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FEBRUARY OBHS REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008, 6:30 P. M., AT THE MAPLE COMMUNITY CENTER. WE WILL BEGIN WITH OUR MEETING WITH A TALK GIVEN BY GAIL SAARI AND MARY JANE SEDIN ON THEIR RECENT TRIP TO FINLAND AND RUSSIA. AFTER LUNCH WE WILL HOLD OUR BUSINESS MEETING.

ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

Thanks to the Town of Maple for the use of its community center and for Archive space, and to those serving.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

In the past I would have said that I am sitting here at my typewriter, wondering what you would like me to write about, but now I am sitting at my computer, wondering what I should write about. Should it be about current events like the Town of Lakeside's purchase of a brand new John Deere road grader; but many of you already know that because you were at the meeting when the decision was made, or were you? But just how many people are really involved in local Town government, School Board meetings, County or State government? Or should I write about some historical event, or items, like the photo album that I received from my cousin this past week, showing his mother's life from about 1915. This is very interesting history as it shows a period of time which my mother did not include in their photo album, because she was married and busy with her family. I am trying to piece together a story about the Runquist family here in the Town of Lakeside for my children and grandchildren, and, also, for an enlarged version of the "Sisu and Sauna" book, and, for our Society. It would be great if we all would record the stories of our families going back as far as possible, with pictures to show the struggles that our parents and grandparents endured, to live and to make a home for us. They also were involuted in building communities that included churches, schools and in making a working local governing body.

The Old-Brule Heritage Society has a mission statement that appears on the first page of every newsletter, and it states, "*Founded in 1998 to Preserve and Share the Heritage of the Old-Brule Region.*" Some will say that this is too broad a statement, and makes preserving anything anybody wants to preserve a requirement. Other will say that at this time in our organization's life we don't really know what are our specific goals. It is the responsibility of the Board and the Members to make sure that we do what we have to, but not go beyond what our present membership is capable of handling. From the President's position it appears that we are doing a great job of focusing our efforts. Our mission statement is deceptively narrow. The old Town of Brule (Old Brule) existed only from 1887 to 1906 at its fullest boundaries. This was only a two decade period, and yet this was an incredibly important time of local government founding. It was also a time of settlement, when the region's distinct ethnic heritages most heavily made their mark, when logging railroad spurs were being pushed through the region, when copper prospectors and miners were attacking the Douglas-Brule-South Range in earnest. To attempt to capture local history from that time, the time leading up to it, and from what followed, provides tremendous focus. *(Due to my limited knowledge of Old-Brule history, Jim Pellman has provided additional information on the Missions Statement. Thank you.)*

What are we preserving? The best known is the Davidson Windmill, now with the Eskolin log house also on the Windmill grounds; representative artifacts such as: native copper, old copper mining hand tools, old horse plows, harrows, forges, blacksmith tools, and the like. These material objects which await suitable exhibition, point us back to something just as important in their own uniqueness, that is, the institutional, family and private records, and the personal memories of those whose lives were shaped and spent in our region. Our Archives Committee is sharply focused on these efforts.

How else is our mission served? By continuing sales of our merchandise, and publications, including our new 2008 calendar, and the list of other historical items goes on and on; by getting some of our Archive materials available onto the Web; by making our web site a more useful and informational site. Let's first complete the more pressing items, and you all can help. Please make yourself available to work on the various committees and projects. Thank you.

Please check out the "www.oldbrule.org" Web site as your president is presently updating the site on a regular basis. (Note: if the Web site looks as if it has not changed please push the refresh button on your browser.)

Respectfully,
Earl Granroth

FROM THE EDITOR:

Outside of the distraction of the football playoffs and the Super Bowl, and the ups and downs of the Stock Market, the Presidential primaries are the liveliest topic of the moment. This is a good time to remind ourselves of Jefferson's thoughts on local government, what he calls "wards," county subdivisions, and the imperative he felt to have full involvement by all citizens in the governing process at all levels, not just in voting, but in being a critically informed local participant. I yield the floor to Mr. Jefferson. See **Area History No. 60**, below. - Jim Pellman

2006, 2007 and now 2008 OLD-BRULE HISTORY PHOTO CALENDARS FOR SALE.

