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NEXT REGULAR MEETING/PROGRAM

WED., DECEMBER 14, 6:00 P. M., AT THE LAKE NEBAGAMON AUDITORIUM

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BEGIN WITH A POT LUCK LUNCH, ACCOMPANIED BY SURPRISE
FINNISH "DINNER THEATRE" FARE.**

**After our gift exchange we will have a short break followed by our business meeting.
To participate in the gift exchange one must bring a wrapped gift marked "man" or "woman"
within in a price range of \$5 to \$10.**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! PLEASE BRING A FRIEND.

**Thanks to the Village of Lake Nebagamon for the use of their auditorium,
to the Shirley for making arrangements, and to all who bring refreshments to share.**

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings to all,

I hope all of you and your families had a great Thanksgiving and a safe and successful hunting season amongst friends and loved ones. We had a warm fall, and I'm sure many took advantage of the weather to finish the pre-winter projects. Now I'm certainly not mentioning anymore future dates for our log house to be relocated to the windmill site. It has been ready for transportation, but the weather hasn't cooperated and we're now waiting for the ground to freeze. Hopefully the big snow will hold off so we can have it there by years end.

We have finally finished some grant letters; therefore we will be reaching out for financial assistance from some local corporations. Our group has completed many tasks by themselves to stay within our budget over the years; however, with our major expenses almost complete, we can shift the valuable time of volunteering members in our group and use their skills in other areas of needed importance, if able and willing.

The big hype, at least for hunters in Lakeside, Maple, Cloverland and other close towns, are the influx of Russian pigs (feral boars?) that have been multiplying. Besides the DNR, a few of my neighbors and friends have been reducing their population; I too, will be joining the hunt since I have discovered a few routes of the varmints. I will be pursuing these destructive omnivores, hoping to eliminate one or more of these destructive roaming rotor-tillers before they loosen the soils on our family's land that will kill more balsams and popples.

Also, there's a gentleman from Iowa, over on the Poplar River Road, sub-dividing his land into smaller parcels. This same gentleman sued me a few years ago over a supposed land deal near property I own. On a positive note, Mike Granlund has retired from the grain commission, possibly, due to his victory in saving specialty jobs that were on the Governors broad list to cut government spending. Mike and his wife Mary and their circle of friends are true assets to our community.

My past classmate, Denise (Kurki) Myers, from Sign Bridge Language Systems, has created a DVD and written a book about a universal sign language. She integrates popular languages with sign language so people of different ethnicities can communicate when their native tongues are unknown to each other. This is quite an achievement; I commend her new alternative learning technique that educates many children and adults that she teaches.

In Poplar, at the Mission Covenant Church, the hunting expo was a large success. It has moved into a new class of show since displays and exhibits were placed in the new gymnasium. I would highly recommend a visit to this event next year, and also to enjoy the scrumptious wild game feed, too.

Sincerely,
Paul

p.s. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

p.p.s. I have new respect for those in wheel chairs after my chain saw accident, and wheeling around Disneyland.

FROM THE EDITOR:

What does a solitary deer hunter in the Town of Orienta think about while shivering on the stump on the dark, colder days, while snow flakes fall or even freezing rain drips from overhead branches? There are the distractions of rabbits, red squirrels, and roughed grouse, and the sirens of distant disturbed vehicles, the soft putt-putt of far out of sight four-wheelers carrying their hopeful drivers dressed in blaze orange uniforms. The traces of a fallen fence from a World War II flax field, leashed dogs barking and answering one another, and the white noise of Lake Superior's splashing waves, three hundred yards to the north, rarely silent.

The local deer are descended from creatures that once ran at the sound of hunters dressed in skins that carried lethal bows, generation after generation, for thousands of years. A stray kernel of corn spotted on the trail suggests that someone has been feeding deer nearby, but how did the kernel get there when the nearest other hunters are a quarter mile away? Dropped by a careless bird? or stolen by the network of red squirrels?---

But amidst this reverie and randomness are mixed other serious thoughts, about gun rights, and hunting gang law, the Bill of Rights, equal apportionment, "one person-one vote," the Alito nomination and Catholics on the Supreme Court, local government vs. central government, old government surveyor, George Stuntz, the loss of the Orienta Dam, and "Boots" Tuura, the movie *North Country* and its (mis)portrayal of north country life...

