

# OBHS News

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### THE OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING (CHRISTMAS MEETING)

Wednesday, December 8, 2010, 6 p.m., Maple Community Center

The meeting will begin with our program followed by our pot luck supper and then our business meeting.

Please contact Nancy Wiitala at 715-392-8317 who is coordinator of refreshments.

**PROGRAM:** Jim Pellman will again share with a power point slide show  
the new images and texts of our 2011 OBHS Calendar.

Our evening will conclude with our gift exchange (\$5-10) marked man, woman or anyone.

Thanks to all who provide refreshments to share.

**ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME.**

### FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

#### A Christmas Reverie.

Has it really been so long ago that I looked to the skies, eagerly awaiting Santa's sleigh? It seems like only yesterday.

The annual Sears & Roebuck catalog came and Brother Clifford and I would look at it to make our wish list. Course, I always wanted to start by going to the girls department. I got to pick my dress first, then he was second. Finally we got to the toy section, where we cut out most everything and gave it to our parents. The later years, I always received white figure skates which I used at the city rink behind the alley. We always got there early and had to shovel off the snow.

Our house was always decorated for Christmas, lights on the tree, but when one blew, the whole string went out. A tall table with a winter scene displayed with cotton batting and mirror with ice skaters on it along with small trees and houses. Sprinkled with Lux, or Ivory Flakes dusted on the scene.

Old fashioned ornaments seemed as fragile as soap bubbles, shattering into a zillion pieces when they hit the floor.

We used tinsel icicles hung with care even though I just wanted to throw them on in globs. They were also wrapped up for next year.

I remember the old fashioned ribbon candy, and the filled ones were a real treat in the candy dish, which ended up all clumped up in the dish, and especially the ones you stuffed into your pockets that got lint on them, but you ate them anyway.

On Christmas Eve we were allowed to pick one gift to open. All week we shook and felt everything under the tree put there by family and friends. I thought once I had found the right one but it wasn't a toy; it was a hanky.

I could never figure out why Santa insisted on apples and oranges in our stockings when he could just as easily have filled them with chocolate covered peanuts.

Singing with Mama our special traditional song, "Star of the East," which she played on the pump organ for our relatives who joined us for her home cooked turkey, and a staple every year, her "Tomato Aspic." Still remember the sights, sounds and even the aroma of each dish...

Wishing each and every one of you a memory filled Christmas with the best of everything for the New Year.

President Shirley

### FROM THE EDITOR:

We are losing those in my parents' generation at a frightful pace. I ask myself, have we done enough as local historians to capture the story of each of these people? We take them too much for granted. When I first started to gather historical materials it was a given that the grandparents and great-grandparents still with us should be interviewed, or should at least be asked about their lives, and about the stories they recalled about earlier days. I thought I knew well enough the stories of my parents. But my version of their past is not their version. Earl has recently been digitally transforming our earliest newsletters, and in checking these over and in rereading them it was interesting to see the different attempts that our group has made to gather the stories from

those in our group. We haven't made that effort as consistently as we should. New members haven't looked at the sheets we have to guide our interviews. I would like to encourage those of you new to our group to share in more formal fashion the facts and memories of your lives, to get this material on the record. If you choose to share it with our group, at your direction, this material can be sealed until some future date. Whether in oral or written form these are résumés that will serve our region's future.

-Jim Pellman

**2006 to 2011 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, to be completed very soon. Limited numbers of their 2005 calendar and earlier issues are still available. Please contact Janet Follis, P.O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820, (715) 372-4948.

The 2011 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are now available at \$7.00 each. Other earlier calendars are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2009) & 2010 at \$6.00 in limited numbers. An e-mail address for more info: [musketeer6@cheqnet.net](mailto:musketeer6@cheqnet.net), and phone: 715-363-2549, or check our Web site at [www.oldbrule.org](http://www.oldbrule.org). Shipping and handling costs are \$3.50 each.

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

**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. The next formal meeting will be in January 2011. Please call 714-363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

**Unapproved GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.  
Amnicon Town Hall, October 13, 2010**

Dennis Hill, Amnicon History Writing Chairman, displayed a wide assortment of tools and artifacts which he has collected, often relating an interesting history of their procurement. He also described how these tools were used in many occupations and industries including wood and metalworking, construction, farming, logging and sawmilling, railroads, shoemaking, fishing, beer-making, mining, shipbuilding, and blacksmithing. Some of his artifacts were used in homes for cleaning, cooking, baking, writing, and personal grooming.

