## BHS News

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**April 3, 2017** 

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# OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY APRIL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 6 p.m., Brule Town Hall

PROGRAM: Our speakers will be Audrey Hakkila, Brian Paulson and Randy Jones, on the History Writing Committee for the Village of Poplar for their Centennial this year. They will talk about the process of writing the history of Poplar which they are now going through, using several historical Power Point images.

We will open with our Pot Luck Dinner. Please bring a dish or refreshments to share for our meal which will start our evening at 6 p.m. Our Program then follows, with our business meeting closing out the evening. We want to thank the committee members for sharing with us, and Thanks to the Town of Brule for the use of their hall and its serving facilities. Guests and friends are always welcome! Please join us for great food and great Poplar and Old-Brule history.

#### FROM THE EDITOR:

The changes associated with the Monticello School Museum and Archives Project have started an avalanche of books and records. Those on the OBHS Archives Committee get a biweekly report on how far (and fast or slowly) the projects of transfer are being completed. This spring I am totally vacating the house I have used as a work base since arriving back in Maple in August of 1981, that is, after 35 ½ years. One collects a lot of history and dust in that much time. Some of what is here at what was my late mother's house, are precious Old-Brule records, much on computer, which will be transferred finally into the new basement archives under the Monticello School Museum. All of this is in support of our mission: Preservation & sharing of OBHS' past.

This summer will see a new roof go on over the Schoolhouse which will protect the restoration but also our organization's new work hub and protective vault. These are really two separate spaces, one which will provide the experience of education in 1890, 127 years ago; the other 432 square feet of walkout floor space hidden beneath it, modern in every respect. 180 square feet of that will be secure and fire rated storage space The balance, about 250 square feet, will duplicate the space we have been using for sixteen years at the house I have been living in, only now, the work being done soon will not have to be tucked away waiting for the next three or four hour session, meeting again in two weeks. OBHS will have a daily presence in the wider community, a physical contact point for those searching our past, or wanting to donate records for "permanent" safe keeping and sharing. We will be professionally based in our daily planning for exhibit designs, Davidson Windmill maintenance and promotional projects. And we will have the school and our growing collection to share with the public, in sight of the region's High School facility, and a short bus ride for Elementary and Middle School students.

The public support we are seeing has been overwhelming. The gift giving in time, money and materials at our fund raisers, and grants applied for have been generous and heartening. Basement ground breaking will be in a month or two. It will be time for a small shovel ceremony, with a much greater ceremony finally visible but still months ahead. The work, the fund raising, the planning, the record keeping and public sharing will go on indefinitely. We will have many in our wider community to thank for their support and faith in the mission of our historical organization. Thanks, especially, will go to our membership which has done a lot of heavy lifting, too often literally so, to see this project to this exciting point. Thank you all.

#### 1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2017 LOCAL 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 from 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 are available. Please contact Janet Follis, P.O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820, at (715) 372-4948. Our 2017 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are for sale at \$9.00 each. Earlier issues are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2014), 2015 at \$6.00, & 2016 at \$7.00 in limited numbers. An e-mail address for more info: <a href="masketeer6@cheqnet.net">musketeer6@cheqnet.net</a>, and by phone: 715-363-2549, or Laila at 715-372-4963, or please check our Website at <a href="www.oldbrule.org">www.oldbrule.org</a>. Shipping & handling: \$3.50 each, less for each for larger orders. We thank our donor businesses whose cards we display in the back of each calendar, and to those local businesses that are selling them for us each year, this year at Twin Gables & Cenex in Brule, Poplar Hardware & the Village Market, Sharon's Lakeview Restaurant & Midland Cenex in Lake Nebagamon. Or check with Jim in Maple at 715-363-2549.

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

#### ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Archives Committee would welcome more volunteers to help in this important part of our OBHS mission. Our continuing project is learning to use the computer in support of our work, scanning, interpreting and indexing documents and photos, storing clippings and records and creating databases. The future holds more work on temporary and permanent exhibits using items in our collection, which the MSMA school space will permit. Our thanks go to our loyal committee members and document and artifact donors, and to the Town of Maple for Archive storage space. If you enjoy exacting work and interesting conversation please join us at 1 p.m., still at the Pellmans' on a Monday afternoon. Next meeting is April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and generally every other Monday thereafter, but we expect this routine to change as we transition to our MSMA site. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm the next meeting time and place.

