Lundeen, Jim Pellman

The Town of Cloverland was the last political body to be organized in the Old Brule region. It was carved out of the northern regions of the Town of Maple and the Town of Brule in 1921. A fuller discussion appears elsewhere in these histories of the dynamics and issues associated with the town's formation, as do events in the shared early history of the region covered earlier.

However, besides the events in the town since its founding, the territory of Cloverland does hold the site of the interesting stories of the early English settlement of Clevedon, and subsequently of the Captain Doherty and the Elling Martinsen settlements at the mouth of the Brule River.

In the early 1870s miners were studying the rock outcrops on the variously called Brule or Douglas or Copper Range in northern Douglas County. Word managed to find its way to Samuel Budgett in Bristol, England, of potentially rich finds at the Percival Mine site, nine miles inland but located near the steady running Brule River. Budgett, of a successful English business family, saw in this an opportunity to reward faithful employees and probably to expand his fortune besides. After all, the south shore of Lake Superior had been producing large amounts of copper and wealth for those investing in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula not far to the east, and the same formation had revealed itself near the Brule. On the advice of Surveyor General George Sargent and other experts, Budgett purchased not only the Percival Mine site, but also lands at the Mouth of the Brule amounting to over 3000 acres. Thirty people were brought in to establish the colony at the mouth, but the Panic of 1873 affected the investors and when there was no success in interesting the County in building a road to the site over several years both the mine and settlement projects folded.

When the mine site was opened again near the turn of the century, local Finnish settlers were engaged in building quarters and structures, but these and other nearby efforts, too, came to nothing. The ore and native copper were there but not in paying quantities at prevailing prices. Nuggets as large as twenty pounds were hauled into Superior to arouse the interest of speculators. Skilled miners and experts were employed but with the money spent the crews moved on leaving water filled shafts.

The mouth of the Brule attracted other settlers. Coming from Duluth the Elling Martinsen family claimed a homestead in 1890 to the east of the mouth. He later bought 80 acres on the shore, put in a dock, and established Martinsen's Landing. Elling was a good carpenter, ran a sawmill and also fished the big lake. The site became a pickup and drop off site for passengers and freight coming from the steamers that served the north and south shores of Lake Superior at the time, among them A. Booth and Company which had five steamers running. Among these vessels was the *America* with Captain Smith at the helm. He was part Indian and had been born while his Indian family was maple sugaring in the area of modern Maple. The *America* eventually ran aground on the North Shore and was lost. Martinsen Landing had a post office from 1905-1916.

Early in the time the Martinsens lived east of the mouth Captain Bernard Doherty of Ashland of the Brule River Improvement Company lived close by but next to the Brule River on a site excavated in the 1970s as a possible Clevedon Colony home site, where a Park weather station now rests. Doherty was involved in building a dam at the river mouth and another upstream with other improvements which allowed the pine logs coming down the Brule to be handled before their trip to saw mills in Ashland and the Twin Ports.

When the logs were gone first Doherty and eventually the Martinsens left the mouth. Remaining were the farm families with Finnish and Scandinavian roots for the most part whose traditions of independence and resourcefulness enabled them to make full use of their environment in their largely self-sustaining colonies. Several families arrived as early as the late 1880s and early 1890s, well before modern Cloverland, and established their homes a few miles inland where their farms benefitted from the moderating effect of the huge lake's vast waters. Among them were the families of Gust Luostari and Nils P. Johnson of Brule whose children spilled over into Cloverland. Others were S. E. Thoreen, Carl Oberg, the Backland and Westerberg families, and E. Alholm and later the Becks for which a road was named. A decade later cutover lands became available and these went to mostly Scandinavian families.

Amidst these Scandinavians were Charlie Coquet who built the first bridge over the Brule with his oxen, and the Harveys and the McNeils who settled right on the Brule, just three miles from the lake. Other early homesteaders were Gust Johnson, his brother, John Smith and Ed Geary. The John Smith homestead was taken over by his brother, Charles E. Johnson, in 1892, father of Roy. When these first settlers arrived there were no roads for horses, but blazed trails used by the Indians. Eventually as roads were established and cows were brought in farmers churned butter, packed it and sent it to Brule. Later cream was taken by horse to Brule about once every two weeks and went from there by

train to Superior.

A second phase of settlement came after the pine were cut by Hines and others. The settlers in this group came in the Teens and the early Twenties from southern Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and other states. These people called the place "Lakescene." Dairy farms predominated, and the Lakeview Creamery was established. Eventually this became the Levine Garage and Cloverland Transfer. By the 1960s beef cattle operations were taking over, and commuting to the Twin Ports to work became typical. At one time there were the Nelson, Harvey, and King schools but these were consolidated into the C. E. Johnson school. The Cloverland school is now the private home of artists Jeff and Heidi Larson and their children from the Twin Cities.

Two churches were established, one Lutheran, where Calvin Pollari and Audrey Bustrak were married, the congregation now merged with Poplar, and the other still meeting, the Cloverland Covenant Church.

A recent threat to the community were plans for the expansion of the Brule River State Forest which would have absorbed most of Cloverland. After protests, plans were modified somewhat but this issue remains. Another sign of the times were proposals to put in a harbor of refuge along the South Shore with many of the stream mouths candidates for the huge break wall that would have to be built. These plans were placed on hold as options narrowed to the end of Jack Pine Road when road construction costs to the site became a big factor. This issue, too, may eventually be revisited as pleasure boating, sailing and Lake Superior sport fishing grow in popularity and populations and tourism as a local industry continue to increase.