After presenting an archival gold CD which included the recently-produced book of Amnicon history in its entirety, he welcomed questions and comments. OBHS is very appreciative of Dennis' work on this publication and for the interesting and informative program.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Shirley Umolac called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

**MINUTES:** Lois moved to approve the minutes of the previous General Meeting held on June 16, 2010, at the Lakeside Town Hall which were published in the August OBHS News. Jim seconded the motion; it passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ron reported that, effective September 30, 2010, OBHS had the following balances at the National Bank of Commerce in Poplar: Checking Account -- \$ 2,209.54; Certificate of Deposit #1 -- \$5,641.40; and Certificate of Deposit #2 -- \$5,109.94. Earl made a motion to approve this report, followed by a second from Alice. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Davidson Windmill Committee Report:

**Sidewalk:** A total of 320 pavers have been ordered to date. Sidewalk fencing will be installed as part of the awning and bridge undertaking after these projects are approved by county zoning.

**Grounds:**

**Mowing:** Russ Tuura did a good job mowing the grounds this past summer.

**Painting and repairs to Mill:** All planned projects were completed. Thanks to all who worked to keep the Davidson Mill and Eskolin House in good and attractive condition.

**Signage/Zoning:** Four DOT signs have been placed by Highway 13: two close to our driveway and two further away. Ron has been told that there were no more signs available. Even if OBHS desired more signage, they may not be allowed. It has been suggested that signs at the junction of 13 and 2/53 as well as on highway 2, indicating the direction

to travel to get to the Mill would be helpful. Ron said that the blue signs advertising some local places are commercial in nature; we would have to be zoned commercial in order to obtain this type of signage. Ron also thought that the signs we have seem to be pulling in visitors.

**Eskolin House:**

**Awning:** Shirley and Jim were present at the last Douglas County Zoning Committee meeting. Our sub-par lot was approved because of the historic significance of the site. This committee will consider our building application at their next meeting.

**Taylor's Bridge move:** The County Zoning Committee will be considering approval of the bridge move at their next meeting. There has been some local resistance to this project based upon concern that it will create more traffic and noise. Regarding the move, itself, a one-time permit would be needed. The receipt of the strip of land from the Town of Lakeside will follow their April annual meeting. Following this action, a second survey will be done.

**Mill Merchandise:** Alice noted that we need to make every effort to sell our apparel inventory before ordering more. Tee shirts need to be available at every meeting. Books have been selling well, and mugs move regularly. Earl moved that the Inventory Committee be authorized to order merchandise, keep inventory, and set prices for apparel, reducing prices as needed. Following a second by Irene P., the motion was approved. Earl needs to be informed of price changes so he can keep website information current.

Laila questioned the procedure for reimbursing the Oulu Hotshots for their CDs. These CDs have been handled on consignment, making record keeping somewhat difficult. Barb G. moved to buy the current CDs we have on hand; Alice seconded the motion and it passed.

**Brochure Printing:** 250 new brochures have been printed and are being distributed.

**Next Mill Committee Meeting:** On call.

**Fund-Raising Committee: No report.**

**Archives Committee:** The next meeting is scheduled at 1:00 p.m., October 25, at the Pellman's.

**Website Committee:** Earl noted that he has placed tentative 2011 dates on the website for midsummer events, summer open houses and tours, & Apple Festival weekend activities. Thanks to Earl for his fine work developing and maintaining this site.

**Publicity/Advertising Committee:** Mary Ann did an excellent job promoting our Apple Festival Weekend Activities. She said that some new brochures are out on display; some need to be brought to the Richard I. Bong Veteran's Historical Center. Audrey has submitted articles to local newspapers about our 2010 Scholarship Recipient, Nathan Nelson. Thanks to Mary Ann, Audrey, and Ina for their efforts.

**Publications Committee:** The production process for the 2011 Calendars is well underway. We will be ordering 250 calendars in order to receive a break in price. Jim estimated we come out at least as well, even though all 250 may not be purchased. We have experienced interest in calendar purchases long after the current year. It was suggested that we might consider putting packets together which include all of our past calendars.

All ten copies of the Grimsrud/Pearson/Cloverland history that OBHS purchased have been purchased and delivered or reserved. Dennis reported that the Amnicon History Group is close to breaking even on their sales of the Amnicon History.

**Brule History Research Group:** Jeannie will continue to work with this group after her marriage and move to California.