The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, produced its eighth and final calendar in 2005 with pictures of Brule's past. Proceeds of these annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, are being used for the publication of the history of Brule, hopefully to be completed soon. Limited numbers of their 2005 calendar and earlier issues are still available. To order any of these calendars by mail, please write or call Janet Follis, P.O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820 (715) 372-4948.

Continuing in the BHRG calendar tradition, the *2008 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendar* is now available at \$7.00 each. Our earlier calendars are also available at \$5.00 (2006) and \$6.00 (2007) in limited numbers. The 2008 calendar is available from O-BHS members or at limited local business outlets. An e-mail address for more info: musketeer6@cheqnet.net, and phone: 715-363-2549, or check our Web site at www.oldbrule.org. Shipping and handling costs are \$3.50each.

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ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Archives Committee would welcome other volunteers to help us in this important part of the OBHS mission. Our continuing project is learning to use the computer in support of our work, scanning documents and photos, storing records and creating databases. 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 meetings: February 18th, 2008, 1:00 p.m. Please call 363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

UNAPPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, CHRISTMAS MEETING Lake Nebagamon Auditorium, December 12th 2007

Attendance—33

The evening opened with a Pot Luck Supper and the Program followed. Thanks to all those who brought & served.

PROGRAM: Jim Pellman explained the photos for each month of our new 2008 Calendar, which was very

interesting. Everyone enjoyed the program.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Second Vice President, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau at 8:00 p.m. in the absence of our President Earl Granroth on a holiday trip.

MINUTES: Mary Ann moved to accept the minutes as published for the Oct. meeting. Irene Parenteau 2nd. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was no report due to the absence of our treasurer, Jackie Plunkett.

OLD BUSINESS:

Davidson Windmill Report: It was explained on agenda/program. Construction is quiet with the season. Jim explained the new handicap apron. Memorial Brick Pavers are being reserved for \$ 10.00 donations each. We have 1,000 brick pavers with over 900 still available. See our Web site.

Fund Raising: We still need to get out solicitation letters to larger businesses to seek financial contributions to help ASAP before the end of year. Sales of all merchandise, see Web site. Shirley said we sold \$ 250.00 in Younkers tickets. Hope moved we sell more Younkers Tickets in the spring and Jim second the motion. It was carried.

Archives Committee: Next meeting at the Pellman's home, Monday, January 6, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. Received *1906-07 Record of Proceedings of Douglas County* from Douglas County Board Chairman, Doug Finn. Our thanks to Kay Johnson for sending it out. Committee still needs more help.

Windmill Committee Report: Faithfully kept up by Earl. Our thanks to him for all he does on the Web-site. There is a now a main page link to click onto to be able to get the current newsletter. Paul is checking if Jon would let us have a piece of Web site so we could receive Email contacts there, rather than use our private Email addresses.

Pollari Memorial Gift Committee: Lois mentioned this history map group met 3 times, August, September & Oct made several assignments. Dr. Randy Gabrys-Alexson, Randy Jones and UWS senior student Matt Goodman to help. Group hopes to have financial plan by spring. Lois explained what it is all about. The group will produce a computer based, flexibly configured map for sale. Lois, Harry, Hope, Audrey, Jim & Irene are on the committee.

Publicity Advertising Committee: Audrey has announced our meeting in the *Northwoods Shopper*. Audrey said she now gets all her information off our Web site.

Publications Committee: Heritage Maps now in progress under Pollari Memorial above. *Wisconsin Far Northwest* latest printing is in. New calendars for 2008 were available for sale that night, also at the Gopher Hole, Round up North, Poplar Village Market and looking for other sites. If maps are needed please get list to Jim Pellman, or to request colored copies of Harry's maps.

Membership Committee: Please turn in last year's (2006-2007) Blue Volunteer Hours Sheets if you haven't already done so. Dues collection for 2008 is well along. New Member: Patrick Carter, of Barnes, Maple's new Postmaster.