Of course there is wonder at our wanting to hunt at all in this modern age --- until twenty yards from the car in my walk back for noon lunch, tired and wet and miserable, a huge eight pointer with his head down dashes low across the trail in front of me, and allows just one flash of white before disappearing into the tangled South Shore brush and balsams. The rush of that close encounter keeps me warm the rest of the day, and confirms that I will be coming back again and again. Exercising the hunting privilege reminds us, despite our sophisticated veneers, how deeply and closely we remain bound to nature, and how natural life remains bound to us.

- 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, hopefully to be completed soon. This is their final calendar.

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.

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

ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The 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: December 12th, 2005. Please call 363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

**(UNAPPROVED) MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
OCTOBER 12, 2005, HAWTHORNE TOWN HALL**

Attendance: 30

Time: 6:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Paul Colby. Jim Pellman introduced our speaker, Brian Klawiter, archaeological technician for the Superior National Forest who showed slides and spoke about restoration of log structures in Superior National Forest. A break was taken for lunch, which was provided by members.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the September 18 Annual and Board meetings was made by Jim Pellman, seconded by Audrey Hakkila. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Checking Account Balance: \$1791.41

Mill Fund Balance: \$7947.00

Treasurer Shirley Kankas gave the following report for the Windmill open house weekend:

Bake Sale \$ 134.50

Donations \$ 143.93

White Elephant Sale \$ 123.65

Merchandise Sales \$ 105.45

Expenses {toilet rental} -\$ 68.58

Grand Total \$ 538.95

Books sold to date 484

A motion to approve the financial report was made by Janine Seis, seconded by Irene Parenteau.

Shirley asked for volunteers to sell Younkers booklets on Nov. 19. Hope Swenson, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau and Irene Parenteau volunteered, and Janine Seis will if she can. Members were asked to take coupon books to sell at \$5 each. Shirley announced that she brought merchandise along for sale. Hope Swenson made a motion to donate a print of the Windmill, framed, to the Douglas County Historical Society, seconded by Bob Aho. Motion carried. Hope and Mary Ann will take care of it.

OLD BUSINESS:

DAVIDSON MILL: Paul Colby reported on progress at the Millsite. The slab for the lean-to will be made after the log house is in place. The log building is jacked up now in preparation for the move. Pictures of the house as it was in 1917 and now were passed around. Gerald Tutor has suggested that the shingles that have been made should be put somewhere out of the weather for the winter. There was a suggestion to purchase shingles for the mill roof and use the ones that have been sawed for the log house. Bob Aho's site plan is in the works. There was discussion about a walkway with pavers and away to recognize those who have contributed time and/or money toward cabin installation or work at the Millsite. When the time comes a request will be made to the Town of Lakeside for culverts to be used to correct the failing culvert. Chuck Zosel may know of where to get cedar logs. Mr. Zosel was suggested as a speaker on his trip to Iceland. Kyle Maunu could also speak on the history of US Steel. Paul Colby explained about the work that will be done at the Millsite. He will report to ConocoPhillips on how the grant monies will be spent.

FUNDRAISING: Jim is still looking for a supplier for magnets and pins.

ARCHIVES CTTE. The committee meets weekly at the Pellman home on every other Monday at 1:00. Additional volunteers are welcome and needed. Contributions are coming in on a steady basis. The committee will miss LaVerne LaPole who passed away. Joyce Darker has donated materials from the Millview Snowmobile Club. Money left over from the club may be donated to our organization. Next meeting is Monday, Oct. 24 at 1:00 p.m.

WEBSITE: Jon Winter has worked on the website and it is up and running.

He invited anyone interested to come to his office on Tues., Oct. 18 at 6:00 p.m. to learn how to maintain the website. Several planned to attend. A motion to give Jon the \$150. that was allocated at a previous meeting for a website designer was made by Earl Granroth, seconded by Jack Gronquist. Motion carried.

PUBLICITY: Audrey Hakkila continues to publicize our events.

PUBLICATIONS: No progress on the Heritage Map. Lois Pollari's family would like to provide an estimate for printing. There are some serious health concerns with her family right now so things are on hold. Beecroft Books has ordered 12 more of our books. Poplar Hardware has also purchased some more. We discussed whether or not to do another printing. Will discuss at Board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: There are now 75 paid up members. Dues are due now and time cards for the past year should be turned in. New members joining tonight are Marie and Roy Peterson of South Range.

