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NEXT MEETING/PROGRAM

WED., OCTOBER 13, 2004, 6 P. M. AT

THE AMNICON TOWN HALL. **Audrey Hakkila Presents: Peterson Home Movies.**

Alex O’Kash on “Saving the SS Meteor Whaleback.”

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! PLEASE BRING A FRIEND.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello Everyone,

I hope all are doing great and for those whose life isn't going as well, may it only get better.

By the time you read this we will have had our last event, the Windmill Tours during the Bayfield Apple Festival weekend, which will conclude our very busy summer. The other day I stopped by the Windmill on the way home when I saw Harry Wester there. He was placing support wires on the bottom of each sail, which will give the cedar poles on the sails more support from the hub (center). He also placed and built an anchor block for the bottom of the A-frame which turns the mill to face the wind direction. Our plans are, maybe next year, to allow the windmill blades to turn during the mid summer celebration at the grounds.

Bob Aho, who works at Builders Commonwealth as an architect, has ordered some very nice sweat shirts that represent the Northwestern School colors. Also, a forest green sweat shirt is now available, and the old style gray T-shirts are back in supply, crest style, with the windmill on the left side, and we have the new full front logo too. Twenty white cedar trees, which were purchased with funds from ConocoPhillips, will be planted west of the mill for future generations to enjoy.

We (O-BHS) have officially acquired about one acre of abandoned old right-of-way, with the much appreciated help of Bill Anderson, of Corner Stone Surveying and Mapping. The acre of land is north of the windmill and it's adjacent to Highway 13 and the River Road, minus the current state right-of-way. This will allow us more room for parking and for the Finnish log house that will become an educational information center (a.k.a. interpretive center). We are also sending in the permits for signage to the WI DOT and the Wisconsin Heritage that will help guide people to the mill, which may lead to more visitors to appreciate our group's work and those who have donated to it. This may lead to more friendships, pictures, stories and new ideas.

And speaking of networking, a bus load (40-50) people from the Friends of the Wisconsin Historical Society visited the Windmill on September 23, and they were very impressed with our efforts and our book. They told us to keep up the good work and thanked Jim Pellman for his introduction to the history and geography of the area. I would personally like to thank everyone for their help and support in making that day a success... and really, recognition goes out to so many others that don't get mentioned.

Life has been great in Lakeside these past two months. The roads are receiving a lot of attention from our town employees and the dump site has been cleaned up nicely. The corn in the fields is growing well this year, which I am sure the Petersons are happy about. The Schiffs, Hansons and Johnsons have been hit and miss with haying because of the rain and cool July and August we have experienced. The berries are running behind this year; my kids and I ate many August (June) berries, and they were quite plump. We picked a few quarts of blackberries,

but we only went out once because they were behind ripening as well. I saw Harold Hanson picking chokecherries along one of his fields last week, which I learned my son is allergic to this month. Raspberries and thimbleberries were in abundance as well.

Lakeside Baptist Church has been very busy with rejuvenating its appearance. I am sure there is a lot of pressure on the smaller congregations in the area with Poplar Covenant adding on again. Plus they have been reaching out and helping so many people, which is very important in our towns. Poplar Covenant receives kudos from me as well for making a positive influence in people's lives. I have heard many good things happening there.

I have been busy putting in a wood boiler, and a good guy that has helped me coach T-ball for Lakeside and Maple, Paul Konkler, from Concrete Sawing Services, bored a 7" hole. I attempted drilling and chiseling for five minutes in this project; however, realized I am not that stubborn.

I had been sharing our family's history with relatives around the area when a relative mentioned that my friend that passed away in the nursing home was a simple person. I was going to ask her to elaborate on what she meant by simple, but I knew it was intended as a derogatory statement. She might not have known he had been hit on the head with a steel door while working at a grain elevator. Also, if planting flowers, collecting salvageable materials, avoiding television, inviting people to see my land and taking naps on the bare ground near his beautiful barn is simple, I am a simple person as well.