Brule History Research Group: OBHS- ISBN Number reserved. They are making good progress despite personal losses. The history will include many family histories.

Finnfest 2008: Paul & Jim are attending planning sessions. Finnfest will host 7000 people in Duluth, July 2008. We expect to be ready for tours.

Taylor's Bridge: Internal sign damage replacement with other than paper. DCHS is seeking response from sign maker. Jim will contact Kathy again.

Other Old Business: Jim mentioned about the pavers can only have one row with 20 letters on them. That is all that will fit. Paul mentioned running an ad in the paper again. He said the *Telegram* has us down for a Saturday slot now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Harry mentioned a newspaper from 1906 that he saw at Corner Store.

Communications: *Wisconsin History Magazine* from the Wisconsin Historical Society, Minnesota Historical Society *Interpreter*, Calendar from Wisconsin Historical Society, newsletters from other societies: New Holstein, Eileen Area HS, Barron, Bayfield County, DCHS, Port Wing, Fairlawn Mansion (Superior Public Museums).

Next Regular meeting: Maple Community Center, February 13, 2008, 6:30 p.m. We will have Mary Jane Sedin and Gail Saari speaking on their trips to Finland and Russia for our program. Jim will book Maple Community Center.

Next Board Meeting: January 9, 2008, 6 p.m., at the home of Jackie Plunkett in Maple.

Next Mill Meeting: On hold until a later date.

Other New Business: Shirley mentioned we have sweatshirts & T-shirts on sale at the meeting. Laila & Jim thanked Shirley for arranging the meeting, and all those who brought food, and all for coming, and the Village of Lake Nebagamon for use of their auditorium, and Lois Pollari for decorating and hosting.

Sympathy & Encouragements: Alice on the loss of her husband, Cassius.

Welcome to New People: John & Sandy Johnson, John & Arlene Johnson, Pat & Carolyn Grube, Jeannie Soyring.

ADJOURNMENT: Irene Parenteau moved that we adjourn, Marilyn Pank seconded.. Motion carried.

Respectfully

Karin Colby, Secretary

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. Early issue magnets are going for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our general fund. The Windmill mugs are \$4.00, caps, \$5.00, and tee shirts, any size, \$10, all proceeds going into the Windmill Fund. Sweat shirts, any size are \$25.00, taxes included. **SEE OUR WEB SITE (www.oldbrule.org) FOR CURRENT SALE ITEMS AND PRICES.**

Available also are copies of a David Noah Seis photograph of the mill. 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 book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's books, *Pathways* and *Echoes*, and Lakeside's *Sisu and Sauna* are available for \$20.00 a copy + \$4.00 shipping. Wisconsin tax is included in all of 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. O-BHS Calendars for 2006, 2007(\$5) and 2008 (\$7) are also available (\$3.50 shipping). Our 2008 Calendar is available to buy at our meetings or from any member by request.

UNAPPROVED BOARD MINUTES

January 9, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

Home of Jackie and Keith Plunkett, Maple

Attendance: 15 Present: Earl Granroth, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau, Alice Christensen, Karin Colby, Jackie Plunkett, Mary Wester, Jim Pellman, Hope Swenson, Jack Pank, Mary Ann Gronquist, Marion Christensen, Irene Brazill, Irene Parenteau, Harry Wester, & Eddie Walman.

CALL TO ORDER: Earl called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Earl said it is good to be back here, and sorry he wasn't able to be at the Christmas Party, and he thanked Shirley for taking over for him while visiting family in Madison.