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## Notices:

### THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS:

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your memberships or who have joined OBHS throughout 2004.

Thanks to **LaVerne LaPole** and to **Ruby Thomas** of Superior who provided pictures of our Windmill Midsummer Event. LaVerne will soon be touring Finland. We wish her safe travels. Just back from Finland are **Paul and Delores Hakkila**. We hope to soon have them share pictures of their trip.

Thanks to **Gordy and Betty Nelson Lahti** who have joined us with a family membership. For good measure Gordy purchased two copies of our new book, and gave us a donation of \$100 besides. The Lahti family, which lives in the San Francisco Bay area, is here visiting family and friends.

Thanks to **Eddie Walman** for pictures of the Meteor Whaleback.

To **Roy Martin** of Amnicon for several pictures of Taylor's Bridge.

To the **Winkka Family** for materials for the Sesquicentennial Time Capsule. The **Winkka brothers** have been recognized with the raising of casket flags at the Bong Memorial recently.

Thanks to **Arnold O. Saari** for many interesting time capsule items, and to the many other individuals and communities that contributed. Thanks to **Harry Wester** for gallant efforts at painting the mill. He and **Mary** have donated the rental cost of the sprayer he brought to speed the job. Newsperson **Julie Moravchik** even got to spray! Thanks to the many others who helped in the effort, including **Kathy Laakso, Mary Ann Gronquist, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau & George, Lois Pollari, and Jack Gronquist, Eddie Walman, Les Krumm and Paul Colby**. Thanks to the crew at the Lakeside Town Hall: **Irene Parenteau, Mary Wester, Delores Pellman, Alice Christensen, LaVerne LaPole, Karin Colby and Mary Ann Gronquist**. Thanks to **Margie Koskie** for bringing in her tating, and to the **Castleberry children** who added much to the day with their weaving and blacksmithing.

Thanks to **Barbara and Earl Granroth** for much interesting family and community history. Thanks to **Ruben Williams** who donated five pounds of butter to our Midsummer Event and Dinner at the Lakeside Town Hall.

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

Thanks to **Eddie Walman, Karin Colby, Alice and Cassius Christensen** for their efforts in getting our float entry into the Fourth of July Parade again this year. And thanks to the many riders, walkers and singers who joined us in Superior, especially **Ernie Ronn**.

Congratulations to **Adam Philipsek** who was named recipient of our annual Northwestern High School Scholarship. Adam's home is Lake Nebagamon. He will be attending St. Cloud State majoring in Physical Therapy.

### CONDOLENCES:

We neglected to mention the passing of **Edward Rantala** of Maple, buried from the Faith Lutheran Church early this year. Ed was Maple's Postmaster for over 30 years. He had served with the 135<sup>th</sup> Medics in New Guinea and was a life member of the VFW. He had served on the boards of directors of Worker's Mutual Bank, Northern Finnish Mutual Insurance and Mid-

America Insurance. Also in his interesting career he had been both a beef and dairy farmer, had sailed on both the Atlantic and Great Lakes, and sold grave stones. Ed is survived by **Elna**, his wife of 62 years, five daughters all living in Wisconsin, and 10 grandchildren. He was buried in Maple. Our sympathy to all the family.

We also neglected to mention the passing of the mother of **Arnold Johnson**.

Our sympathy to the family of **Mike Harvey** of Lake Nebagamon. He and a woman trying to help both tragically drowned near the dam in Gordon while saving Mike's children.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Norma Lind**. The family has sent a touching card thanking us for the flowers we sent. We have received memorial gifts in Norma's name, among them a gift from the **Seis Family**.

Our sympathy to **Marcia Chess** on the loss of her mother, **Mayme Ahola**. In Mayme's memory Marcia's friends at **Minnesota Life** in the Twin Cities sent a gift of \$30.00.

Condolences to the family of **Arne F. Mattson**, long time Maple resident.

#### ENCOURAGEMENTS:

We are happy to hear that member **Emery Mattson** and his brother **David** are doing much better after a vehicle accident south of Ashland. It was good to see **Arnold** and **Doris Perala** at the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Maple Cemetery. **Marlene LaPole** is doing better.

Best wishes to **Marion Olson** for a full and speedy recovery.

-and who have we missed or forgotten?

### Calendar:

**August 9**, Monday, 1 p.m., Next Archive Meeting, Pellman's in Maple.

**August 11**, Wednesday, noon: Next O-BHS Regular Meeting. Bennett, Harry and Mary Westers'. Picnic potluck. Wester windmill and historic tour, including copper mining site.

**September 11**, Saturday, noon: O-BHS Annual Meeting, Board Members, Elections, Northwestern Elementary School, Poplar.

**September 15**, Wednesday, Deadline for next edition of O-BHS News.

**October 13**, 6 p.m., Regular Meeting, Amnicon Town Hall.

**November 10**, 6 p.m. Board Meeting, Christensen Residence, Wentworth. Program & Project assignments for 2005.

**December 8**, 6 p.m., Regular Meeting, Maple Community Center, Christmas Meeting/Pot Luck.

#### WEB SITE ON LINE

The Website Committee has been working with member **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** in **Superior** on our own independent site ([www.oldbrule.org](http://www.oldbrule.org)). Thank you for your patience as we work to build up the site. Thanks to **Audrey Hakkila, Jackie Plunkett, Donna Bergsten, Jamie Erickson** 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 always welcome.**

**New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!**

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