POLLARI MEMORIAL GIFT: Jim has corresponded with Pat Luostari,

English instructor at NWHS, regarding plans for this year's competition. A committee meeting will be set up to make plans.

DAVID MAKI RESEARCH GRANT: No new information.

CENTENNIAL FARMS: No new candidates.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT: The annual meeting was held at DCHS on Sunday, Sept. 18. The membership voted to donate \$50 for use of the building. Alice Christensen and Hope Swenson were voted in as Board Members. Earl Granroth was named 1st V.P. replacing Janine Seis. Ron Mershart spoke on "meta history".

NEXT MEETING: First choice of location is Lake Nebagamon, second choice Maple. This will be the Christmas meeting on Dec. 14th at 6:00 p.m.. Shirley will check if it's available.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Next Board meeting will be on Nov. 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Alice and Cassius Christensen's.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOVE ANNUAL MEETING TO AUGUST: The Board recommended that the Annual meeting be changed from Sept. to August due to conflicts with other historical organization meetings on the same date. This will necessitate a bylaw change. A motion to make it the second Saturday in August was made by Irene Parenteau, seconded by Barbara Granroth. Motion carried. The bylaw change will be voted on in December.

RECOGNITION OF RON MERSHART: Ron Mershart has been selected as the recipient of the 2005 Local History Award of Merit from the Wisconsin Historical Society in Madison.

A motion to invite him to our Christmas meeting to honor him was made by Shirley, seconded by Barbara Granroth. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letters have been received from: Dr. Martin Nurmi of Kent, OH, a former Lakeside resident, containing some historical information and a positive review of our book; the quarterly newsletter from Superior Public Museum; Minnesota History Interpreter, Minnesota Historical Society; and Columns, Sept./Oct. WHS. A letter from Kathy Laakso, NW Regional Representative of the Wisconsin Council for Local History was received requesting materials to recognize Tom McKay who is retiring. A letter from Ellsworth Brown, Director, WHS, announcing that the State Historical Society will be creating a Northern Field Office, location not decided as yet.

OTHER: Those who worked at the Mill on the open house weekend and donated baked goods and other items were recognized. Condolences were given Karin Colby on the loss of her brother in a vehicle accident.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Earl Granroth, seconded by Janine Seis to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Gronquist

FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps and tee shirts and sweat shirts for sale. 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 ½ by 11 inches. The smaller reproductions can also be used as post cards as each has a brief historical description on half of its reverse side. Prices are \$1.00, \$2.00 and the largest one which has no printing on it \$3.00. All are laser reproductions on card stock suitable for framing. This same image is available in our magnet series.

Our new book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's *Pathways* are 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 are available for purchase at our meetings or by contacting an O-BHS member.

(UNAPPROVED) MINUTES BOARD MEETING OLD BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY NOVEMBER 9TH, 2005, CHRISTENSEN HOME

Present: Board members, Paul Colby, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau, Jim Pellman, Paul Williams, Earl Granroth, Barbara Granroth, Hope Swenson, Alice Christensen, Mary Ann Gronquist, members, Eddie Walman and Cash Christensen.

WELCOME:

BUSINESS MEETING: Meeting called to order at 6:25 p.m.

A. MINUTES. A motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 18, 2005 Board meeting was made by Jim Pellman, seconded by Alice Christensen. Motion carried.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT (As of Oct. 31, 2005)

Checking	1958.41
Mill Fund	7950.79

There was a discussion as to where memorial funds should be kept. A motion was made by Alice, seconded by Hope, to put memorials in the Mill Fund. Motion carried. Over \$1,200 has come in on memorials for LaVerne LaPole. \$120 has come in so far from Younkers coupon sales. The proposed budget is up for approval at the next meeting.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. DAVIDSON MILL: Discussed the log house moving. Paul will contact Pat Grube. The plan is to move after ground freezing. Need some black ash logs 16' or 18' to replace logs that were rotted. A suggestion from Eddie Walman to use field stone instead of riprap for the downhill side after the culvert is repaired to create more natural look and save money. Paul Colby wrote a letter to the Town of Lakeside regarding concrete culverts. Mill Committee will work on the project.

2. FUNDRAISING: Jim is still looking for a source for windmill pins and magnets. More workers needed for Younkers on Nov. 19.

