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NEXT MEETING/PROGRAM

WED., JUNE 13, 6 P. M., AT THE LAKESIDE TOWN HALL

AFTER OUR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND A COFFEE BREAK, INSTEAD OF HAVING A FORMAL PROGRAM, THE EVENING WILL BE DEDICATED TO PREPARATION FOR OUR ANNUAL MIDSUMMER (JUHANNUS JUHLAT) EVENT WHICH WILL BE HELD THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND. BESIDES WINDMILL TOURS AND SCANDINAVIAN DINNER WE WILL PREPARE AND UPDATE EXHIBITS FOR EACH OF THE COMMUNITIES IN THE AREA OF SERVICE OF THE OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! PLEASE BRING A FRIEND.

Thanks to the Town of Lakeside and to all members who have brought refreshments to share.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Members,

Many of you know we've been busy planning and preparing to have the Eskolin Finnish log house relocated to the mill grounds. It will take a miracle to have it relocated there by June 18th. However, Del Carlson did a fine job lowering and leveling the abandoned Highway 13 road bed, and Chequamegon Communications Cooperative has graciously lowered their fiber optic line to allow us to complete this project. The slab for the building will be poured next week, unless we decide to apply for a variance (\$175) due to the Windmill Committee's selected spot for house unexpectedly being too close to our south property line. We had our proposed location set at 30 feet from the property line, and our county ordinance (restriction) we now find is 50 feet – I learn something new and disturbing every day. Scott Essen of Essen Concrete will be doing the slab when the committee makes a decision on whether or not to accept Zoning's interpretation and decision.

Bill Anderson from Cornerstone Surveying has sent Bob Aho, of Commonwealth Builders in Duluth, survey data that he will include in our site plan that he's volunteered to do for our group. Eddie Walman has gotten an estimate from Olson Brothers Trucking of Brule for riprap, and Eddie has been helping with the log house work. Shirley Kankas-Rouleau has contacted Saari-Stone Insurance and found out we don't need added insurance to move the cabin. Pat Grube from Grube Trucking gave us a bid of \$500 to haul the log structure from Maple to the mill site.

The pesky deer ate quite a few of our new white cedars, but they should still grow, and an added post for support may prevent them from pushing the fences in for their browsing pleasure during the long winter. The darn mice enjoyed one of our apple trees as well. Or, with rabbit numbers on the rise, they may have been the culprits.

This month on the 18th we will serve our fundraising Scandinavian dinner at Lakeside Town Hall. Alice Christensen is the Captain of the project and challenges me to peel potatoes. Also, on that day the Windmill will be open for tours.

In matters of further concern to the health of small local government, at our annual Lakeside town meeting in April, we heard something that sent chills to the hairs on my neck. It was politely announced that there will be a one dollar charge, per square foot, plus other fees, collected for inspection fees, for all new houses being built anywhere in our county. The inspector will come from Hayward or Rice Lake. What will be next, garages? I suppose pole barns and chicken coops too. Next, will we need a permit to put a fence around our gardens or to build a woodshed? What about our future saunas?

Who is responsible for these policies? I remember when I was trying to be invited in on the process of planning a few years back during a survey that the county sent to all land owners. Well, I attended the steamy followup meeting at the Lakeside Town Hall in '99 to hear a UW-Extension official give his ambiguous and contentious results. Also, in purely subjective manner, he stated that alder swamps and alder areas aren't as beautiful as ponds. He moved later to consulting locally in state mandated town comprehensive planning.

It may be controversial but I am quite proud of the majority of Douglas County supervisors who did not give in on the high voltage power line issue, despite pressure on locals, questionable advertising and scare tactics. But this local resistance to powerful political forces is now forcing the creation of some poor laws in Madison that according to Senator Jauch are further weakening local government control (meaning counties, saying nothing of towns and villages). A victory by SOUL may still be a loss to our way of life.

I'm looking forward to summer after the cool month of May. It's been slow planting the garden in between rain showers.

Finally, I applaud our local volunteer fire fighters who have recently been in high profile in their "Be somebody" campaign for new members.