# Unapproved MINUTES for the FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

#### Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 6 p.m., Maple Town Hall

The evening began with a pot-luck supper. Thanks to everyone for setting up the hall and to those who contributed food. Following our meal, Dennis Hill, 1st Vice President, presented another installment on the Theme: The Layers of Local History. Using various sources of information including old Amnicon School Board minutes, he compared local customs and practices over time which reflected changes in mind-set.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1st Vice-President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

**MINUTES:** James Mattson moved to accept the minutes, published in the February 2017 issue of *OBHS NEWS*, for the December General Meeting held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at the Amnicon Town Hall. Dorothy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Assistant Treasurer Matt Miller reviewed the report which Treasurer Janine Seis submitted on 02/08/17 via email.

CURRENT BALANCE			CHANGE SINCE BOARD MEETING ON 01/11/17
CD:	\$	5,843.33	<b>Last report</b> - \$5,838.25
			Addition: \$5.08 interest added 01/13/2017)
CASH:	\$	31.00	No change
Windmill:	\$	2,415.77	No change (ECE Electric bill not yet posted will be
			\$29.53 on 02/10/17)
MSMA:	\$	16,912.17	<b>Last report</b> - \$16,622.17

(Additions: \$290.00 – (Doris Perala Memorials)

Check #1024 for \$30 to Dahlberg Electric Deposit not posted yet.

**Last report** - \$2,238.95

Additions: \$326.00 (\$80 Memberships; \$198 Retail Calendars; \$36.00 Wholesale Calendars; \$12.00

Wholesale Book).

Subtractions: \$1,352.90 (\$1,002.00 to Arrowhead Printing for the 2017 Calendars; \$5.55 to Jim Pellman for postage; \$139.35 to WI Department of Revenue for State Sales tax; \$108.00 for printing and folding Newspapers; \$98.00 for two rolls of stamps for Newsletters... note postage back up to 49 cents per

ounce).

**TOTAL:** \$ 26,414.32 **Last report:** \$ 26,506.05

Basil Edgette made a motion, seconded by Arnold Johnson, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

#### CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

- (1.) ECE statement for electrical service at Windmill site (auto-paid)
- (2.) Janine has received contact from Northwestern High School inquiring whether OBHS would be giving a scholarship again this year. Hope made a motion that we give a scholarship of the same amount as previously awarded (\$250) for this year. Following a second by Basil, the motion passed.
- (3.) Wisconsin Historical Society mailing has been received about the WHS and Wisconsin Council for Local History Affiliate Mini-Grant Program for 2017. (This is the grant that we received last year for archiving material to MSMA.) Changes and expansion to the program will be coming in 2018.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**GENERAL:** 

**DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE:** No action is planned until spring. The windmill door needs paint.

**MSMA: CONSTRUCTION:** Basement project moved to early summer with an expected fast start. Olson Brothers will do the digging. Dennis reported that Kevin is drawing up the plans. Dennis also noted that there could be a rock exterior on the exposed part of the basement. A written estimate/bid will need to be obtained with a starting date of approximately May 15th (when road limits are lifted) and agreement on July 1, 2017 as the specific date of completion. Some paper work required for electric power installation has been completed, and more will be done when firm dates are determined. Jim has been keeping the driveway plowed.

**MERCHANDISE:** All copies of *Looking Back at Lake Owen* have been sold.

Jim and Nan have decided to put additional effort into the calendar book. They will continue further research and work after Nan's season commitment is completed in May. Independent research is continuing in the meantime.

Jane Grimsrud's book, Brule River Forest and Lake Superior Cloverland Anecdotes is available from OBHS again.

**FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE:** Thanks to Janine and Nancy Moreland for their maintenance of this independent site with 613 members to date. It is critical that we obtain posted photo sources in order to extract information with needed resolution and to obtain permission for their use.

PROPOSAL TO INVOLVE LOCAL STUDENTS IN A DRAWING/PAINTING OF THE DAVIDSON WINDMILL COMPETITION: The project is now in the hands of the Maple School District Art Department and Charlie Hessel, art teacher, who will respond to our committee. Pictures taken at the mill and Paul Hakkila's windmill painting finished last fall have been shared with students as inspiration.

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**REFRIGERATOR DONATION:** Additional doors measurements are needed before the refrigerator Shirley has donated for use at the Eskolin House can be moved.

**MEMBERSHIP DATES:** Members are asked to verify their mailing address on *OBHS NEWS* for correctness of membership date. Please contact Jim if you have questions. Jim requests that members keep their volunteer hours up to date on the "blue sheets".