3. ARCHIVES: The next meeting is at the Pellman home on Nov. 14 (every other Monday.) More volunteers are needed.

4. WEBSITE: Jon Winter has done a lot of work on the site. He is contacting Microsoft to get a Microsoft Front Page Program 2003. Discussed making changes (updates) to website.

5. LOIS POLLARI GIFT: No further progress.

6. PUBLICITY: The ad for the book was in The Connection. Signs for the Windmill open house and Scandinavian dinner were discussed. The mill committee will look into the matter. The Mill committee will meet at Alice's on Dec. 5 at 6:00 p.m.

7. PUBLICATIONS: The Heritage Map is on hold.

8. MEMBERSHIPS: A reminder letter is included with the newsletter for members who are in arrears with dues.

9. DAVID MAKI RESEARCH: Paul Colby has heard from David Maki.

He will try to do some archaeo-physics in the spring at the Henry Knuttila and Thomas Peterson homestead sites in Lakeside.

10. CENTENNIAL FARMS: The Mehtala farm in Oulu will apply for 2006

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. COMING MEETING: The next meeting will be on Dec. 14 at the Lake Nebagamon Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. This is the Christmas potluck. There will be a gift exchange of \$5 to \$10 value. Shirley will decorate for the Christmas party. We will attempt to get Scott Nielsen to speak on logging and Weyerhaeuser Lumber Company

2. ANNUAL MEETING CHANGE: The membership will vote at our next meeting to change the bylaws to reflect the changing of the Annual Meeting to the second Saturday in August instead of September. 60 days notice has been given via the newsletter.

3. OTHER: Hope checked with Kathy Laakso about the donation of a Windmill print to DCHS and they will accept it. It was suggested to invite Kathy to our December meeting and present it at that time. Mary Ann will take care of getting it framed.

4. RON MERSHART RECEPTION: An invitation to a reception honoring Ron Mershart at DCHS was received. It will be on Sat., Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. A motion to present a certificate of appreciation to Ron Mershart at this reception was made by Alice, seconded by Shirley. Motion carried. He will also be invited to our December meeting and will be recognized there.

E. COMMUNICATIONS: Dr. Martin Nurmi has contacted Jim regarding historical information. A letter was received from the IRS but does not need a reply. Dennis Bartholomew sent information regarding a loom made in 1896. A thank you was received from the Larry Lundberg family. Jim told us about the accidental death of Barbara Granroth's brother. Our condolences were given.

F. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Shirley, seconded by Alice Christensen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Gronquist

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Another excerpt (from pages 64-69) from our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, ©2004, 2005.

THE TOWN OF LAKESIDE by Paul Colby [Part II]

In 1899 or 1900, John V. Pollari of Maple, a Finnish Independent Apostolic (Laestadian) Lutheran, held services first in the Edwin Kaarto and Johan "Peter" Heikkurainen homes. He also served as leader in the Apostolic Lutheran Church in Maple. In John's absence his son Jack carried on his father's ministry by baptizing children in Lakeside, including the writer's relatives. In 1905, Axel Dahlin, a Swedish Baptist, was conducting services amongst the Swede-Finns in private homes and at the Cedar Grove School.

Andrew Bloomquist, a traveling Baptist missionary, also gave sermons at their school. Mr. Bloomquist was affiliated with the Finnish Baptist Mission Union, with its headquarters in Chisholm, Minnesota. He organized the Ladies Aid in 1916 at the Cedar Grove School. In 1918 the governing body decided to build a church on land donated by Gust Runquist. However, half way through construction, a storm razed the structure. The congregation started over and completed the building in 1921, where Fredrick Berglund was the first speaker at Lakeside Baptist Church. In 1956 the congregation decided to build a new church. They moved the old church just north and placed it on timbers. They continued to have services in the old church until the new church was completed on the old church site. Edwin Colby (*Kolppanen*) and Harold Hanson (*Himango*) dragged the old church across the road onto Maki's land, with Melvin Esselstrom pushing with the town grader. The congregation needed more parking, so they traded the building for a portion of Mr. Maki's land. Mr. Maki later disassembled the church and hauled it to Maple. The congregation still meets to this date, and there is an active AWANA program there.