Yours respectfully,
Paul

P.S. My wife and I have both seen the wild boars (Russian?) down our road last month, on two different evenings.

FROM THE EDITOR:

I spent Memorial Day morning with the many families at the Maple Lutheran Cemetery. The raising of the flag from half staff, the rifle salute, and the religious ceremony were moving tributes. I have given here what are actually two adjoining cemeteries one name. In the complicated history of Finland, and of the settlers from there who chose to make Old-Brule and then Maple their home, religion played a fundamental role, from cradle to grave, but not always with a uniform voice. The Bong-Hofsted troops were off to the Blueberry (Catholic) Cemetery immediately after.

What is fascinating about religion in a free society is that the citizenry is not politically compelled in any way to participate, and yet they do, year after year, in churches and at events of remembrance, at milestones in our individual and collective lives. The range of attitudes about formal religion varied considerably among those at the cemetery who stood overlooking the sunny, peaceful valley to the south, a pattern of fields and fencelines and the neatly mowed Olson Finnish farmyard, now owned by David and Mary Hallsten.

Despite their divisions the people gathered there joined in uniform, quiet, respectful and sometime silent remembrance, of fallen heroes, of some fallen from grace, of many who lived and died in hope, and of innocent youth who had departed us too soon, all who we must all too soon join some day.

- 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 this year. This is their last 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: June 13, 2005. Please call 363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

(UNAPPROVED) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OLD- BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
APRIL 13, 2005, CLOVERLAND TOWN HALL

Attendance: 39

Time: 6: p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Jim Pellman who introduced guest speaker Harry Pudas of Oulu who spoke on log building techniques and buildings moved from the area to Old World Wisconsin. A break was taken for lunch.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES: In the absence of our President, and our First and Second Vice Presidents, our Secretary ran the meeting. Former Secretary, Hope Swenson, took minutes of the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2005, regular meeting was made by Margie Koskie, seconded by Irene Parenteau. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Checking Account Balance	\$1358.98
Mill Fund Balance	\$7855.93

Treasurer Shirley Kankas-Rouleau reported that there are 93 paid up memberships (122 adults). 395 Far Northwest books have been sold to date. Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS:

DAVIDSON MILL: Bill Anderson of Corner Post Survey and Mapping will be submitting forms for a certified survey of the lot. The fiberoptic line will be lowered at the expense of CheqTel. Paul Colby has been in contact with the construction superintendent and as soon as the frost is out of the ground and the road limits are off the work will begin. The Town of Lakeside will lower the berm and then footings for the log cabin can be put in place. It is hoped that the cabin will be in place by the Midsummer weekend events. No further progress on the signs. Paul is keeping the Town of Lakeside informed as to what is going on at the Mill site. The Windmill Committee will meet on Sat., April 30, at the Mill at 10 a.m. The Scandinavian Dinner committee met at Alice Christensen's and made plans for the menu and work hours. A sheet was passed around to sign up for work times and food to bring. Gerald Tutor will be sawing the shingles for the mill and cabin roofs. Hours for the Windmill tours will be 6 to 8 on Friday, 9 to 5 on Saturday and 10 to 12. Merchandise will be available at both the Lakeside Town Hall and at the Mill.

FUNDRAISING: The separate account for reroofing the Mill is at \$105. The missing magnets have been found, but need more Windmill magnets. Need to find a supplier. Jim will check on getting some windmill pins made up. There was discussion on salvaging the old shingles from the mill and selling them.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: The committee meets at the Pellman home. They will next meet on May 9 and May 23. Additional volunteers are welcome. They are through with the Winkka/Johnson papers and are now working on the Aro and Follis papers

BRULE HISTORY RESEARCH GROUP: Laila Magnuson reported that there are still 2005 calendars available and this is the last calendar that will be done. They hope to get their book ready for publication this year. Nan Wisherd's book entitled *Pathways* is available through Jim Pellman.

WEBSITE: Robin Berglund is working on the Website.

PUBLICITY: The book signing at Beecroft was successful. Four books were sold that night and Beecroft bought 16 more copies. The *Connection* had a nice review of our book and a copy has been sent to the *Finnish American Reporter* for review. The new brochures are ready for proofing and printing. Several new locations for book sales and brochures were suggested.