Now for you who might be wondering why I didn't resign as announced, it's quite simple: I have made a large number of new friends and have vested a large amount of time in this project and I'm beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Besides, I recognized that others on our board had the leadership skills in areas I was lacking. Also, our First Vice President, Lois Pollari, who would have been a great presidential candidate, was forced to resign due to private matters and moved away. Also, I had wanted to take a writing class, so I might begin writing about some of my negative work experiences. I think I will call my book *Awareness of Work Place Bullying for Yard Birds*, but that book can wait.

Have a happy Thanksgiving and good luck to you who hunt. I am quite excited because my daughter is taking hunter safety and will be able to carry a rifle. And please preach safety first to all while hunting.

Have a good day.

Paul

P.S. I can't wait to see who our new President will be in this important coming election. Is our system really bringing forward the best candidates?

FROM THE EDITOR:

Duties of the late summer season have filled every moment for the past few weeks: building and repairs that must be done before the snow flies, harvesting, firewoodmaking. But added to these is an unusual crush of human, neighborly needs, that must be met.

We too often take for granted our good health and our stable routines, expecting that all will be the same tomorrow. But as history teaches us, change is the rule rather than the exception. Fortunately we don't have to worry about the broad radical changes caused by the hurricanes of Florida and the Southeast, but almost all of us know someone living there who does. At these times there are no insurance policies comprehensive enough nor government agencies big enough nor sensitive enough that can fill the place of neighborly sacrifice and generosity, neither in Florida nor in our own neighborhoods. Meaning for life is found fullest in the face and actions of a caring neighbor.

I applaud anyone in the role of service provider, and helper, public or private, who takes the time to humanize in a local way face to face giving when personal and community need is great.

- Jim Pellman

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.

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. Welcome to Earl Granroth who has joined the committee. We were heartened that Arnold Perala was able to join us at our last meeting, providing many names to unidentified people in the Corner School Reunion photo collection.

If you enjoy exacting work please join us at 1 p.m. at the Pellmans some Monday afternoon. Next meeting: October 11, 2004. Please call 363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

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.

(UNAPPROVED) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OLD BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
August 11, 2004, Wester Residence, Bennett

Attendance: 21

Time: 1:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Jim Pellman in the absence of Paul Colby.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the June 9 meeting was made by Audrey Hakkila, seconded by Delores Pellman. Motion carried.

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

Mill Fund Balance \$7,758.85

Gen Fund Balance \$1,351.15

Book Sales \$2480.00

A motion was made by Lois Pollari, seconded by Harry Wester, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

DAVIDSON MILL: Paul Colby received a call from the DOT indicating that they will convey the right-of-way to our organization at no cost except registration fees at the Courthouse. A drawing of the site with proposals will also be needed. The Windmill Committee will meet at the mill on August 17 at 2:00 to meet with DOT rep, Kenneth Thimms, and Bill Anderson, surveyor, to discuss boundaries to show on the deed to the property. The committee will then be able to follow through with plans for the property.

FUNDRAISING: Hope Swenson suggested the sales of Younkers coupon books costing \$5.00 as a fundraiser. Paul Williams made a motion, seconded by Hope, to participate in this project. Each book sold would make \$5 for our organization. Motion carried. Shirley Kankas-Rouleau will pick up the books and have them available for members to take at the Annual meeting. We discussed having a pin made with a picture of the Windmill. A motion was made by Lois Pollari, seconded by Karin Colby, to have a minimum of 200 made. Motion carried. Jim will look into having them made up. We discussed making a magnet of Taylor's Bridge. Hope will check with Mr. and Mrs. Jauch to see if they could make them for us. The books are selling well. Approximately 125 have sold thus far. Jim suggested sending books to the Library of Congress, the Wisconsin Historical Society, the Duluth News Tribune, the Superior Daily Telegram, Northwestern High School and the Iron River Library. Shirley made a motion, seconded by Paul Williams, to donate these books. Motion carried.

