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THE NEXT OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 6 p.m., LAKESIDE TOWN HALL

BUSINESS MEETING: This will follow a work day in preparation for the Midsummer Events beginning Friday, June 18th, at 3 p.m. with tours at the Windmill.

Our thanks to the Town of Lakeside for use of their hall for our meeting and for the weekend, and to all who serve and bring refreshments to share for our work day. Thank you especially to those who are planning for and working during the Scandinavian Dinner on Saturday. Their long hours are appreciated.

ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME.

FROM OUR ACTING PRESIDENT:

Hi Everyone,

I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Shirley Kankas Umolac, OBHS First Vice President, and now Acting President until our Annual Meeting. Although I grew up in Superior, my roots run deep in families from the Old-Brule area with names like Saari, Hakkila, Aho and Pollari. My parents, Sam and Irene Kankas built a cabin on the Brule River in 1939 on what is now called Park Road. We lived in Superior where my father worked as a crane operator at the Carnegie Coal Dock, and our family retreated to the cabin every weekend during the summer months.

I had other connections with the Brule River. Where have you heard these songs before?:

"Pack up your troubles/in your old kit bag... and smile, smile, smile...", or

"I'm looking over/a four leaf clover/that I overlooked before...", or

"Camptown RacesDoo-da, dooda ...Oh, to Doo-da , Day!", or

"Mairzy doats and dozy doats/and liddle lamzy divey...", or

"Mama's little baby/loves shortnin' .shortnin'...shortnin' bread...", or

"On top of Old Smokey/all covered with snow...", or

"Daisy, Daisy ... Give me your answer do", etc.

Why yes, it had to be the Co-op Park Summer Camp in Brule, Wisconsin, right across the river from our family's cabin. It ran from late June to mid-July in the 1930's through the 1940's, for ages 8-15 in the Junior group, and 15 to 24 in the Youth group, with 50 to 60 campers in each session. The motive was to learn something about the possibilities for all folks to study, play and work together, and, by so doing, help to build a better world.

The children came from the Co-op store areas in northern Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan. Instructors were Cecil R. Crews and Ida Laurie. The staff were Jean Long, Helmi Lake, Arnold Clark, Edna Gronquist, Mrs. Helske and others.

The big hall had a small stage used for entertainment which faced the river. The main stage at the end of the hall was used for large stage productions. Attached to the hall was a kitchen, a lunchroom and the canteen for snacks, candies and pop, which we all couldn't wait for it to open. The cooks were Tillie Mattila, Mrs. John Ranta, Eleanor Maki and Mary Tammilehto.

Along the bank of the river was a two-part sauna (his and hers) and beach for swimming. A foot bridge got you to the other side of the river.

The barracks were at the top of the hill, south of the main building. They were long white buildings with the boys on

the east side and girls on the west side. The beds were metal bunks. The walls had several knot holes, and of course the boys tried to peek in before getting caught. A pump was outside for our morning face wash and brushing teeth.

Many critters lived underneath the building, producing lots of sounds and smells.

When my city girl friends came to camp they were always lonesome for home the first couple of days, and they asked to go spend the night at our cabin.

More camp news next newsletter.

Shirley

FROM THE EDITOR:

I recently attended a special meeting in Maple at the Community Center which dealt with prospects for the purchase of a new town grader. Town residents filled the meeting room, many of them knowledgeable about the pros and cons of John Deere's new improved graders, about the reliability and customer service of the standard Cat, and the heavier but exotic Volvo, all on loan and under test by the town's grader operator. A salesman for John Deere was there to give his pitch for his model.

There were other issues associated with the grader purchase, a key one being looming needs for a new pumper for the Maple Volunteer Fire Department, for improvements in the town buildings sheltering the town meetings and equipment, and prospects for the replacement of the Silta bridge on the Bardon Creek Road. The more fundamental question had to do with what town need should be given priority under current budget constraints.

What was particularly impressive was the amount of knowledge the town residents brought to the floor in the discussion that followed. Each person had his or her take on the problems presented, but over the course of the evening a consensus emerged that effectively joined the insights and concerns of those who had come to see and to share in the planning process.

The town board members provided important facts and leadership. I couldn't help feeling that, whatever the final decisions taken, the session I attended was a credit to the small, local government process as well as to those who gave their time to seeing that the town's business was responsibly accomplished.

I might add that at a subsequent meeting a Cat representative gave his presentation, and a decision was made to replace the current Cat grader with a newer model Cat.