Two other churches were established in Lakeside, where, however, worship has since halted. The Emmanuel Chapel was a non-denominational church that was affiliated with Poplar Covenant Church. It was constructed next to the Town of Maple border on Highway 13. The church was formed by Clifford Peterson on the banks of the Bardon Creek. Later, a new building was constructed on the top of the hill. The church disbanded after the death of Mr. Peterson. The Pine Central Church was located on John Pearson's farm. The services in the early 1930's were conducted in the old Pine Central School by John Pearson and traveling ministers, such as Mr. Langvend and Onni Koski, who stayed at Henry Saari's farm while in town.

Circuit Court Judge Aad Vinje decided where new political lines would divide the old Town of Brule. In April 1906 new boundaries set off the first new town, Amnicon, from the western part of Brule. During the first general election held on November 6, 1906, sixty three people voted at the school house in Wentworth. Of these sixty three people only nine voters were identified as living in the future boundaries of Lakeside, with one being Isaac (Isak) Lake, who was elected Town Constable. Joseph Huck had relocated to the northern edge of the future town of Midland (later modern Amnicon) to the south, and was elected as Justice of Peace.

In 1906 the people at the west end of old Brule became upset. They were paying taxes and receiving little help building roads and schools. Axel Dahlin and Edward Kaarto walked many miles in northern Amnicon, carrying a petition gathering signatures from distant neighbors in hopes of gaining local political control to meet their concerns. When enough signatures were gathered, the two men along with John Lake, acting as an interpreter, made the journey to the court house in Superior to start the process of forming a new local government voice. Town division followed.

In 1910 the southern half of Amnicon was named Midland and the northern half kept the name Amnicon. After that division, the people near Lake Superior decided to abandon the name Amnicon and renamed themselves Lakeside. The Midland people decided, with the name of Amnicon now available, to change their name to Amnicon. So, in other words, the town government of Amnicon-Lakeside was created 1906. This means Lakeside could hold their Centennial in 2006.

The first town meeting was conducted in the Finnish language with John Lake (*Ruuhijärvi*) and Herman Hanson (*Himango*) translating. From April 1911 to April 1912 the town officers were the following: Chairman, Nicholas Davidson (*Tapola*), Itasca Station (all Post Office addresses), Superior; Supervisors, Edward Kaarto, Poplar and Nestor Katila, Poplar; Clerk, Isaac Lake, Poplar; Treasurer, Erick Hanson; Itasca Station, Superior; Assessor, Isaac Rautio, Poplar; Justice of Peace, Axel Dahlin, Poplar; Constable, Chas. Mattson, Poplar.

In an article in the 1911 Douglas County Official Directory Nicholas Davidson wrote the following in promoting Lakeside:

"This town adjoins the city of Superior on the east, and as its name implies, it borders on Lake Superior for about 10 miles. It contains about 30,000 acres of land, every acre of which is suitable for farming. The writer settled there about twenty-four years ago, and was one of the first to undertake farming in the district. From the beginning, we have raised hay, potatoes,

and vegetables in plenty; and of late years, with the clearing of more land, we have been successful with wheat, oats, rye and barley. The town of Lakeside contains what may, some day, be very valuable suburban property. Directly across Lake Superior from our town are the finest residences in Duluth; and, as the City of Superior grows, it seems that the south shore should prove as attractive for fine homes as the north shore is now."

There were three known logging camps, before 1910, in Lakeside's political boundaries: those of Putway, Hadley and Frederick Weyerhaeuser. Also, the Taylor's Camp which was a Weyerhaeuser camp, was located on what became the Maple-Amnicon boundary, where many from Lakeside were employed. The Putway camp had a rail spur that ran from Wiehe (between Maple and Poplar) to a mile north of Highway 13, on the west side of the Poplar River. A local used an abandoned spur rail as a beam in his home. The second, Hadley's Camp, was named after Mr. Hadley, an agent for Weyerhaeuser. The camp was located on the Bardon Creek, northeast of Hokkala's, where the lumberjacks were frequently invited for a *savu-sauna* (smoke sauna). There would never be a shortage of firewood for that sauna.

The third camp, also operated by Weyerhaeuser, was located upstream from the Davidson Windmill. A rail spur ran on the east hill top of the Amnicon River in section seventeen near the route later taken by old Highway 13. Some of the "river rats" were Herman Hanson and Andrew Pitten. They floated the logs down the Amnicon during high water in the spring. Once on Lake Superior the logs would be boomed together. A steam tug was called which pulled them to sawmills in Ashland, Superior or Duluth. These lumber camps bought farm goods from locals, such as Erick Hanson. During 1940's Elmer Colby (*Kolppanen*) had small camps north of Halkett Road and south of DeVries Road, which were called "cutter camps." The men by this time used Swede saws to harvest the timber and they lived near the camps.