MINUTES: Approval of the November 14, 2007, Board Minutes. Jim had a question on who had moved for approval of the Treasurer's Report for the November 14th meeting. (Correction: Looking back on the notes for the November 14th 2007 meeting Jim had moved to approve with a second by Marion. Motion carried.) Alice moved to accept the Minutes. Shirley seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jackie read the Treasurer's Report

NBC: Certificate 1:	\$5,199.68	Mill Fund:	\$2,822.88
Certificate 2:	\$2,599.84	Chippewa Valley Bank: Checking:	\$2,893.70

Jackie explained the certificates rolled in December, and if we cashed the small one in early we would have to pay a penalty of \$25.00 or \$30.00, or we could leave it there because with current income we won't need it now until Spring. We could always borrow against them. It will turn in June again. We didn't get the 3 months now because they didn't have it now. The check book balance has \$250.00 taken out for the scholarship fund, and \$295.11 for the Eskolin house. Jim asked about the Annual Report and she said it is here. Jackie said there is also that discount coupon from the Wisconsin Historical Society again for 20% that has to be used by June 30th at State Historical Sites. There was discussion on the Sales Tax Report. Jackie said she hasn't done it yet but has it. Jim moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Marion seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Davidson Windmill:

Memorial Sidewalk: Basically two sidewalk pads have been poured, both handicap accessible. One is at the cabin and one under the biffy. Hay has been secured by Ron Hendrickson. Paul spread it. Jim explained that we had paid the \$2,500.00 to Pooler Construction just for Phase I, out of the total \$3,500 bid. Cement is going to cost a little more now because of cold weather. Jackie had an issue on the hay & sand because she thought that they had been included in Pooler's bid. Jim said we'll have to talk to Pooler about that. We have paid for the sand & hay whether either should have been included in his bid. Jackie asked about what had happened to the apron that was taken up from in front of the door. Jim said we still have the slab in two pieces, one which was shifted over and will be used next to the cabin and the other one was in front of the lean to, which will serve as a patio. We didn't lose much. The apron had been laid too low.

Storage Building: The slab poured by the biffy is big enough to erect a small storage building on the west side of the biffy to store small stuff in, and to hide the biffy from the west. Suggested we should talk about it at another meeting. We have enough carpenters to do the work. This would leave only the price of the materials. Jim asked if our budget would allow us to do that in our allotted time frame. Windmill Committee suggested to pursue it. Hope moved to authorize the Windmill Committee take care of looking into making a small storage building and getting permits. Irene

Parenteau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Memorial Stone: Is in place and concrete already under it and we will be able to put the plaque on it this spring.

Eskolin House: Looking into getting some Rubbermaid cabinets to store our supplies. Mill Committee to take care of it next meeting. No mill meeting has been set at this time. Earl reviewed what all has to be done yet on the house.

Fund Raising Committee: Shirley said we have some coupons for sale for Younkers for March 1st. Shirley said they had also asked if we would have a table to sit at and sell coupons this time in the store. Shirley said we would like to have a table in the back of the store this time by the service center. Hope, Irene Parenteau, Alice & Shirley volunteered to go and sell tickets at Younkers on March 1st. In November we made \$250.00 profit for selling. Thanks to those in this effort.

Archives Committee: Meets every other Monday. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 26, 2008, at the Pellman home, 1:00 p.m. Earl mentioned that they would need some help from the sisters Irene & Elvie Winkka, to work on the Maple Coop Farmers' records as they are from 1913 and written in Finnish. Audrey was having trouble reading them. Irene Parenteau said she can read Finnish too. They can use all the help they can get. Paul C. has given us a scanner that he received which handles up to legal documents, 14" long. A great addition and thanks.

Web site Committee: Paul is trying to get John Winter to add an e-mail button to the site. Shirley brought up that the board of directors is not current on the site. Earl said it is now, and explained the process. Winter & Christmas Gift Ideas now says Winter & Spring Gifts Ideas continued on sale.

Pollari Memorial Gift: Jim explained that Lois had donated another \$500.00 towards the map project, for which we should thank her. Now that the project has taken shape, and because she will be gone for the winter, Lois has asked that Harry Wester and the committee, with the help of Randy Jones, complete development of the map. Harry explained that he had called Audrey and a meeting has been set up for January 16th at 1 p.m. to meet at her house in preparation for a later meeting with Randy. Hope understood Randy was to be paid. No one was yet sure how much. Harry explained that Randy was to prepare for us a blank Douglas County map and he and the committee would fill in the details. Harry would like someone to go with him when he meets at Randy's. Alice mentioned about getting Audrey to go with him as she knows him. The Committee consists of Harry, Jim, Audrey & Hope. Jim volunteered also to join Harry later at Randy's.