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**SYMPATHY AND ENCOURAGEMENT:** Sympathy to the family of Member Doris Perala who passed away on January 10th. Dave Thorson, who conducted a "Down to Earth" tour of the area for our organization several years ago

earlier gave us a lecture, also passed away recently. Encouragement to Laila Magnuson and to Dicky Tuura as each recovers from health issues. Laila and Dicky were classmates and graduated from the 8th Grade together at Waino School.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 5:00 p.m. On Wed. March 8, 22017, at the residence of Dennis & Arlene Hill.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** The General Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12th, at the Brule Town Hall. The Village of Poplar Centennial Planning Committee will provide the program.

#### **UPCOMING MSMA FUND RAISES:**

- (1.). **Music/Food/Entertainment at the Kro Bar.** Feedback from last year's event was very positive. At the December General Meeting, the consensus of the group was to hold a Musial/food benefit later in February or in March. Tentative plans include having a 50-50 Raffle Fundraiser (proceeds being split between the winner(s) and OBHS, along with some larger prizes. The volunteer musicians, organized by Ted Pellman, and Kro Bar will be setting up a future date.
- (2.). **Flea Market/Bazaar:** Tentative date is August 25-26. Jim has received a favorable response from the Town of Maple who already have it on their calendar for the 26<sup>th</sup>, with Friday as a set-up day.

**ADJOURNMENT:** James Mattson moved to adjourn the meeting; Matt Miller seconded the motion. 1st Vice-President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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, sweat shirts, key chains, buttons and photos for sale. Early issue magnets are going for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our General fund. Windmill mugs, caps & tee shirt proceeds go into the Windmill Fund. SEE OUR WEB SITE (www.oldbrule.org) FOR CURRENT SALE ITEMS AND PRICES. Our Windmill vests are for sale for \$24.00. Our new zipper front hooded I've Been Through the Mill sweatshirts have arrived. Our book, Wisconsin Far Northwest, and Nan Wisherd's books, Pathways and Echoes, Lakeside's Sisu and Sauna, (out for now) and Amnicon From the Beginning, are available for \$20.00 a copy + \$3.50 shipping. Wisconsin sales 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 OBHS member. Our booklet, Davidson Windmill History by Jim Pellman and Gene Davidson is available for \$8.00 (+\$2.00 shipping). Leigh P. & Richard Jerrard's new expanded and revised edition of The Brule River of Wisconsin is now available at \$20.00 (+\$3.50 shipping). See our calendar ad above. Jane Pearson Grimsrud has released small and large print versions of Brule River Forest and Lake Superior Cloverland Anecdotes. Both are available for \$20.00 (+\$3.50 shipping). Poplar Hardware also has an inventory of most of our titles. Please

# Unapproved MINUTES for the MARCH BOARD MEETING OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC. Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 5 p.m. Dennis & Arlene Hill Residence, Amnicon

Attendance & Moment of Silence: Jim Pellman, Mary Ann Gronquist, Dennis Hill, Arlene Hill, Doreen Swanson, Hope Swenson, Matt Miller, Dan Bergsten, Dorothy Bergsten. Dorothy Bergsten, Acting Secretary due to Lila R. vacationing. The evening meal which began the meeting was prepared by Dennis and Arlene. Thanks everyone for your generous contributions & to Dennis & Arlene, our hosts.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1st Vice-President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

**MINUTES:** Motion was made by Hope, seconded by Mary Ann to accept the minutes, published in the Feb. 2017 issue of *OBHS NEWS*, for the Board Meeting held January 11, 2017 at Hope's. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Assistant Treasurer Matt Miller reviewed the e-mail report which Treasurer Janine Seis submitted for March 8, 2017:

CD: \$5843.33 No change from the February 8th General Meeting No change

check ahead for current availability. Also please contact our members for more info.

CASH: \$31.00 No WINDMILL FUND: \$2,401.24 Las

Last report \$2,415.77 (\$29.53 ECE debit and \$15.00 Lock Box Donations deposit) New ECE bill in the amount of \$29.66 will be posted March 16th.