There were two known fishing operations in Lakeside. The earliest known was Robert Bauks (Emily Linski's relative?) whose operation on the Amnicon River was near the east side of the mouth. Orlin Sage, a World War I veteran, purchased the fishery in 1929. The road to the mouth of the Amnicon River ran along the west hill top of the river. When the Amnicon River Road, on the east side, was completed to the Lake in 1924, Bauks decided to move his operation across the frozen mouth, including a house from the Bell Air Estates. In 1940, near the mouth of the Middle River, were partners Verner Granroth on the east side and David Hagdahl on the west side. Verner began his fishing internship at the mouth of the Bardon Creek with Dr. DeVries in 1938. They used their homemade barge to set the nets and gather the fish. They shipped fish to large cities, such as Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and New York. The operation came to a halt in 1953 due to the lamprey infestation and/or over harvesting of fish. However, Earl Granroth said, "All the fish netted had lampreys or scares from lamprey attachments when I worked with my dad that year."

There were also many families of German descendants among the early settlers. The Britzes, Eisenmans, Kitches, Millers, Oakes, Wagners, Winters, Vogls, and Zomiers traveled into the area to farm. Some families that came from Minnesota heard rumors of a seaway (deep water) going through and thought land prices would soar.

[To be continued.]

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Notices:

THANK YOU'S & RECOGNITIONS:

To **Elmer Hermanson** for a Coop label box of black pepper, to **Axel & Patsy Wiitala** for an old Finnish *sauna vihta* (birch switch), to **Kim Kulp** for a 28" buzz saw and flat belt, all to be added to our historical collection. To the family of **LaVerne LaPole** for the memorial gifts in LaVerne's name which have amounted to over \$1200. To **Dr. Martin K. Nurmi** of Kent, OH, formerly of Lakeside, for his follow up letter. As a senior member of the faculty at Kent State University he had an important role in the wake of the Kent State National Guard shootings of May 1970. To the **Town of Lakeside** for its latest \$250 contribution.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Member **Lora Olson** on her December 2nd birthday.

ENCOURAGEMENTS:

To Member **Irene Parenteau** who is now mending at home after heart surgery. To Member **Lois Pollari & Les Krumm** as his health improves. To Members **Arnold** and **Doris Perala**, and **Margie Koskie**.

BEST WISHES:

To **Judy (Hirvi-mäki) Burbe**, who is retiring as postmaster at Maple after over 31 years of service.

OUR SYMPATHY:

To the family of **Harvey Johnson** of Lakeside who died November 24 at 94. His wife **Helen**, a Maple Winkka girl, is a charter member of O-BHS. To the **Fechtelkotter families**, both that of **LeRoy** who died November 16 at 78 and of **Lyle** who passed away November 28th at 80. Lyle and his wife, the former **Geraldine Bong**, a charter Board Member, were married 56 years. To the family of **Donald L. Dalbec** of Superior, a Blueberry native, who passed away on August 24th at 79, and to the family of **Al Nord** from Superior who died November 22, at 84. His wife was the former **Anna Heikki** of Lakeside.

-and who have we missed or forgotten?

Calendar:

December 5, Monday, 6:00 pm, Davidson Windmill Committee meets at Alice & Cash Christensen's.

December 12, Monday, 1:00 pm, Archives Committee Meets, Pellman's in Maple.

December 14, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., O-BHS Christmas Regular Meeting. Pot Luck Supper & "Dinner Theatre," Gift Exchange. Budget adoption. Bylaw change adoption for time of annual meeting (to move to August).

December 18, Sunday, 3:00 pm. Holiday Concert at DECC.

December 24-25, Saturday-Sunday, Christmas/Hanukkah.

December 31, Saturday, New Year's Eve.

January 14, Saturday, Debbie Kmetz Workshop, DCHS, Vasa Hall, Superior.

January 16, Monday, Martin Luther King Day, Deadline for February 2006 *O-BHS News*.

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** for her efforts.

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. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

Old-Brule Heritage Society, Inc.

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