NEWSLETTER: Next newsletter deadline is May 16.

PUBLICATIONS: The third printing of Wisconsin Far Northwest is available (604 printed so far). Jim asked for anyone interested in being on a committee to design a regional historical map. Laila Magnuson, Hope Swenson and Margie Koskie expressed an interest and it is hoped that Harry Wester and Paul Colby will serve on the committee as well. A meeting was set at Jim's on July 16 at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP: New members are Bill Ketola of Sheboygan Falls and Bruce and Hilda Carlson of Superior. Turn in volunteer hours if you have not.

LOIS POLLARI/ESTHER POLLARI MEMORIAL GIFT: Jim has written a letter to the school administrator which he read. It was suggested to have our members mentor the students who apply for the contest. Suggested topics were included in the letter. No reply as yet.

DAVID MAKI ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES: Earl Granroth reported on a form received by Paul Colby from the Wisconsin Humanities Council for a grant applied for by David Maki. Our organization would serve as a fiscal agent for this grant. Earl Granroth moved that OBHS acts as the fiscal agent for this application and to disburse the funds as needed to conduct this research and keep records of funds and the disbursement of such. Seconded by Bob Aho. Motion carried.

CENTENNIAL FARMS: Richard and Barbara Tuura have applied for and received recognition for a Centennial Farm status. Others suggested for next year are the McNeil farm and the Elsie Olson farm.

NEW BUSINESS: NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Next meeting will be at the Lakeside Town Hall on June 15 at 6:00 p.m. A motion to change the normal date of this meeting from the second Wednesday to the third Wednesday was made by Jim and

seconded by Jackie Plunkett. Motion carried. There will be no program at this meeting as this time will be used as a workshop in preparation of exhibits, etc., for the Midsummer Celebration. Food at all future meetings will be potluck by anyone who can bring something.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 11 at Shirley's at 6 p.m.

OTHER: There is a Minnesota Historical Society workshop at Split Rock Lighthouse on Friday May 6th. Anyone interested in going needs to register by April 29. The Board authorized a \$10 amount to be paid from the treasury for each participant attending. Earl Granroth made a motion to purchase Quick Book accounting software for the treasurer not to exceed \$300. Seconded by Jim Pellman. Motion carried. Earl also moved that Shirley be authorized to attend classes on the Quick Book system at St. Scholastica. Seconded by Hope Swenson. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jim has sent a letter to the Douglas County Board in support of the Douglas County Historical Society for more financial report from the county. Jackie Plunkett gave a report on the status of DCHS. Some items owned by the Society are still leased to Fairlawn but all other items have been moved to the new Museum. Jackie will check on having our annual meeting at DCHS.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Gronquist, Secy.

(UNAPPROVED) MINUTES BOARD MEETING

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC., MAY 14, 2005, KANKAS-ROULEAU HOME

Present: Paul Colby, Karin Colby, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau, Eddie Walman, Harry Wester, Irene Parenteau, Jim Pellman, Paul Williams, Janine Seis, Bob Aho and Mary Ann Gronquist.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Paul Colby at 9:15 a.m.

BUSINESS MEETING:

A. MINUTES. A motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2005 Board minutes was made by Jim Pellman, seconded by Janine Seis. Motion carried.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Expenses:	\$ 716.00
Income	\$ 239.12
Checking	\$ 953.54
Mill Fund	\$ 7914.49
Roofing Fund	\$ 140.00

Shirley Kankas-Rouleau explained what the insurance policy covers. A motion to approve the payment of the insurance premium was made by Irene Parenteau, seconded by Karin Colby. Motion carried. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Janine Seis, seconded by Bob Aho. Motion carried. 406 books have been sold so far.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

DAVIDSON MILL: The Mill committee met at the Mill. They are waiting for some contour drawings from Bill Anderson. Bob Aho will do some *pro bono* work on landscape designing when he gets the information from Bill Anderson. There will be a fee for further services from Bill Anderson. He has donated about \$4000 worth of services to date. There is an old culvert that is failing that needs to be repaired. Paul Colby has access to pipe to be used for it. Paul is keeping the Lakeside Town Board informed about our plans. We now have 2.45 acres. Paul Colby reported that plans are to move the log building on a lowboy. A special insurance policy might be needed and also permits from the DOT. The fiberoptic line needs to be lowered first. The cabin will be put on a concrete slab. Shingles will be sawed by Gerald Tutor this weekend, weather permitting.