MSMA FUND: \$16,947.17 Last report \$16,912.17 (\$35 Doris Perala Memorials) (Check #1024 for

Dahlberg Electricity deposit is still out there and not posted)

GENERAL FUND: \$1,246.08 Last report \$1,212.05 (\$14.97 Subtraction for Miscellaneous Supplies to Mary

Ann Gronquist and \$49 addition which included one \$9 calendar, one \$15

Individual membership & one \$25 family membership)

**TOTAL FUNDS: \$26,468.82** Last report \$26,414.32 (Up \$54.50)

Respectfully submitted, Janine Seis, Treasurer

Motion was made by Doreen, seconded by Dan to approve Matt and Janine's Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

#### CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

- (1.) ECE statement for electrical service at Windmill site \$29.66 (auto-paid)
- (2.) Janine contacted NWHS guidance by email to inform them that we will be awarding the OBHS Scholarship for 2017 again at \$250.00.
- (3.) Lots of email & Facebook & phone messaging regarding preparations for the Musical MSMA Benefit at the Kro Bar on March 12, 2017. Jim just picked up a \$100 donation from Poplar Auto Refinishing given to Matt.
  - (4) Membership dues payments yet to deposit, Banks Family, Lorraine Korhonen Individual.
  - (5) Kevin Mackie dropped off new estimate for MSMA project.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE:** No action is planned until spring. The windmill door needs paint.

MSMA: CONSTRUCTION: Basement project moved to early summer with an expected fast start. Olson Brothers will do the digging. Kevin has drawn up a new estimate with data broken down between Olson Brothers work and his own Due to more retaining rock needed next to stream the Olson estimate has risen for rock & labor by \$2,500 to just over \$6000. Kevin's written bid in now \$15,000. A faux field stone rock exterior on the exposed part of the basement which has been suggested by Basil which could be done sometime in the future but would call for a set-back of the wall perimeter at this time. A starting date of approximately May 15th (when road limits are lifted) and agreement of about July 1, 2017 as the date of completion will be set when we approve the bid. Some paper work required for electric power installation has been completed, and more will be done when firm dates are determined. The building move onto the basement by Woodhulls will need to be firmed up. Jim has been keeping the driveway plowed. Motion was made by Matt Miller that we approve use of non-earmarked funds from our CD to cover shortfalls in MSMA funding, and that any funds taken from the CD will be repaid as soon as possible. Seconded by Mary Ann Gronquist. Motion carried.

#### **UPCOMING MSMA FUND RAISERS:**

(1.). **Music/Food/Entertainment at the Kro Bar.** Feedback from last year's event was very positive. At the December General Meeting, the consensus of the group was to hold a Musical/Food benefit later in February or in March. Plans now include having a 50-50 Raffle Fundraiser (proceeds being split between three winner(s) and OBHS, along with some larger prizes which the numbered entry ticket will make the donor eligible for. Lap Quilt (Bergstens), Fishing guide for 2, Barker's Island Stay, so far. The volunteer musicians, organized by Ted Pellman, and Kro Bar have set up March 12, 2017 as the date of the event. Pans of dessert donations from our members are needed. The list of confirmed performers so far: Ted Pellman, Russ Darwin, Brian Raivala, Tom Rich, Fran Miller, Mike Sauvola, Bill Kangas. More have been asked. Much work done by Mary Ann, and Tina Souza (complimentary membership?)

Set-up time at Kro Bar is set for 11:00 a.m. Sunday, March 12, 2017. Hope donated \$120.00 specifically toward T-shirts for the musicians. Motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Matt Miller to pay the \$300.90 for the twenty total fundraiser T-shirts out of the MSMA account, and two T-Shirts and one *Wisconsin Far Northwest* book will be donated to be used as prizes. Motion carried. Jim Pellman will see if we can get publicity on the Friends of Old-Brule Facebook site.

- (2.). **Flea Market/Bazaar:** Date is August 25-26. Jim has received a favorable response from the Town of Maple which already has it on their calendar for the 26th with Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> the set-up day.
- (3). Other MSMA discussion included fund raising through one act plays/dinner theatre (historical), pie/ice cream socials. Lighting for the building should preferably shine down and not upward.

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Jim has just completed the order for 20 T-shirts from Screen Graphics in Superior for the MSMA Fund Raising Event, (2 M, 8 L, 8 XL, 2 XXL) one given to each performer, one to Dean Baillie, sold at cost to workers, two T-shirts used as prizes in the drawing with a *Wisconsin Far Northwest* Book (\$300.90).

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**NEXT BOARD MEETING**: May 10, 2017 at the Eskolin House at 5:00 p.m.