Paul Williams suggested that in the future a map could be made showing the locations of old schools, buildings, and cemeteries, etc.(cultural sites) Audrey and Jim talked about old movies made by Cliff Peterson, which contains some movies of Dick Bong, farming etc. They need to be edited and we will obtain title/permission to use them for viewing and other projects. Marian Christensen has an old picture of the old Co-op Store at Wentworth. Jim asked about a second printing of the book. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

ARCHIVES: Lois Johnson of South Range has some mining tools and Arnold O. Saari a piece of float copper that they would like to donate somewhere for safekeeping. Jim, Harry and Mary Ann Gronquist will determine the best route to follow. A motion was made by Lois P., seconded by Hope to follow through on this. Motion carried. There is a box of books, mostly about the Finnish culture, that belonged to Norma Lind that will be brought to the Archives Committee to view. Jim showed the bronze plaque designating the Mill as on the National Register of Historic Places and a before and after picture that were presented to our organization at the Government Center Sesquicentennial Program by the Superior BID and the Superior/Douglas County Chamber of Commerce. They will be placed in the Archives room. Lois suggested having an additional plaque made with OBHS's name on it to add to the plaque. The matter was tabled. More volunteers are needed for the Archives Committee. They are still working the Follis and Winkka papers. Forms are available for donations to the

Archives. Paul Williams provided some information on the locomotive explosion in Maple in 1952. The sound was heard north of Poplar. Laila Magnuson reported that Ruth Guhl has a building on her property in Oulu where she will display her documents and information that was on display at the Oulu Centennial.

BRULE HISTORY RESEARCH GROUP: Laila Magnuson reported that the 2005 calendars are available at a cost of \$6. Jim explained that the ISBN we purchased means we are a publisher and could publish the book that BHRG is compiling. This will be investigated.

SESQUICENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE: No report.

COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE/WEBSITE: The digital camera is available for use.

NEWSLETTER: Newsletter deadline is Sept. 15.

PUBLICATIONS: Audrey Hakkila submitted a picture of scholarship winner Adam Philipsek to the *Daily Telegram*.

MEMBERSHIP: Some newsletters have been returned as undeliverable or wrong addresses.

NEW BUSINESS: Paul Colby will be resigning from the President's position. He will remain on the Board. Three new candidates are needed for the Board. A nominating committee was named. Karin Colby, Irene Parenteau and Marian Christensen will serve on that committee and will find candidates before the Annual meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The Annual Meeting will be Sat., Sept. 11 at Northwestern Middle School at noon. This will be potluck.

OTHER: Tours will once again be held at the Windmill on Apple Festival weekend, the first weekend of October.

Jim, Paul Colby, Harry Wester and Eddie Walman will give the tours. Members are asked to donate baked goods for a bake sale on Sat., Oct. 2 at the mill from 10 to 4.

Thanks to Hope Swenson, Jackie Plunkett and Margie Koskie for their help at the Midsummer Dinner at the Lakeside Town Hall. Their names were omitted from the previous list of workers. Also thanks to Mary and Harry Wester for offering their home for the August meeting and conducting the copper mine tour, and also for donating the cost of the rental for the spray painter used to paint the Windmill, and fabulous chicken for our pot luck lunch. A memorial donation of \$100 was received from the family of Norma Lind to be added to the Mill fund.

Harry told about a round barn on the Bennett Road that could be a place for a tour in the future.

COMMITTEES: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS: None reported.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:30. The group toured Harry's windmill and those who were able continued on to Wascott to tour a copper mine site there.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Gronquist, Secretary

(UNAPPROVED) MINUTES
OLD BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11, 2004, PELLMAN HOME

Attendance: 19 members, 1 guest

Time: 1:15 p.m. Planned Elementary School location was cancelled earlier in the day due to water problems at the school.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Colby following a pot luck lunch.

A moment of silence was held for members and friends lost over the years, and for those serving in the military. The program was postponed until a later date due to the change of meeting location due to water problems at the Northwestern Elementary School.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES: A motion to approve the corrected minutes of the 2003 Annual Meeting was made by Audrey Hakkila, seconded by Marion Christensen. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: (As of Sept. 10, 2004)

Mill Fund Balance \$ 8,433.85

Gen Fund Balance \$ 2,246.50

Total \$10,680.35

A motion to approve the Financial Report of September 10, 2004 was made by Arnold Saari, seconded by Irene Parenteau. Motion carried. A discussion was held as to why we are not tax exempt as far as property taxes are concerned. Paul will check with the Lakeside Town Treasurer about this matter.