There was a time when much more than roads and fire prevention also received the benefit of these lively discussions in town forums. The question arises, what have we as a free people in our small communities lost (or gained) in seeing these questions now "handled" by experts and planners so distant physically and socially from us?

-Jim Pellman

2006 to 2010 OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY 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 very 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.

The 2009 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are still available at \$6.00 each. Other earlier calendars are also available at \$5.00 (2006, 2007, 2008) in limited numbers. The 2010 calendars are now available from O-BHS members and at limited local business outlets for \$7.00. 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 \$3.50 each.

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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 and interpreting 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 meeting: **Monday, June 21, 2010, 1:00 p.m.** Please call 363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY

Bennett Town Hall, Bennett WI

April 14, 2010

Program: Treasurer Ron Hendrickson shared around-the-world cruise adventures that he and his wife Sue experienced last

year. The exceptional slides and narration provided a wonderful opportunity for those in attendance to “visit” numerous global sites and learn about their cultures. For further information see <http://sueronh.blogspot.com/>.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: First Vice-President Shirley Umolac called the meeting to order at 8:05.

MINUTES: Jim moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2010 General Meeting as printed in the April *OBHS News*. Following a second by Karin, these minutes were accepted.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Ron reported the following balances at the National Bank of Commerce in Poplar on March 31, 2010: Checking -- \$ 2,073.41; Certificate of Deposit #1 -- \$5,622.98; Certificate of Deposit #2 -- \$ 5,059.19. Earl made a motion, followed by a second from Harry, to approve this report. The motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Davidson Windmill Committee Report:

Sidewalk: 305 paver orders have been received.

Grounds: Motion lighting has been added.

Signage/Zoning: Signs to be provided by the DOT are not up yet.

Eskolin House: Ron will install linoleum counter tops as the weather warms up. OBHS thanks Ron for his efforts and to Carlson Flooring for their donation of materials.

A drain trough is needed on the east eave of the house, one that will appear to be of the appropriate vintage.

Mill Merchandise: Lila is working on developing an electronic spreadsheet to maintain our merchandise inventory.

Windmill History Booklet: Booklets need to be made available in the Bong Center and the bookstore at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland. They can be purchased at Northern Lights in Duluth and at Douglas County Historical Society. Jim has not heard anything from Barnes and Noble following his request months ago. Nan Wisherd said we might need to get an agent. She would also be happy to sell our books at her tax location, and at her bookstore in Lake Nebagamon.

Next Mill Committee Meeting: A workday date was set beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4th. (Workers will break in the middle of the day for lunch.) The goal is to paint and have completed other exterior work on the mill before the Midsummer tours. Harry said we need to purchase good paint and may need to rent a spray gun. He also mentioned the need to have some painted white sheet metal available at the site for mill patching.

Fund-raising Committee: Shirley reported that there were no active fund-raising efforts; she sought suggestions.

Archives Committee: The next meeting will be held at the Pellman residence on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Members have been reading items from the *Superior Evening Telegram* dating from the 1950s to the 70s. Two persons read each article, providing a broader interpretation.

Website Committee: Thanks to Earl for improving and maintaining this site.

Publicity/Advertising: Thanks to Ina and Mary Ann for directing these respective roles.

Mary Ann asked for information about our Midsummer events that need to be publicized:

Tours will be held on Friday, June 18th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, June 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Midsummer *mojakka* dinner will be held at the Lakeside Town Hall from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The dinner will cost \$8.00 for those ages 13 and older, \$5.00 for children ages 6 – 12, and no charge for children 5 and under.

This information will be included on our website; Janine will create posters. Mary Ann passed a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work the day before and day of the dinner and to indicate what type of food they would like to bring. This year, sufficient *mojakka* needs to be prepared to last until 2:00 p.m. It was also decided that tours would be continued every third Saturday from June to September on the third Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Note exception: hours for the Midsummer tours on Saturday, June 19th will be from 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.)

Publications Committee: 2010 Calendars and Windmill History Booklets are available for sale. The Grimsrud/Pearson/Cloverland History book has been circulating among board members. Jim moved that we order 10 copies of this book. Following a second by Ron, the motion was passed.

Brule History Research Group: Laila M. reported that Jeannie Castleberry will complete preparation of the book after she has finished her work with the Amnicon Centennial publication. A decision about printing still needs to be made.

Pollari Memorial Gift Committee: This committee will meet with Randy Jones after he has completed transfer of railroad grades from Harry’s historical map. In the meantime, Jim will be contacting committee members to clarify a few details.