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**OTHER NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT**: Motion to adjourn by Matt Miller, seconded by Hope, carried at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Bergsten, Acting Secretary

> Area Gistory: No. 115

This picture and text appears for the month of April in our 2017 OBHS Historical Calendar.

17-04. Main Street in the Village of Lake Nebagamon, c. 1910. There was only Native American presence at the site of this photograph when Superior's John Bardon, Douglas County Historical Society's refounder, visited Lake Nebagamon and the upper Brule in the winter of 1877 each companion coming in on a separate dog sled up the "Osaugie Trail" which ran from the Middle River mouth on Lake Superior. Bardon was with two Chippewa *métis* who had a cedar log cabin on the shore of the



lake. He writes that Chief Osaugie certainly wintered on the site. They were there to hunt and fish and stayed two weeks, bringing back to Superior 500 pounds of brook trout on each of their sleds. They also speared muskellunge or northern pike from an Indian birch bark enclosure. This picture showing a rutted muddy street was taken about thirty years later on a quiet rainy day shortly after the great Weyerhaeuser-Rutledge Nebagamon Lumber Company mill ended its work in 1907. The Village had been part of the Town of Nebagamain until early the same year a vote of the community confirmed the decision of Judge Aad Vinje to create a village instead of the town that the petition requested, undoubtedly because with a population already of close to 1,500 the future community surrounding this attractive lake would need the political structure provided in a village charter. The village lost many families when the mill closed but today the population is holding at just over a thousand with a significant rise during the summer months. Two stores in the picture still stand. *Photo in the O-BHS Archives, courtesy of Member Marion Christensen*.

#### ~ NOTICES ~

**MEMBERS:** Dues collection for 2017 began at our Annual Meeting in August & continues into 2017. Please keep filling in your volunteer hours on your Blue Sheets. Our next hour tally runs annually from August 1 (2016) to turn-in-date July 31 (2017). Please contact our Secretary or Jim for a new Blue Sheet, or check for blank forms on our website.

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: Thanks to the many businesses & individuals who contributed to our Second MSMA Musical Fund Raiser at Kro Bar. A special thanks to our crew, Matt Miller, Audrey Hakkila, Dennis & Arlene Hill, Dorothy & Dan Bergsten, and Kathy Laakso, & to Tina Souza and Mary Ann Gronquist who gathered many of the gifts and who managed their distribution at the event. Thanks too to Dean Baillie, his crew, and to Ted Pellman who organized the music & musicians to spectacular reviews, eight performers in all: Ted, Bill Kangas, Mike Sauvola, Tom Rich, Brian Raivala, Larry Midbon, Fran Miller, & Russ Darwin. Dues continue to come in. Thanks to all who have brought their memberships up to date. We greatly appreciate this vote of confidence in our work.

**OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY:** To family & friends of the many, listed here, whom we have lost recently: **Nancy (Hermanson) Kelleher**, 82, South Range, who passed away at St. Luke's Hospital March 23, 2017, born in Superior, raised in Billings Park, and graduated from Central High School in 1953. She also graduated from LPN courses in Kenosha, WI, preceded in death by husband Merle and one of her five children.

**Robert "Bob" Olson**, 74, of Maple, who died after a tragic fire related accident March 15, 2017, at Miller Dwan Hospital in Duluth, born in 1943 in Superior to Richard & Laina (Saari) Olson, graduated from NWHS in 1961 & then UWS, taught science 30 years at Black River Falls, survived by special friend Bonnie Trapp & sister Shirley Mackey of Barnes.

Dennis W. Malinowski, 73, of Lake Nebagamon, who died March 29, 2017, in Superior.

**Lauri Arthur Lind**, 92, Shoreview, MN, formerly of Iron River, who died at New Perspective Senior Living in Roseville, MN, on March 29, 2017 (new announcement).

**Lawrence "Larry" Davies**, 74, Lake Nebagamon, formerly of Poplar, who died March 29, 2017 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, born in 1942 in Lafayette, IN to Richard & Bette (McClean) Davies, raised by his grandmother in Lampson, WI, owned & operated Middle River Restoration in Poplar, married Diane Edquist in 1997who survives.

**James G. Anderson**, 84, of Superior, who died March 27, 2017, at Superior Health and Rehabilitation, born in Superior in 1933, son of Oscar and Anna Anderson survived by brother Richard Anderson in Wentworth and many others.

**Marcella Mattson**, 82, Maple, who died on March 16, 2017, at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth, born in 1935 in Maple to Eric and Mary (Saari) Mattson, the youngest of 14 children, survived by one sister, Karen Lane of Brooklyn Park, MN.