OLD BUSINESS: Review of the past year's activities. Harry Wester reported on repairs done to the Windmill this past summer. Paul Colby reported on the book that was published. About 129 copies have sold. Copies have been sent to the Daily Telegram and the Duluth News Tribune for review.

DAVIDSON WINDMILL: Paul reported that the excess right-of-way at the Mill was obtained from the State at no cost. This will amount to about 1 to 2 acres. Guest Bill Anderson of Cornerstone Surveying was presented a certificate of appreciation for the surveying work he donated at the Mill property. He was also presented with a copy of our book.

FUNDRAISING: Hope Swenson reported that she has checked with Bob and Cecelia Jauch about getting magnets made with the Taylor's Bridge picture. They agreed to do this. She also passed around a photo card of the Mill that we could purchase

from them for sale. This matter was tabled. A fundraising project that was voted on the August meeting was explained by Hope. This is the sale of \$5 coupon books to be used at Younkers on Nov. 20. Our organization will receive \$5 for each book sold. Members signed up for books to sell. We also will sell books of coupons and our merchandise at the Mall previous to Nov. 20. Shirley will set the date.

BRULE HISTORY RESEARCH GROUP: Laila Magnuson reported that 2005 calendars are available for purchase.

COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE/WEBSITE: No further progress. Paul will check with Jon Winter on this.

ELECTION: A unanimous ballot was cast for the following officers and board members for another two year term: Paul Colby, Shirley Kankas Rouleau, Mary Ann Gronquist, and Robert Aho. Motion carried. Another unanimous ballot was cast for the following new Board members: Irene Parenteau, Marion Christensen, Karin Colby and Earl Granroth, with one person serving as an alternate. Motion carried.

PUBLICATIONS: A motion to authorize the printing of another 200 books was made by Marion Christensen, seconded by Jack Gronquist. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership dues are due now. There are 115 personal members at present (not counting businesses).

NEW BUSINESS:

DUES DONATION: A motion to authorize payment of \$15 to the Northwest Region of Wisconsin Council for Local History was made by Laila Magnuson, seconded by Minerva Johnson. Motion carried. A motion to authorize the purchase of more Tshirts and some sweatshirts was made by Shirley, seconded by Marion. Motion carried. A motion to purchase 20 cedar trees from the Wentworth Greenhouse was made by Delores Pellman, seconded by Arnold Saari. Motion carried. Part of the grant from Conoco-Philips was to be used for landscaping.

OTHER: Arnold Saari questioned whether he could bring some articles to the Archives Building. These are articles from old copper mines. Paul Hakkila reported that a windmill is available for free from Clayton Mattson. No action taken. We discussed the Rinnet property with no progress. Audrey reported that the article and picture of the scholarship recipient, Adam Philipsik, was printed in The Connection. Harry Wester asks for corrections on his maps. Jim Pellman has a map that has corrections on it. A motion to authorize the purchase of Wisconsin Heritage informational signs from the DOT to be placed on local highways was made by Laila, seconded by Harry. Motion carried. Paul has permits and forms.

WINDMILL OPEN HOUSE: There will be an open house on Friday, Oct. 2, in the afternoon, and on Sat., Oct. 3, from 10 to 4. A bake sale will be held on Saturday. Help is needed by 8:30 to put up the tent on Saturday. Paul Hakkila, Harry Wester, Paul Colby, Jack Gronquist and Eddie Walman will help. Bake sale workers will be Shirley, Minerva, Delores, Hope, Irene Brazill and Mary Ann Gronquist. We discussed putting in power at the mill and a flagpole. Also discussed the possible rental of a satellite toilet for the Saturday open house. Paul Colby and Harry Wester will check into costs.