Membership Committee: Audrey is sending out membership cards as the 2010 dues continue to come in. Because the August 1 – July 31 annual OBHS cycle can cause confusion to members regarding their January – December membership status, Ron has developed a spreadsheet which members can check.

Officer Job Descriptions: On hold.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at the Eskolin House. Midsummer events prep. will be reviewed.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, June 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Town Hall. (Note that this meeting has been scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month to best prepare for last-minute Midsummer activities.) Ron will confirm Dr. Ron Merhart as our speaker for this meeting. Herb Wagner might also be available.

Monticello School: Jim's Power Point presentation provided a pictorial history of similar schools in the area. The Monticello School is the only known existing model of this era and type of architecture. Photographs of Monticello School dated back to 1911 and also included one from about 10 years ago, as well as pictures taken last month when the Board visited the school on the Walter Erkkila property. The condition of the building has worsened during the past ten years. The roof would need to be replaced soon if OBHS decides to control this deterioration.

The condition of the rafters and ceiling joists could be checked with a knife. Jim noted that the building might be above ground a little more than previously thought. He also noted that it might be worth a trip to visit a similar school building in Barron, WI. Earl recently brought to our attention an on-line pilot grant application that would address cost of construction materials for this type of restoration. While OBHS is not in a position to meet the April 30, 2010 deadline, it is possible we might have an opportunity later if this grant is renewed.

Issues related to the Monticello School will be reviewed by the OBHS Board at their next meeting.

Other Old Business: Dennis reported that the Amnicon Centennial Celebration Day is September 11, 2010. All materials for the publication have been submitted and Jeannie Castleberry is working on the compilation and printing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Communications: Members discussed the advantages of having the portable PA system Ron used for his presentation for general use at our meetings and other events. The cost of this system would be \$70 (\$50 for the unit and \$20 for the lapel connector). Mary Ann moved that we purchase this system. After Janine seconded the motion, the purchase was approved.

Donation Offers: Ruth Erkkila offered to donate OBHS a cream separator. Harry noted that it was a fine antique in good condition. Its size would allow it to be kept in the Eskolin House. Earl made a motion, seconded by Nancy, to accept this donation. The motion passed.

Mary Ann said she is aware of a loom available to OBHS. Following discussion about storage difficulties and because OBHS already has a disassembled Kortessa loom at the Maple Community Center Archive, the offer was declined.

Taylor's Bridge: Harry shared his idea to bring this bridge to the Windmill Site, thinking it might span the ditch area west of the biffy and the Eskolin House. It would provide a good place for people to walk on, has railings, and would be an excellent attention-getter. The topic was tabled, but will be on a future board meeting agenda.

Display Stands Available: Laila M. said that the Amnicon Centennial group might use the stands that OBHS purchased. (One of these stands is in the Eskolin House and two have been returned to the Maple storage site.) Outdoor use has caused some wind damage. However, needed repair work is fairly minimal. If they need them the Amnicon group should contact Jim.

Wiirtanen Farm Tours: Ron noted that this tour is really worth a trip and suggested we round up 7-passenger vans to visit. However, the date of this farm tour is September 11th from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and conflicts with the Amnicon Centennial date.

State Workshops: There have been several notices of upcoming State Workshops that would be valuable to our members; unfortunately, all being held in the southern part of Wisconsin. Interested members should contact Jim for further information.

ADJOURNMENT:

Earl moved that we adjourn the meeting; Harry seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lila Ronn, Secretary

FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps, 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, new stock caps, \$12.00, and tee shirts, any size, \$10, all proceeds going into the Windmill Fund. Sweat shirts, any size are \$25.00, still on sale at ½ price, taxes included. **SEE OUR WEB SITE (www.oldbrule.org) FOR CURRENT SALE ITEMS AND PRICES.** Our new vests are for sale for \$24.00.

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 also available for purchase at our meetings or by contacting an O-BHS member. O-BHS Calendars for 2006, 2007 & 2008 (\$5), and 2009 (\$6) are also available (\$3.50 shipping). See box on Page 2 above for more info. Our new book, *Davidson Windmill History* by Jim Pellman and Gene Davidson is now available for \$8.00 (\$2.00 shipping).

Unapproved BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY

Eskolin House, Town of Lakeside, May 12, 2010

Members Present: 1st Vice-President Shirley Umolac, 2nd Vice-President Harry Wester, Secretary Lila Ronn, Treasurer Ron Hendrickson, Irene Brazill, Karin Colby, Mary Ann Gronquist, Audrey Hakkila, Jim Pellman, Eddie Walman, and Nancy Wiitala.