FUNDRAISING: Jim is working on getting more magnets made and also windmill pins. Hopes to have them in time for Midsummer festivities. Paul Colby suggested having a locked donation box at the Mill site and a brochure box.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Marilyn Pank attended the last Committee meeting.

Next meeting is May 23 at the Pellman home. Jim passed around an old scrapbook he bought at an auction which has a picture of the Waino Hall when it was under Communist control.

WEBSITE: No further progress. Hopefully Robin Berglund will have time to work on it soon.

PUBLICITY: 2000 new brochures have been printed. Jim brought 370 to the Bong Center and left 230 at the wayside. Other sites in the state may be requesting brochures. A motion was made to donate another one of our books to the *Finnish American Reporter* for their archives was made by Shirley, seconded by Harry Wester. Motion carried.

PUBLICATIONS: Jim explained plans for a map of historical sites in the area. Harry Wester agreed to be on the committee which will meet on July 16 at the Pellman home at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP: Arnold Christensen donated \$50, \$15 of it assigned to a new membership and \$35 put toward the Windmill roofing fund.

LOIS POLLARI/ESTHER POLLARI MEMORIAL GIFT: Jim has received an enthusiastic reply from Pat Luostari, Northwestern English teacher. The committee will meet to make further plans.

DAVID MAKI RESEARCH GRANT: Jim has received a copy of the grant application to the Wisconsin Humanities Council. No further information from David.

CENTENNIAL FARMS: Paul Colby checked with Elsie Olson but she did not wish to apply.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: June 15 at Lakeside Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 13 at the Paul Colby residence, 6:00 p.m.

OTHER: Shirley, Jim and Paul Colby attended a Minnesota Historical Society workshop at Split Rock Lighthouse. They reported a good workshop with many good ideas.

There was a discussion on having Irene Parenteau record information on her grandmother's experiences as a midwife.

NEW BUSINESS:

A solicitation letter has been done which will be sent to area businesses and corporations along with a brochure. Duane Colby has been suggested to do the concrete work for the log building. Paul Colby will contact him. More totes are needed to store the sweatshirts and tee shirts. A motion to purchase color coded totes was made by Jim, seconded by Karin. Motion carried. A motion to order additional shirts was made by Paul Williams, seconded by Janine Seis. Motion carried. Karin suggested contacting Tina Pryor to check on denim shirts and sweatshirts without hoods. Motion made by Karin, seconded by Eddie Walman. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Douglas County Historical Society appreciated the letter of support sent by OBHS. Correspondence and newsletters from other historical societies were passed around.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Irene Parenteau, seconded by Karin to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 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*, 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 will also be available for purchase at our meetings or by contacting an OBHS member.

Area History:

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THE TOWN OF BENNETT

Another excerpt (pages 98-102 *new numbering*) from our new book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, "The Town of Bennett," 1976 Bicentennial History, Harry Wester, Jim Pellman, contributors ©2005.

(Inadvertently we omitted the last half of Bennett's history in our book's first edition.)

The Town of Bennett took its name on June 19, 1908, the document recorded on July 29, 1908. Bennett was the remnant of the Town of Nebagamom (renamed from Nebagamain in 1902) which had been divided in 1907 into the Towns of Solon Springs, Hawthorne and Highland, and the Village of Lake Nebagamom. The locals preferred the name Bennett after the favored local, Richard Bennett, and changed the community's name from Nebagamom.

Prior to that Bennett was just part of the Town of Nebagamom. It covers a large area and includes some of the land by Lake Minnesueing to the east; to the south what was called Beebe ending at the Wasko Road; extends to the Gregerson Road on the west and the Muchaw Road on the north.