Publicity Committee: Mary Ann has taken the responsibility for distributing Windmill Pamphlets. Hope mentioned Paul would like to take quite a few pamphlets to the Finnfest 2008 Committee. He felt they weren't excited enough about the Mill, and by bringing more pamphlets it might help build interest. Paul thought that during Finnfest week we should have certain days and hours for tours, formal and informal set up, so that people could come to the mill more than just on one day. Jim said the following day the Finnfest planning committee was having a meeting and he would bring this up. Jackie mentioned about having a booth to sell some of our things in. Jim said this is called a "tori." booth. He has been and will be in touch with Kathy at DCHS and others to try to coordinate plans.

Publications Committee: We have the *Far Northwest* books and 86 of the 2008 Calendars for sale.

Jackie reported we have donations for 74 Memorial Pavers, \$740.00 worth so far. There are some people who would like more forms to order pavers. These can also be downloaded on the Web site. There was a discussion on colored copies of the colored maps we have on file. We need to find out the cost. Jim mentioned member John Altshool, an avid Weyerhaeuser historian. Alice asked about having him as our Annual Meeting speaker some time. Jim will check. It was brought up where our calendars are sold: at Gopher Hole, Village Market, Round Up North in Brule, Sharon's LakeView Café, Lake Nebagamon, & others.

Membership Committee: Dues collection for 2008 is now well in progress. 31 individuals and 23 families so far.

Brule History Research Group: Committee is active again preparing to publish their work. Jim explained that they are now putting things into digital format in preparation for publishing.

Finnfest 2008: Explained under Publicity Committee above.

Taylor's Bridge: There has been contact with Kathy Laakso. Jim hasn't heard anything from her.

Next Regular Meeting: Maple Community Center, February 13th, 2008, **6:30 p.m.** Time has been changed due to others using the building. Alice will contact Mary Jane Sedín & Gail Saari about the program. We have no back up plan.

Other Old Business: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next Board Meeting: March 12th 6:00 p. m. Eddie Walman Home, Maple.

Other: A Thank You to all who came tonight and brought goodies to pass.

Sympathy & Encouragements: Dale Tuura, Pat Meteraud, Barbara Granroth, Jason Zunker family.

Communications: Earl got a letter from the DOT requesting info about a part of Highway 27 that will be done next summer, he and Jim following up, and Jim got a paper with a brief History of Highland from Janine Seis.

ADJOURNMENT: Alice moved that we adjourn and Hope seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Karin Colby, Secretary

<p>Area History: No. 60</p>

A letter of February 2, 1816, from Thomas Jefferson, aged 73 at the time, (1743-1826) writing from Monticello, to Virginia State Senator Joseph C. Cabell (1778-1856), co-founder with Jefferson of the University of Virginia. "Cato," below, was a Roman Statesman who advocated repeatedly on the floor, whether germane or not, the annihilation of neighboring Carthage by Rome.

Found conveniently on the Web at: <http://odur.let.rug.nl/~usa/P/tj3/writings/brf/jefl241.htm> and in an edited version at <http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/documents/v1ch4s34.html> and elsewhere.

Dear Sir,

-- Your favors of the 23d and 24th ult., were a week coming to us. I instantly enclosed to you the deeds of Capt. Miller, but I understand that the Post Master, having locked his mail before they got to the office, would not unlock it to give them a passage.

Having been prevented from retaining my collection of the acts and journals of our legislature by the lumping manner in which the Committee of Congress chose to take my library, it may be useful to our public bodies to know what acts and journals I had, and where they can now have access to them. I therefore enclose you a copy of my catalogue, which I pray you to deposit in the council office for public use. It is in the eighteenth and twenty-fourth chapters they will find what is interesting to them. The form of the catalogue has been much injured in the publication; for although they have preserved my division into chapters, they have reduced the books in each chapter to alphabetical order, instead of the chronological or analytical arrangements I had given them. You will see sketches of what were my arrangements at the heads of some of the chapters.