NEXT MEETING: October 13, 2004 at Amnicon Town Hall, 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Eddie, seconded by Irene Parenteau, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Gronquist, Secretary

(UNAPPROVED) MINUTES, BOARD MEETING
OLD BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
SEPT. 11, 2004, PELLMAN HOME, MAPLE

Present: Paul Colby, Karin Colby, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau, Eddie Walman, Harry Wester, Mary Ann Gronquist, Irene Parenteau and Marion Christensen.

The meeting was called to order by Paul Colby at 3:15 p.m. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Financial Report: None, as the report had just been given at the preceding Annual Meeting.

Janine Seis was named First Vice President and Harry Wester will serve as Second Vice President. New Board members are Irene Parenteau, Marion Christensen, Karin Colby, and Earl Granroth who will serve as an alternate member. Irene will notify Earl of his position.

Time cards should be turned at the end of the year.

There are problems with the web site. Paul will talk to Jon Winter to see what can be done.

Cars donated by Elmer Hermanson have been listed on eBay by Janine.

Harry requested a work day at the Mill. He will call Jim and others to help.

Next regular meeting is October 13, 2004 at Amnicon Town Hall at 6 p.m. The next board meeting is November 10, 2004 at Alice Christensen's at 6 p.m. The December 8th regular meeting will be at the Maple Community Center at 6 p.m. This will be our Christmas party and pot luck.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Gronquist, Secretary

FUNDRAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps and tee shirts and sweat 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. Sweat shirts, any size are \$25.00, taxes included.

Available also are copies of a David Noah Seis photograph of the mill for sale. This image comes in three sizes: 4 by 5 inches, 5 by 7 inches, and 8 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. 40

Another excerpt from our new book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, "the Towns of Amnicon," part 1:



Figure 8. Poplar residents visit the Amnicon Arcadia Quarry on a Sunday, among them William Lundberg. c. 1900. Geraldine Fechtelkotter Collection

THE TOWNS OF AMNICON Amnicon History Group, Jeannie Castleberry, Jim Pellman

The Town of Amnicon is named after its principal river. The name, from the Chippewa word *aminicon*, meaning "where the fish gather to spawn" was first given to an "Old Amnicon," much larger in area that was carved from an even larger "Old" Town of Brule in 1906. In 1887 that "Old Brule" had earlier been carved from the Town of Superior which covered all of Douglas County at that time. The Town of Superior had been created at the founding of Douglas County in 1854.

The name Amnicon was also given to the early Northern Pacific (NP) station near the river where the Bardons had a spur to their Arcadia Brownstone Quarry. Brownstone quarrying was an early regional industry. The reddish sandstone deposits were found all along the South Shore to the Apostle Islands. The quarry in what is now Amnicon Falls State Park was among these sites, and beginning in 1887 it had provided stone for Fairlawn Mansion in Superior and immense amounts shipped to other local and

national sites. This large Lake Superior industry collapsed when light colored stone came into fashion, as seen in the Government Complex in Duluth, and as steel girders took over.

The first annual meeting and election in "Old Amnicon" was held in Poplar on April 4, 1906. The candidates for Town Chairman, P. A. Peterson of Poplar, and Robert Howard of Wentworth, ended with each receiving 79 votes. The rivals drew lots, and Peterson became Chairman. In 1910 Old Amnicon was split, the northern half keeping the name Amnicon and the southern half taking the name Midland, an earlier name for the Wentworth station, located near the Middle River. Midland contained both the regions of the modern Village of Poplar and the current Town of Amnicon. The people in the Amnicon to the north quickly decided to call their town Lakeside because of their location on Lake Superior, and this led the people of Midland shortly after that to choose to take back the now-available name of Amnicon. When Poplar seceded from this New Amnicon in 1917, we arrive at the unusual C-shaped boundaries of the town that we recognize today.