In 1896 Edward George Doherty, who had homesteaded with his three brothers in Poplar beginning in 1882, was married to Sarah Elizabeth Lowry in Superior. He was a merchant at Bennett Siding at that time. This was Bennett's earlier name. By 1900 Doherty had gone on to open up a general store in Maple.

One of the first settlers in what would become Bennett was Richard Bennett, after whom the town was named. He settled near the railroad station about 1884, together with Charles A. Anderson, Andrew Colburn, August Stein, and others. He built a hotel about 1900, dealt in real estate and operated a land office in the hotel, which was located west of the Presbyterian Church. He built a small house northwest of this building and a stable was built east of the hotel. Mr. Bennett donated land for the Bennett Park which was located between the gravel pit and the swamp by the "old" Catholic Church and in the area of the main school on the hill.

In about 1912, the families that lived in Bennett saw a need for a Protestant Church and the Presbyterian Church was built in the downtown area. The local Teagarten Lumber Mill sawed the lumber for the new building. John E. Heacock and Byron F. Landes were elected elders and were ordained. Herman Langer, P. A. Glass, and Byron F. Landes were elected trustees. Herman Langer and his family had lived in the heart of Maple prior to this where he ran the Northern Hardwood Lumber Company there. He had come earlier from Marshfield.

As far back as the early 1900's the Catholic Church settlers in Bennett attended Mass and received Sacraments at the church in Solon Springs. Wanting a church of their own the parishioners met on April 23, 1905 and established the mission of St. Benedict. The site for the church was donated by Richard Bennett and construction of the building began in the spring of 1906, location being north and west of the Presbyterian Church in downtown area. Because of an influx of new immigrants from Superior and surrounding area a new church was proposed. Groundbreaking for the new church on the corner of Highway 53 and County L was held on Sept. 19, 1965 and the building was dedicated on August 21, 1966.

The Immanuel Lutheran Church was organized on August 2, 1895 with services being held in homes. The church was built in 1907 on an acre of land donated by Charles A. Anderson, and was located approximately one-half mile east of Highway No. 11 on the North Bennett Road. A Lutheran cemetery was also established by the church and is still being used today. U.S. Highway 53 was constructed in the Thirties and ran approximately a block west of church and cemetery. This is currently County Road E.

There were many small schools in Bennett as follows:

- the Howard or Roosevelt School, located 2 mi. east of Highway 53 on County L;
- the Bennett School, located one-quarter mile north of Post Office on east side of the town road;
- the Holmquist School, located on the Holmquist Farm in the Lake Minnesuing Area.;
- the Walter Nolan School, located east of County Road P at Lake Minnesuing;
- the Bill Lingo School on the south end of Lake Minnesuing.

Another Bennett school was built on top of a hill east of the post office because parents were concerned about the original Bennett School being located in a swampy area. This location became the main Bennett School with students from outlying schools being transported there. (This school was later torn down and children went to school in a chicken coop until another school was constructed.)

- the Stockman School, located on the northeast corner of Moose Lake and Pison Roads;
- the Lake Minnesuing School, located across from the John Fair Farm. The road is now called Minnesuing Acre Road;
- the Washington School, located one quarter mile south of County Trunk L on the Pison Road;
- the Swearingen School, located on the Hazel Prairie Road.

In 1946 the Bennett School, located on top of the hill, was destroyed by fire. The students had temporary classrooms in the Presbyterian and Catholic Churches until a new building was constructed the following year. In 1950 the Bennett School District merged with the Solon Springs School District. The Bennett School is now privately owned and vacant. All of the other schools in Bennett are gone.

Early settlers in the Lake Minnesuing Area were Hans Hanson and Herman Johnson who homesteaded in 1883 and each paid \$2.00 for their 160 acres of land. They did, however, have to walk to Bayfield to file for their homesteads.

In 1882 Andrew Karlbohm, Sr., came from Sweden and settled in the Beebe area, building a house which became the section house for the Beebe Spur of the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. There were three logging camps at Beebe: the Kennedy, Whalen and Sauntry Camps. The Soo Line Railroad was built in 1907 and 1908 with a spur at Merriam (midway between Bennett and Beebe). Louis Johnson, an early settler, purchased land in the area. His son, Gust Johnson, was the first child from Beebe to attend school in Bennett.