**Pollari Memorial Gift Committee:** After Randy Jones completes his work transferring railroad grades from Harry's map, the committee will visit with Randy and a printer to set up final printing plans.

**Membership Committee:** Members are reminded to record their volunteer hours; see Jim for the blue form. Membership dues continue to come in.

**Update of Officer Job Description:** On hold.

**Next Board Meeting:** This meeting is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010, at the Eskolin House.

**Next General Meeting:** Our Annual Christmas meeting will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m., December 8, 2010, at the Maple Community Center. (Jim will check on its availability.) Jim will introduce the OBHS 2011 Calendar with a presentation of the monthly photographs. Following the meeting, there will be a gift exchange. If interested in participating, members should bring a wrapped gift worth \$5 - \$10, indicating whether it is suitable for a female, male, or either sex.

**Regional Conference in Ashland:** Earl, Jim, Delores, and Audrey attended this conference. Earl noted that other similar organizations reported that they meet less often than OBHS and have fewer than six publications annually. Yet, they tended to have fewer in attendance at their meetings than OBHS. Hats off to OBHS members and volunteers!

Laila moved that members who attend these conferences be reimbursed for their mileage (one vehicle) and ½ of their registration fee. Followed by a second from Jim, the motion carried.

**Other Old Business:**

**Monticello School:** A heavy-type of tarp will be placed on the roof soon providing protection for about three years, thereby keeping our options open regarding further plans for this school.

**Flour Mill at Arnold Johnson's:** Everyone who is interested should meet at the Johnson's on Tuesday, October 19, at 10:00 a.m., to see the flour mill that Arnold has stored on his property and offered to OBHS.

**Results of the Fall Bake Sale:** The following proceeds were collected during the Fall Sale at the Eskolin House (2009 data in parentheses): Books -- \$188 (\$64); Merchandise -- \$92 (\$170); Bake Sale -- \$186 (\$257); Sisu and Sauna -- \$60 (\$40); Pavers -- \$30 (\$30); Donations -- \$108.35 (\$71.25); TOTAL -- \$664.35 (\$632.25).

**Microphone Use:** It was requested that the microphone which we have purchased be used at general meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Communications:** Jim has the latest edition of the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*; an excellent publication which he encouraged members to review. Members of the Wisconsin Historical Society receive this magazine regularly, as well as other newsletters.

**Lock-box for Donations:** Noting the regular day-in and day-out traffic to the Mill, Ron is pursuing installation of some type of donation receptacle with a lockable access. It could be mounted inside the security fence, with the receptacle on the outside.

**Listing of Mill:** Jim noted that there is evidence of the mill listing at its top, about an inch since OBHS received it. Keeping the clay hill stable would involve digging a trench with a backhoe, possibly 75 feet or so, leaving a level trench which would be about five feet deep at the mill site. Drain tile would be installed and the trench would be filled with gravel. We would need to buy a pipe approximately 10' long. A post for the lock-box could be done at the same time using a concrete base. Jim made a motion that we complete this project; it was seconded by Marion. The motion passed.

**Sympathy and Encouragement:** Sympathy is extended to the Winkka family on the passing of sister Aileen Gadda. The funeral is scheduled for tomorrow with a reception following at Rapids Riverside.

**Donations:** Thanks to Shirley for the donation of her father's old seed broadcaster to OBHS.

**Memorial Tree:** The Memorial tree has not been planted yet. Gary suggested that we plant something that the deer won't eat. Shirley plans to visit with him to select the tree and work with him for placement design. (The trench needs to be staked out.) It would work out by the walk or by the memorial. Paul Colby has brought some chicken wire so we can put up some additional protection against deer. Ron has covered 10 more trees. There are a total of 25 trees there already, some of which are becoming part of the woods down the hill. Alice suggested that we have a landscape design in mind. Ron thought that we need to have a memorial plaque. Earl, noting that we need a committee to develop ideas to be presented to the membership, moved that the board initiate development of this committee at their November meeting. Following a second by Jim, the motion was passed. This committee will be responsible for recommending long-term policy.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Earl moved for adjournment, followed by a second from Alice. Meeting adjourned at 9:25. Respectfully submitted,  
Lila M. 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, new stock caps, \$12, and tee shirts, any size, \$10, all proceeds going into the Windmill Fund. Sweat shirts, any size are \$25.00, some older styles on sale at 80% off, taxes included. **SEE OUR WEB SITE ([www.oldbrule.org](http://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. Our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's books, *Pathways* and *Echoes*, and Lakeside's *Sisu and Sauna*, and now **Amnicon's History book** 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. 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, INC.**