**Fred Lee Grimsrud**, 85, Sun City, Ariz. who passed away peacefully on March 9, 2017, born in 1931 in Duluth, son of Fred and Sarah (Murphy) Grimsrud, graduated from Superior Central High School in 1948, Air Force veteran, Master Plumber, owned Grimsrud Plumbing and Heating, retiring at 50 to travel, later selling his home in Lake Nebagamon to reside permanently in Sun City, survived by two daughters, 10 grandchildren, brother Tom of TX, & Richard of Iron River. **John Luostari**, 85, lifelong Maple resident, who died on March 10, 2017 at Northern Residence Assisted Living in Hawthorne, born in 1931 in Superior, son to Erik and Alma (Carvala) Luostari, farmed and logged for 37 years,

**Walter Wayne "Buck" Follis**, 77, of Brule, who passed away March 6, 2017 surrounded by family, born in 1939 to Walter and Fern (Lyons) Follis, in 1957 married Shirley Taipale of Oulu, in his early years guided on the Brule River and later worked as a caretaker for a private estate on the Brule. He worked fire control for the Wisconsin DNR and was a federal bear and wolf trapper, with winters spent beaver trapping, survived by his wife and their five children.

**Judy Marie Soyring Hilger**, 74, Superior, who passed away peacefully at Essentia Health, St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth, on Feb. 14, 2017, born in 1942 in Superior to Arthur and Lila (Niemi) Soyring, survived by husband Thomas and their three children, and brother Michael (Jeanne) Soyring of Maple.

**Elna Linnea Lund,** 104, lifelong area resident, who died Feb. 13, 2017 peacefully in Star Dusk House Assisted Living, Superior, born in 1912 in Bayfield, the daughter of Fred Ernest and Anna Mathilda (Erickson) Lund and later lived in Maple, worked as a secretary at Crawford and Cirilli and the University of Wisconsin Superior for many years, survived by her three close friends, Kathy Mertzig, Sandra Brietzman, Merna Hammerbeck, and Eva Wiitala all of the Superior area.

**Frank Wesley Ray**, 74, Oulu, who died Feb. 7, 2017 at Chris Jensen Health and Rehabilitation in Duluth, born in 1942 in Waukegan, Ill. to Chester and Joan (Enlow) Ray, married Sandra Wellskopf in 1969, who survives, with their three daughters and five sons and their families.

**Reino A. Kangas**, 96, South Range, who died Feb. 6, 2017 at Middle River Health and Rehabilitation Center, born in 1920 in Iron River to Jacob and Hilma Kangas, married Martha Peramaki in 1949 and they celebrated 50 years of marriage before her passing in January of 2000, survived by five sons, and one daughter and families.

**Stephen Leigh Mulholland**, 61, Duluth, registered professional archaeologist, born in 1956 in Winona, MN, who died March 9, 2017 in Duluth, attended St. Mary's University in Winona, University of North Dakota - Grand Forks, 1981, B.A. (anthropology); U of M, 2002, M.A (archaeology), married Susan Mary Collins in 1981, who together helped found Northern Lakes Archaeological Society & had a strong public outreach throughout his career, including talks by Steve & friends before OBHS, survived by wife, archaeologist Dr Sue, and many friends including the writer.

And who have we missed or forgotten? May they all rest in peace.

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#### **RETURN ADDRESS:**

## OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

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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 above, or our Treasurer, Janine Seis, at the same address. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable after our annual meeting in August. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

### CALENDAR.

April 3, Monday 1 PM. Next OBHS Archives Committee Meeting at Pellmans'. Please call to confirm.

**April 12**, Wednesday 6 PM. OBHS General Meeting. Brule Town Hall. Pot luck lunch followed by Poplar History. Business meeting to follow.

April 14, Friday. Good Friday.

April 16, Sunday. Easter Sunday

April 22, Saturday. Earth Day

May 1, Monday. May Day.

May10, Wednesday. OBHS Board Meeting. Eskolin House.

May 14, Sunday. Mother's Day.

May 19, Friday. Submissions for the June OBHS News are due.

May 29, Monday. Memorial Day.

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

The Website Committee has been maintaining our Web site (www.oldbrule.org). Earl Granroth continues to make regular updates, and Jon Winter of Winter Systems in Superior is our Web host at no charge to us.

Thanks again to Earl G. and Jon W. (Is he really moving?!)