CALL TO ORDER: 1ST Vice-President Shirley Umolac called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Special Action: The OBHS has received correspondence from President Paul Colby asking acceptance of his resignation from the Board for personal reasons. He also thanked everyone for their help and contributions. Harry made a motion, seconded by Mary Ann to accept this resignation. The motion carried. The Board is extremely grateful for Paul's service and leadership and thankful for his continued participation with the Davidson Windmill Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron reported the following balances effective April 30, 2010 at the National Bank of Commerce in Poplar: Checking Account-- \$ 2,018.26; Certificate of Deposit #1 -- \$ 5,622.98; and Certificate #2 -- \$ 5,059.19. Jim moved to accept this report. Following a second by Karin, the motion was approved.

MINUTES: Mary Ann moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on March 12, 2010 and published in the April *OBHS News*. Following a second by Harry, the minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Davidson Windmill Committee Report:

Grounds: A workday was held on May 4. Harry, Ron, Paul, Jim, Mary Ann, and Lila participated in various efforts. Unfortunately, pigeons had found their way into the mill and time was spent cleaning this area. Harry tacked up screening and replaced a window to prevent further pigeon activity. Paul will be working on added tree protection. Mike Lowe, a local resident, stopped by and offered plants and shrubs for the site, as well as additional old drain trough.

Taylor's Bridge: The Board discussed moving Taylor's Bridge to the Windmill Site, spanning the low site west of the Eskolin House. This bridge would provide an attractive and functional addition to the grounds. Harry moved to proceed with plans to move ahead with this project. Nancy seconded this motion. It was passed.

Jim will contact David Williams; the bridge is currently located on his family's property. Ron volunteered to obtain an estimate from a contractor to handle the moving project.

Sidewalk: 305 paver orders have been received with more expected shortly. While some of the pavers have been set, verification of location is needed before additional ones can be permanently laid down.

Biffy/Storage Building: Ron has worked on the lighting. Thanks to Mary Ann for cleaning the biffy during our recent work day. Jim suggested that a mat be placed in this area for easier cleanup. Paul will be moving the Gene Davidson items from Jim Erickson's to the storage building, with help as needed. Jim noted that Gene Davidson has not placed restrictions on the items he has made available to OBHS.

Jim said that we should try to get a large cracked millstone which is on the old Davidson property moved up to the Mill Site, providing a fine addition to our rock garden and trees. It was suggested that it might be possible to add this job to that of the Taylor's Bridge moving project.

Eskolin House: Ron has completed work on the cabinets and counter. Thanks to Carlson Flooring for the materials. Mary Ann has washed the interior of the cabinets in preparation for the addition of shelf paper.

The Board discussed adding a 10' x 24' awning in front of the house. This would be a permanent structure with half-walls on the sides and of a rustic nature. Existing shingles would be used. This addition would protect that side of the building from water damage. It would also provide a rain shelter for those entering the Eskolin House. It would serve many functions including additional space for displays, food service, picnicking, etc...during warm-weather functions. Ron made a motion to move forward with this project. Harry seconded the motion; it was approved.

Mill Merchandise: A spreadsheet of an inventory taken last November is done. Shirley plans to complete an updated inventory shortly. Barbra Granroth is working on a design for the "I've Been through the Mill" t-shirt. This shirt will probably be available only in white.

Next Mill Committee Meeting: On call.

Windmill Zoning Change/Signage: Ron expects three signs will be done and installed very soon, one on each side of the highway and one close to the driveway.

Sidewalk: The board continued previous discussion about installing fencing around the property and a handrail by the sidewalk, for purposes of safety and aesthetics and also for defining boundaries. This fencing would tie in with the proposed bridge addition. Jim moved that we proceed with this project. After a second by Lila, the motion was approved.

Painting: This project is scheduled for 2010 (every third year). The following two workdays were scheduled to complete this task:

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 26, 2010: Patching and additional cleaning

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 2, 2010: Painting and extra cleaning.

Jim will pick up the needed sheet metal needed for flashing and patching. Alice will be contacted regarding the paint color used last time. Harry will rent a sprayer. This project merits a news announcement.

Fund-raising Committee: Mill merchandise will be sold at the Midsummer Dinner. Baked goods will not be available; members will be busy preparing the dinner.

Archives Committee: This committee is reading and sorting information from the *Evening Telegram* dating from the 1950s through the 1970s.