Eskolin House, Town of Lakeside, November 10, 2010

Members Present: President Shirley Umolac, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Earl Granroth, Treasurer Ron Hendrickson, Secretary Lila Ronn, Karin Colby, Mary Ann Gronquist, Jim Pellman, Eddie Walman, and Nancy Wiitala.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Shirley Umolac called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was noted that the minutes of the last board meeting held on September 8, 2010, and published in the October *OBHS News*, need to be changed. Under "Next Board Meeting", the correct date should read "November 10, 2010", not "October 13, 2010". Earl moved to accept these minutes as published, with the date correction as stated above. Following a second by Mary Ann, the minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ron reported that OBHS has the following balances at the National Bank of Commerce in Poplar, WI: Checking Account – \$ 3,298.48; Certificate of Deposit #1 -- \$ 5,641.40; and Certificate of Deposit #2 – \$ 5,109.94. These two CDs are currently earning interest at the rate of 3.75 % and 2.00% , respectively. Jim moved to accept this report as presented, followed by a second from Earl. The report was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Davidson Windmill Committee Report:**

**Grounds:**

**Memorial Tree:** Shirley will contact Gary Kane at Wentworth Gardens to arrange for the planting of a Crimson Maple before the ground freezes.

**Taylor's Bridge Project:** Ron will contact Mr. Rannenber to check on the status of our request to move the bridge. Douglas County has previously approved our non-compliant lot of less than five acres. Earl noted that it might be easier to move this bridge after the ground has frozen.

The Douglas County Historical Society is interested in this project and has suggested that we commemorate the move in some fashion.

**Windmill Drainage Trench:** Paul Colby has suggested that Tim Johnson could do the required work to complete the excavation using a small backhoe. Gravel, drain tile, and mesh would be needed. It would be essential that the trench be adequately drained to its end.

**Variance (Building Permit) Requests:** Our pending requests include the planned awning and the Taylor's Bridge Project noted above.

**Land Requests:** It was suggested that a map of our property be available, with the adjacent narrow strip of land that is currently owned by the Town of Lakeside, so that OBHS members can explain and show to community residents what is being requested. Bill Anderson will work on a new survey following the Town of Lakeside General Meeting in April 2011 which would give approval for deeding this requested strip of land to OBHS.

**Sidewalk:** We have received a total of 320 paver orders so far. The addition of fencing and handrails, providing safety and aesthetics, are planned along with the awning/pavilion and Taylor's bridge addition.

**Eskolin House: Awning/pavilion:** If approved at the county level, log gathering and peeling will need to be done in order to begin construction by early summer.

**Mill Merchandise:** Earl will email a draft to Shirley and Lila that he has developed for ordering purposes. All merchandise will correlate to an order number, which in the case of apparel is specific to color and size. Shirley reported that she would be picking up an order for 15 assorted hats this week

**Next Mill Committee Meeting:** On call.

**Windmill Signage:** Thanks to Ron for working with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Douglas County to obtain the new signs we now have. He will make one further contact to see if there is any possibility for signs on the freeway (junction of 13 with 2 and 53) and on Highway 2 indicating a turnoff on County Road U to the windmill. Lila will draft a letter to be sent to Representative Nick Milroy and State Senator Robert Jauch to be reviewed by the Board at their January meeting.

**Archives Committee:** Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 22, at 1:00 p.m. There will be no official meetings during the month of December, but those who are interested in working on those usual dates (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays) are welcome to do so. The committee is about halfway in processing the extensive Elmer Hermanson collection.

OBHS could apply for the next round of competitive mini-grants offered from the Wisconsin Historical Society, in hopes of purchasing more acid free folders and storage boxes. The deadline will probably be around mid-May; grant allocations may be as high as \$700. The Douglas County Historical Society has received two of these grants in the past, which they used for archives and for display.

OBHS anticipates the donation of two computers, which in combination would enable Jim to have newer software for his computer. This upgrade is necessary in order to use the external hard drive that would improve data security and data fire safety. The "Certificate of Unrestricted Gift Form" should be available on-line. Earl needs the necessary information and its format.

**Pollari Memorial Gift Committee:** Jim reported that Randy is working with a high level of professionalism on the map project. Randy has encouraged OBHS to use a print jobber for a high quality color print.