The bill on the obstructions in our navigable waters appears to me proper; as do also the amendments proposed. I think the State should reserve a right to the use of the waters for navigation, and that where an individual landholder impedes that use, he shall remove that impediment, and leave the subject in as good a state as nature formed it. This I hold to be the true principle; and to this Colonel Green's amendments go. All I ask in my own case is, that the legislature will not take from me my own works. I am ready to cut my dam in any place, and at any moment requisite, so as to remove that impediment, if it be thought one, and to leave those interested to make the most of the natural circumstances of the place. But I hope they will never take from me my canal, made

through the body of my own lands, at an expense of twenty thousand dollars, and which is no impediment to the navigation of the river. I have permitted the riparian proprietors above (and they not more than a dozen or twenty) to use it gratis, and shall not withdraw the permission unless they so use it as to obstruct too much the operations of my mills, of which there is some likelihood.

Doctor Smith, you say, asks what is the best elementary book on the principles of government? None in the world equal to the Review of Montesquieu, printed at Philadelphia a few years ago. It has the advantage, too, of being equally sound and corrective of the principles of political economy; and all within the compass of a thin 8vo. Chipman's and Priestley's Principles of Government, and the Federalists, are excellent in many respects, but for fundamental principles not comparable to the Review. I have no objections to the printing my letter to Mr. Carr, if it will promote the interests of science; although it was not written with a view to its publication.

My letter of the 24th ult. conveyed to you the grounds of the two articles objected to the College bill. Your last presents one of them in a new point of view, that of the commencement of the ward schools as likely to render the law unpopular to the country. It must be a very inconsiderate and rough process of execution that would do this. My idea of the mode of carrying it into execution would be this: Declare the county ipso facto divided into wards for the present, by the boundaries of the militia captaincies; somebody attend the ordinary muster of each company, having first desired the captain to call together a full one. There explain the object of the law to the people of the company, put to their vote whether they will have a school established, and the most central and convenient place for it; get them to meet and build a log school-house; have a roll taken of the children who would attend it, and of those of them able

to pay. These would probably be sufficient to support a common teacher, instructing gratis the few unable to pay. If there should be a deficiency, it would require too trifling a contribution from the county to be complained of; and especially as the whole county would participate, where necessary, in the same resource. Should the company, by its vote, decide that it would have no school, let them remain without one. The advantages of this proceeding would be that it would become the duty of the alderman elected by the county, to take an active part in pressing the introduction of schools, and to look out for tutors. If, however, it is intended that the State government shall take this business into its own hands, and provide schools for every county, then by all means strike out this provision of our bill. I would never wish that it should be placed on a worse footing than the rest of the State. But if it is believed that these elementary schools will be better managed by the governor and council, the commissioners of the literary fund, or any other general authority of the government, than by the parents within each ward, it is a belief against all experience. Try the principle one step further, and amend the bill so as to commit to the governor and council the management of all our farms, our mills, and merchants' stores. No, my friend, the way to have good and safe government, is not to trust it all to one, but to divide it among the many, distributing to every one exactly the functions he is competent to. Let the national government be entrusted with the defence of the nation, and its foreign and federal relations; the State governments with the civil rights, laws, police, and administration of what concerns the State generally; the counties with the local concerns of the counties, and each ward direct the interests within itself. It is by dividing and subdividing these republics from the great national one down through all its subordinations, until it ends in the administration of every man's farm by himself; by placing under every one what his own eye may superintend, that all will be done for the best. What has destroyed liberty and the rights of man in every government which has ever existed under the sun? The generalizing and concentrating all cares and powers into one body, no matter whether of the autocrats of Russia or France, or of the aristocrats of a Venetian senate. And I do believe that if the Almighty has not decreed that man shall never be free, (and it is a blasphemy to believe