The Poplar Golf Course will be celebrating their 50 year anniversary this summer. Donna Erickson would be an excellent source of information to commemorate this event and which would be added to OBHS archives.

The committee may apply for a mini-grant at their next meeting. This grant is offered through the Wis. Historical Society.

The previously-approved purchase of an external hard drive has met a hurdle. We would either need to install Windows XP or take a larger jump and purchase Windows 7.

Pollari Memorial Gift Committee: Audrey reported that Randy has completed his work and has requested that Jim stop by his house in Poplar and check on the progress. Randy also has some items to return to Jim. Harry noted that Randy also has his old plat books. Randy has expressed desire to have some help with digitizing. OBHS will send newsletters to Randy.

Publicity: Ina has been involved with health issues and with moving and was not present at the meeting. Mary Ann has not located the full box of new brochures; Shirley hopes to find them when she completes inventory. Audrey will be contacting the Northwestern High School Scholarship Committee. The winner of the OBHS Scholarship will be announced at the 2010 Commencement.

Publications Committee: Jim has begun work on the 2011 Calendar. Will contact potential advertisers soon.

Shortly after the Jane Pearson Grimsrud family and Cloverland history book was approved for printing at the April OBHS General meeting, Jane contacted Jim advising him that she and her family have decided to upgrade this book, improving its format. They will be obtaining their own ISBN and handling the printing. OBHS is appreciative of Jane's offer to provide us copies to sell.

Membership Committee: Audrey has been completing membership cards as dues for 2010 continue to come in. Members are reminded to record their volunteer hours on blue sheets.

Brule History Group: This group (Minerva, Velma, and Laila M.) is nearing completion of their work. Minerva has called Audrey inquiring about early dates of the Pea Cannery.

Monticello School: No information is available regarding prospects or Lakeside community support.

Clarification of Officer Job Description: On hold.

Next Board Meeting: Next Board Meeting : 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at the Eskolin House.

Next General Meeting: The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Town Hall. This meeting will include a workshop to prepare for the Midsummer activities on Friday and Saturday, June 18 and 19. All members are encouraged to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lawn maintenance at Mill Site: We will need to arrange for summer lawn-mowing. Last year our grounds were mowed eight times for a total cost of \$400. Ron will check with Jack Pank to see if he might be willing to handle this responsibility. Other possibilities were discussed if Jack were not available. Harry offered his services, "If all else fails". **Wireless Network Adapter:** Jim moved that OBHS purchase a wireless network adapter to be operated with the OBHS computer primarily used by the secretary. Cost \$65.00. Following a second by Ron, the motion was approved.

Communication from Lakeside Fire Department Auxiliary: OBHS has previously requested some type of record from the Lakeside Fire Department identifying their use of proceeds from the *Sisu and Sauna* booklet. The money has been stipulated to be used for equipment. The Auxiliary will be sending OBHS details on their purchases.

The *Sisu and Sauna* publication continues to sell.

Midsummer Dinner Planning: A meeting will be held at Alice's house on Wednesday, May 19, to plan for the Midsummer mojakkka dinner.

Annual Meeting Preparation: This meeting will be held on August 14. Jim hoped that Ron Mershart would be available. Plans were discussed to hold it at Amnicon Falls State Park, with hopes that weather would cooperate this year. The Nominating Committee for retiring board members (Nancy, Irene, Ron, and Lila) will address their task at the next board meeting.

Sympathy and Encouragement: Sympathy was extended to the families of the following residents and former residents of the area: Clifford Autio, Donald Drolson, Donna Erkkila, and Dale Mackey.

Communication: Jim shared a newsletter *The Junction: Where Old Meets New* which was received from the Town of Eileen in Bayfield County, but near Ashland. This quarterly newsletter is edited by Jim's mother's cousin.

The annual Wiirtanen Farm Tour is scheduled for the same day as the Amnicon Centennial.

Donations: The family of Walter Erkkila has given a cream separator to OBHS. We thank them for this appreciated donation; it is located in the "great room" of the Eskolin House. Thanks also to Harry for completing some work on this equipment in order to make it functional.

Other New Business: Irene provided information about the co-op summer camp which Shirley plans to use for an upcoming newsletter(s). Anyone else with information or memories about this camp is asked to contact Shirley.

ADJOURNMENT: Karin made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Irene. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila M. Ronn, Secretary

Area History: No. 74

The following is the June photograph and text from our 2010 OBHS History Calendar.