**Publicity/Advertising:** Thanks to Mary Ann, Ina, and Audrey for their fine efforts.

**Hunter's Expo at Mission Covenant Church:** Dennis, Nancy, Shirley, Ron and Jim represented OBHS at this Expo on October 23, 2010. Members staffed a booth, shared information, made important contacts, and sold merchandise. Jim talked about "A History of Hunting and Trapping in the Northland". Thanks to everyone who participated and to Mission Covenant Church for sponsoring this event.

**Publications Committee:** Work on the 2011 Calendar is still in progress, but Jim hopes to have the calendar to the printer soon. Ad donations are still coming in. The Board discussed several situations regarding OBHS publications: Ron has ordered ten copies of the Grimsrud/Pearson family/Cloverland history book, but nothing has arrived yet. We need to contact the Northern Lights bookstore in Canal Park regarding books left there.

Jim reported that we have not received feedback yet from the Northern Great Lakes Visitors' Center (NGLVC) regarding carrying the Windmill History Book. He also noted that, when he was at the NGLVC for the recent convention, there were no copies of *Wisconsin Far Northwest* available. He was advised that they would need to assess the "speed of selling".

We have yet to hear from Barnes & Noble. Nan Wisherd has advised Jim that she uses an agent to help her in such cases. Earl wondered about using Amazon for the sale of books.

Poplar Hardware is not interested in selling our publications on consignment.

Should we donate books to the Northwestern High School library and the Superior Public Library?

**Membership Committee:** Members are reminded to record their volunteer hours on "blue sheets." Plans are to get the form available on our website allowing for electronic transfer (possibly with type in dark blue).

**Brule History Research Group:** The group has received their ISBN number. Jeannie Castleberry will continue working with them from her new home in California; Steven Castleberry, Sr. has offered them assistance in the printing process, getting information out to the publisher.

**Walter Erkkila family Monticello School:** Work on the temporary roofing project needs to be done before snowfall. According to Jim, this should be a day job. Ruth Erkkila has given permission to do this work at anytime.

**Maple Coop Flour Mill Project:** Arnold Johnson has generously donated the old Maple Coop flourmill to OBHS. Last month, Earl, Jim, Shirley, and Ron went to observe it, noting that the mill, itself, is not large (but very heavy), and could be displayed in the compact mode. Drawings could illustrate how it would function. It is possible that, in the future, the mill might be made operative. Ties have been purchased in anticipation of moving the main unit and other parts that need to be moved by winter to Eddie's pole barn. Additional pieces will be picked up later.

**Web Site:** Earl continues to improve and expand our web site, despite technical difficulties, by gradually adding old newsletters dating from September 1999 (Vol. 1, Issue 1) to early 2003. OBHS regularly receives email; the president is responsible for responding to this communication. Thanks, Earl, for your significant contribution to OBHS.

**Clarification of Officer Job Description:** Lois Pollari has developed a draft, outlining job duties for each officer. Lila will provide a typewritten copy of this draft for board members at their next meeting.

**Next General Meeting:** The next general meeting will be held on Wed., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Maple Community Center. We will enjoy a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the meeting and a voluntary gift exchange. Jim Pellman will present the 2011 OBHS Calendar. Gifts in the range of \$5 to \$10 should be labeled "man", "woman", or "anyone."

The February 9<sup>th</sup> general meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Cloverland Town Hall, with plans to have Herb Wagner provide our program. In Shirley's absence, Earl will preside over this meeting.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next board meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, January 12, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Access permitting, it will be held at the Eskolin House.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Donations:** OBHS appreciates the donation of a homemade Lake Superior "deep sea" wire fishing line rod and reel from Jim Erickson. Paperwork needs to be done on this contribution. Thanks to Paul Colby for securing this donation.

Eddie has delivered another large box of Hermanson materials via Duane and Kathy Colby.

**News:** The Northern Lakes Archaeological Society has announced an interesting program on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Superior Public Library. Sheree Peterson from the Madeline Island Museum will talk on the topic of "LaPointe in 1835: the Lake Superior Settlement on Madeline Island".

Jeannie Castleberry and Evan Pederson were united in marriage on November 6, 2010.

**Sympathy and Encouragement:** The family of George Eskolin, who passed away on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, is very appreciative of the OBHS recognition of their family and has expressed interest in buying pavers.

Encouragement is given to the following members after surgery: Doris Perala, Irene Brazill, and Karin Colby.