it,) that the secret will be found to be in the making himself the depository of the powers respecting himself, so far as he is competent to them, and delegating only what is beyond his competence by a synthetical process, to higher and higher orders of functionaries, so as to trust fewer and fewer powers in proportion as the trustees become more and more oligarchical. The elementary republics of the wards, the county republics, the States republics, and the republic of the Union, would form a gradation of authorities, standing each on the basis of law, holding every one its delegated share of powers, and constituting truly a system of fundamental balances and checks for the government. Where every man is a sharer in the direction of his ward-republic, or of some of the higher ones, and feels that he is a participator in the government of affairs, not merely at an election one day in the year, but every day; when there shall not be a man in the State who will not be a member of some one of its councils, great or small, he will let the heart be torn out of his body sooner than his power be wrested from him by a Caesar or a Bonaparte. How powerfully did we feel the energy of this organization in the case of embargo? I felt the foundations of the government shaken under my feet by the New England townships. There was not an individual in their States whose body was not thrown with all its momentum into action; and although the whole of the other States were known to be in favor of the measure, yet the organization of this little selfish minority enabled it to overrule the Union. What would the unwieldy counties of the middle, the south, and the west do? Call a county meeting, and the drunken loungers at and about the court houses would have collected, the distances being too great for the good people and the industrious generally to attend. The character of those who really met would have been the measure of the weight they would have had in the scale of public opinion. As Cato, then, concluded every speech with the words, "*Carthago delenda est*," so do I every opinion, with the injunction, "divide the counties into wards." Begin them only for a single purpose; they will soon show for what others they are the best instruments.

God bless you, and all our rulers, and give them the wisdom, as I am sure they have the will, to fortify us against the degeneracy of one government, and the concentration of all its powers in the hands of the one, the few, the well-born or the many.

- Thomas Jefferson

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Notices:

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: To all those so far who have donated toward **paver memorials**. To **all members** caught up on their dues for 2008. To **Shirley Kankas-Rouleau** for her leadership in the Younker's campaigns.

CONGRATULATIONS: To members **Lora & Lee T. Olson** of Two Harbors on the recent birth of another grandchild, **Hans Theodore Hovland** of Duluth. To **Jolene Anderson and her family** on her incredible career Wisconsin basketball achievements.

ENCOURAGEMENTS: To **Arnold & Doris Perala, Paul Williams, Margie Koskie, Ken Magnuson**. To **Dale Tuura**, with appreciation for the outpouring of community support at the benefit in Iron River.

OUR SYMPATHY: To the family and friends of **Fred Lavia**, 79, of Duluth, with old roots in Maple. To the **Tuura** family in the recent sudden loss of **Tony Tuura** from Oulu, at 29. To family and friends of **Ken Copp**, 56, of Brule, who died January 6th. To the families of **Yvonne M. Follis**, 84 who died Jan. 10th, of **Terry Karna**, 47, who passed away on January 4th.

... and who have we missed or forgotten?

CALENDAR

February 5, Tuesday, 6 p.m. Windmill Committee Meets, at Pellman's in Maple.

February 6, Ash Wednesday.

February 12, Tuesday. Lincoln's Birthday.

February 13, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. OBHS Regular Meeting. Maple Community Center. Gail Saari & Mary Jane Sedin to talk on their recent trip to Finland and Russia. Business meeting to follow.

February 14, Thursday, Valentine's Day.

February 18, Monday, 1 p.m. Archive Meeting at Pellmans. Presidents' Day.

February 22, Friday. Washington's Birthday.

March 9, Sunday. Daylight Saving Time Begins.

March 12, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting, Eddie Walman's, Maple.

March 16, Palm Sunday. **Contributions to February OBHS News are due. Articles are encouraged!**

March 23, Easter Sunday.

OLD BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY WEB SITE ON LINE

The Website Committee has been building up our Web site (www.oldbrule.org). President Earl Granroth has been making regular updates. Thank you all for your patience as we continue our improvements. Thanks to **Audrey Hakkila** for her many efforts. **Microsoft** has donated Web site software permitting updates. Thanks to all for your gifts and contributions of skill. **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** in **Superior** is our Web host at no charge to us.

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) 364-2216, or our Treasurer, Jackie Plunkett at 363-2417. Her address is 4845 S. County Rd F, Maple, WI 54854. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable at the time of our annual meeting in August. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

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