6. Chase's Mill, Poplar Village, on the Poplar River, 1890.

Joseph E. Chase erected the mill in 1886 with partner Andrew Munson, and ran it until 1900, cutting 12,000,000 board feet during that time. Chase left the area a few years later, settling in Forest Lake, Minnesota. Unseen in the picture is the mill pond, just to the right and upriver, "40 rods [1/8 mile] from the railroad bridge at the bend" and still in existence across from the Poplar Cemetery. The photo also caught the shadow of the unknown photographer at work, apparently standing near the west end of the mill dam and overlooking the Poplar River valley. Lumber piles to the left are near the Northern Pacific tracks near the site of the Lang-LaPole pea canning facility, later "Taco-plant," and now Northland Food & Distribution. The Lundberg brick house is close to the mill site. *Jerry Bong Fechtelkötter collection.*



- NOTICES -

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: To our Windmill work crew which has the mill almost ready for our Midsummer Celebration. **Harry Wester, Ron Hendrickson, Mary Ann Gronquist** and **Alice Christensen** contributed many hours to this year's effort, and **Lila Ronn** spent many hours scrubbing the Eskolin house floor. To **Paul Colby** for his many years of service in many roles. Work conflicts shortened his term as President this year. To **Barb & Earl Granroth** for their contribution of a beautiful design for the new "I've been through the Mill" T-shirts. To Windmill neighbors, **Mike Lowe** for "antique" drain troughs and the offer of plants, and to the **Roble-Bagley family** for old street sign silk screen frames. To those celebrating the **Superior Central Centennial Reunion** this August 3-4. (Their website: <http://SuperiorWiCentralHiS.tripod.com> for more info.)

CONGRATULATIONS: To all NWHs graduating seniors, especially **Nathan Nelson**, son of **Rev. Darrell Nelson & wife Cindy**, who was awarded the OBHS NWHs Scholarship for 2010, along with several other awards.

ENCOURAGEMENTS: To **Howard Hakkila** and to his father, member **Paul Marvin Hakkila**, for health improvements. To members **Earl & Barb Granroth** on their health issues.

OUR SYMPATHY: To family and friends of the following: **Marilyn G. (Leskela) Lind**, 65, of Oulu and South Range who passed away May 3, 2010; **Marian Wolden Banks**, 67, of Wentworth and Bend, Ore., who died April 27; **Lulu M. (Hakkinen) Halvorson**, 92, of Brule, Superior & Three Forks, Mont. who died April 29; **Clarise May**

(**Munnings**) **Liebaert**, 79, of Superior who died on May 2; **Donna Lee (Johnson) Erkkila**, 69, of Maple & Kent, Wash., who died May 3; avid Brule River fisherman & DCHS member **George "Frody" Frodesen**, 91, Superior, who died May 15; ALS victim, **Robert F. James, Sr.**, 79, of Superior who died May 14, 2010; retired Forest Lake educator & NWHS graduate **Donald D. Drolson**, 68, who died March 13, 2010; **Rodney C. Perala**, 58, of Maple, who died April 30 in an auto accident; **Clifford R. "Skippy" Autio**, 77, of Maple & Smiths Grove, Kentucky, who died April 23, 2010; **Dale F. Mackey**, 79, of Brule, who died May 7, 2010...

... and who have we missed or forgotten?

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Anyone interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society is encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may also contact any member or the Board at the return address below, or our Treasurer, Ron Hendrickson, at the same address. 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!

CALENDAR

June 16, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS General Meeting. Lakeside Town Hall. Work day in prep. for Midsummer.
June 18, Friday - **June 19**, Saturday. *Juhannus Juhlat* Midsummer Celebration, Davidson Windmill, Lakeside Town Hall.
June 20, Sunday. Father's Day.
June 21, Monday, 1 p.m. Archives at Pellmans'. First day of Summer.
July 4, Sunday. Independence Day.
July 14, Wednesday, 6 p.m.. OBHS Board Meeting. Eskolin House.
July 16, Friday. Deadline for submissions for August *OBHS News*.
July 17, Saturday, 9-5p.m. Windmill Tours.
August 14, Saturday. OBHS Annual Meeting (Amnicon Falls State Park Pavilion -tentative).
August 21, Saturday, 9-5p.m. Windmill Tours.

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY WEB SITE ON LINE

The Website Committee has been building up our Web site (www.oldbrule.org). Our thanks to **Earl Granroth** who continues to make regular updates, and to **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** in **Superior**, our Web host at no charge to us. Our contact button is now "hot." **Thanks to Earl and Jon.**