**Communications:** Orders for books and calendars, as well as membership renewals, keep coming in. We regularly receive requests for information via our website and by phone.

**Other New Business:** We need to follow up on our decision to buy the 14 tapes we have from Leroy Lahti.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jim moved that the meeting be adjourned. After Mary Ann seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lila Ronn, Secretary

## Area History: No. 76

*The following text and image is a sneak preview from December in our 2011 OBHS History Calendar.*

12. December: **Douglas County Rural Youth Group Skaters c. 1943.** This youth group was for northern Douglas County rural youth after the 4H age, managed out of the same office in the County Courthouse as 4H. This troupe was on a skating outing to the Superior Curling Club (located then near the base of the Belknap viaduct). Laila Ronkainen (now Magnuson), a 1947 graduate of Waino High School, related that she was the youngest person there, tagging along after her musical brother Ernie, four years her senior who later took the name Ronn. Communities represented here were Brule (Waino), Maple, Cloverland, and most heavily Amnicon (Wentworth).

Back Row: Bud Levine, Dwayne Linden, Doris Ellenson, Bernice Eckman (Edquist?), Ken Britz, Dave Erickson.

Middle Row: Bud Linden, Virginia Ukkola, Irene Winkka, Laila Ronkainen, LaVerne Simons, Emie Ronkainen (Ronn), Ralph Hendrickson, Bob Hendrickson.

Front Row: Howard Christensen, Elsie Saalasti?, Vernon Roos, Joyce Compton, Doris Christensen, George Nykanen, Harding Christensen.

*Irene (Winkka) Brazill collection. Identifications contributed by Irene Brazill, Laila Magnuson, Shirley Umolac, and Ron Hendrickson.*



### - NOTICES -

**THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS:** To everyone who helped in the calendar effort, and to all the businesses who have donated to help make it possible. To **Eddie Walman** for donated space in his pole building for mill parts from **Arnold Johnson**. Our thanks to **Arnold** as well for his vast patience as we battle early snows. And to **Pat Grube** who has promised to move the mill...Not a small job. More thanks for patience from the **Erkkila family** as we try to find time to cover the Monticello School roof. It will happen! To **Tim Johnson** for his backhoe work, and **Olson Brothers** for timely delivery.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Karin Colby** in recognition of her 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday, celebration being prepared as I write at the Maple Community Center.

**ENCOURAGEMENTS:** To **Doris Perala** as she keeps on the mend with more surgery, **Karin Colby**, and **Irene Brazill** after surgery.

**OUR SYMPATHY:** To family and friends of: **Bertha E. (Antilla) McCauley**, 94, Maple & Superior, who died Nov. 22 in Madison; **Kelly Gene Yadon**, 43, of Superior (mother Agnes nee Hietala of Poplar) who died Dec. 1 tragically at work at BNSF in Allouez; **Barbara "Bobby" Jo Richards**, 74, Poplar, wife of Tony, who died Nov. 18; **Harold "Emmett" Swanson**, 81, Brule, who died Nov. 19; **Helen "Teddy" (Mattson) Tacke**, 86, Maple & Superior, who die d Dec. 1; **Kurt Wermter**, 90, South Range, who died Oct. 11; **Arnold R. "Ray" Mattson**, 83, Maple & Superior, who died Oct 11; **Walter Erick Allen**, 91, Lakeside & Calif., who died Sept. 26; **Aileen (Winkka) Gadda**, 94, Maple & Superior, who died Oct. 9.

... and who have we missed or forgotten?

**RETURN ADDRESS:****OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

Post Office Box 24

Maple, WI 54854

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.**

**December 6**, Monday, 1 p.m. Next OBHS Archives Committee meeting at Pellmans ( informal).

**December 8**, Wednesday. OBHS General Meeting (Christmas Meeting). Jim P. to show slides on new calendar. Gifts.

**December 25**, Saturday. Christmas Day.

**January 1**, Saturday. New Years Day 2011.

**January 12**, Wednesday. 2 p.m. Next OBHS Board Meeting, at Eskolin House if conditions permit.

**January 17**, Monday. Deadline for contributions to the next *OBHS News*.

**February 9**, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS General Meeting. Cloverland Town Hall??, Herb Wagner speaker?? More later.

**OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY WEB SITE ON LINE**

The Website Committee has been maintaining our Web site ([www.oldbrule.org](http://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 "hot." **Thanks to Earl and Jon.**