Information about the earliest settlers is scanty. The Amnicon region, closest to the earliest heavy settlement in the county at Superior, was already being settled in 1882 or earlier with the arrival of the Doherty brothers in the Poplar area, but it is generally believed that Henry Abrahamson was the first to come in what is modern Amnicon. Depending upon season and weather, the old Bayfield Road which was opened in 1870 had offered at best difficult passage to Superior. Early bridge maintenance at the many river crossings was poor and the historically important Taylor's Bridge over the Middle River was not built until 1930. When the Northern Pacific Railroad (NP) built a line through the area in 1883, travel to Superior became much easier, contributing to Amnicon's growth.

Later two more rail lines ran through Amnicon, not counting the later spur lines serving the large logging operations of Weyerhaeuser and Hines: the Chicago St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad (the "Omaha,") which became the Chicago & Northwestern, and the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railroad (DSS&A) (1893). The hamlets of Wentworth on the NP, Hines on the Omaha, and Nutt, later Berg Park, and Rockmont on the DSS&A became the main centers in the territory that would become modern Amnicon. By 1900 the last of the Indians were gone from the area, and settlement became more rapid as roads improved and cutover lands were opened for settlement by lumbermen, Weyerhaeuser, Peyton, Kimball and Barber and others.

Among the early settlers in Amnicon were the three Christensen brothers: Neils, Tony and Marinas. Emigrating from Denmark in the early 1900s, they first farmed in Superior, Neils and Marinas in Billings Park, and Tony where the oil refinery now stands. Around 1910 they moved to Amnicon, where they gained reputations as good farmers. Neils' farm was on Highway 2 across from Lackson Road, and his son Cassius still lives there. Marinas' farm was where the Wentworth Greenhouse is now located, and Tony also settled on Wentworth Road. He was known as one of the biggest farmers in the area (those with more than ten cows). Some other big farmers were Bob Carnes (at the corner of Wentworth Road and Moonshine Road) and T. B. Jones, who built a house, barn, and silos at the intersection of Highway 2 and Twenty-Two Road, named such because it cuts through Section Twenty-two. William Kimmes purchased this farm around 1940, and in the Seventies Mrs. Arnold ran a nursing home in the large house, which still stands.

Other well-known farms included Schalappi's, where apples and raspberries were raised, and the Kellogg farm, both near the present location of Sleepy Hollow Motel on Highway 2. Delas Kellogg was the head of the Twin Ports Creamery, and his wife was a Sunday School teacher at Union Church. Oscar Rolli ran the Kellogg farm for a time while Delas was busy with the creamery.

An interesting landmark stood on Rockmont Road - a round barn built by Burt Oakes, which no longer stands. (To be continued.)

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Notices:

THANK YOU & RECOGNITIONS:

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

Thanks to **Lois M. Johnson** for her donation of many old copper mining implements, artifacts, collected by her late husband, **Delphin**.

Thanks to **Mr. Adam Philipsek**, recent recipient of our annual Northwestern High School Scholarship for his kind letter of appreciation. He will be attending St. Cloud State majoring in Physical Therapy.

Thanks to State Superintendent of Education, "**Libby**" **Burmester**, for her letter of appreciation for our new book.

Thanks to our retiring board members for their faithful service: **Bud LaPole**, and **Lois Pollari**.

Thanks to **Delores Pellman** for use of her home for the Annual Meeting after the water problems at the school.

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

CONDOLENCES:

Our sympathy to the **Winkka Family** and to daughter **Sandra Dailey** who recently lost family member **Mae (Winkka) Schuler** of the Chicago area.

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. We have also received other memorial gifts from family and friends in Mayme's name in excess of \$500.

To the family of **H. George Khalar** of the Town of Highland who passed away August 6th.

To the family of **Clifford Jacobson** of Iron River who died August 21st.

ENCOURAGEMENTS:

To **Laverne LaPole** as she resumes her health struggle.

To **Doris Perala** as she undergoes medical treatment

-and who have we missed or forgotten?

Calendar:

October 1-3, Friday to Sunday, Davidson Windmill Tours and Saturday bake sale.

October 9, 1 p.m., Next Archive Meeting, Pellman's in Maple.

October 13, 6 p.m., Regular Meeting, Amnicon Town Hall. Adoption of Budget.

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

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

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). 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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