Some of the earliest settlers in the North Bennett area was F. Peterson, S. P. Carlson, S. A. Brenner, R. Klang, Gust Johnson, and F. Colander.

In West Bennett, some of the earliest settlers were Joseph Stockman, G. Dondino, J. Pollock, P. Bleskan, O. Cleveland and F. Maki.



Figure 31. *Bennett Public School, 1906. Built when the Town of Bennett still carried the name Town of Nebagamon. After the Village of Lake Nebagamon was formed in 1907 Bennett was the remnant of the large old Town of Nebagamain, but the locals chose to rename themselves Bennett. Bennett 1976 Bicentennial Committee.*

Some of the early businesses in Bennett during the logging era were: the Willett Basket Factory, Bennett's Land Office, Shereda's Lumber Yard, Lauren Saloon, Mueller Building (hotel, etc.) Gossell's Blacksmith Shop, Clark's Service Station, the Gimpel-Johnson Store, the Bennett Hotel, Thorssen's Watkins Product Warehouse, Blacksmith Shop (unnamed), J. Vadeusen General Store, Shelafue Saloon, Chicago Northwestern Depot, Auntio Blacksmith Shop and the Teagarten Lumber Mill. None of these businesses exist today.

The current population for the Town of Bennett is 630. There are three taverns in the town. The Open Bible Baptist Church now owns the former Presbyterian Church. The Bennett Town Hall is located in the former Catholic Church on County Road L and Highway 53. Bennett has an active Volunteer Fire Department, and Bayside Forestry operates at the junction of County Road L and Highway 53.

Our roots do run deep, and many who grew up in Bennett and moved away, have now returned to settle in the old home town.

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Notices:

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS:

To **Ruth Lintelmann** for old clippings; to Chief **Mike Lundeen** for making available old Maple Volunteer Fire Department albums and scrapbooks; to **Arnold Christensen** for his generous donation and historical writings; to **Jerry and Lyle Fichtelkotter** for historical materials; to 85 years young **Del Carlson** for his D-6 skills at the Windmill; to **Joe Norris** for purchase of 1934 Ford trucks; to **Larry Ronning** for his renewal; to member, **John Altshool**, for historical materials.

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

CONGRATULATIONS:

Again to member **Delores Pellman**, this time on the marriage of her granddaughter, **Jillian Pellman**; to **Kathy Laakso**, Director of the Douglas County Historical Society, on her graduation with a Masters Degree from UWS.

ENCOURAGEMENTS:

To Members, **LaVerne LaPole**, **Linda Hendrickson**, as they deal with health issues.

To **Ernie Ronn**, Brule History Research Group Secretary, and wife **Leona**.

BEST WISHES: To **George and Eleanor Pellman** in their new Brule abode; to **Stanley Jacobson** in Finland.

SYMPATHY: To the family of **Gene "Romula" Soyring**, who died April 10 at 89 years.

-and who have we missed or forgotten?

Calendar:

June 2, Saturday, DCHS Spring Rummage Sale. 9-3pm, 1101 John Ave.

June 13, Monday, 1 pm., Next Archives Meeting, Pellman's in Maple.

June 15, Wednesday, 6 p.m., Next Regular O-BHS Meeting, Lakeside Town Hall. Workshop.

June 17-18, Midsummer (*Juhannus Juhlat*) Celebration. Davidson Windmill. Friday 4-7 p.m. tours, Saturday 9-4 tours; 11-2: Scandinavian Boiled Dinner, Town of Lakeside Town Hall.

June 19, Sunday, Father's Day.

July 4, Monday, Independence Day.

July 13, Wednesday, 6. p.m., Next Board Meeting, O-BHS. Paul Colby's.

July 15, Friday, Deadline for August *O-BHS News*.

July 16, Saturday, 1 p.m., First meeting, Historical Poster Committee, Pellman's in Maple.

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 **Mr. Robin Berglund** who has recently begun to assist us with our site and especially **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 in September. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

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