

OBHS News

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OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, August 11, 2013, 1 p.m. at Lucius Woods Park, Solon Springs

Program: We will tour the Solon Springs Historical Society Facility after our picnic lunch and our Annual Meeting on the Lucius Woods County Park Grounds. OBHS will provide dogs and buns, plates and utensils. Please bring a dish to pass. Thanks to Lucius Woods for the use of their facility, to Danny Bergsten for making Park arrangements, to Brian Paulson for organizing the tour to our partners in local history, to the Solon Springs Historical Society for opening their museums to us, and to all who serve and bring covered dishes and refreshments to share. A short Board Meeting follows the annual meeting to welcome the new members and to elect officers.

Guests and New Members are welcome! Thanks to all who come.

FROM THE EDITOR:

PALO FARM TOUR

On a day marked by personal sadness in the loss to cancer this week of Nebagamon Lumber Company historian John Altshool, this past Sunday several of us visited the Palo farm, the ambitious Duane and Barb Lahti historical project in Oulu. The weather was perfect for an outside gathering, and we thank them for the "Nickel Tour," and for the Million Dollar Lunch we shared with many covered-dish contributions of our own members. We thank them, too, for the conversation and camaraderie. Historical preservation can be a lonely and misunderstood enterprise. Duane and Barb's project is a labor of love, the Palo farm being the home of Duane's maternal grandparents, and now with the addition of the stately Pudas House, the largest structure of Finnish log construction that even the experts have ever seen in this hemisphere. We applaud this dedication and preservation effort and encourage visitors to see it, and to become immersed in it. I visited with Old-Brule supporter, lucid newspaper writer and editor, Viola Palo, who was there as a family member. Her husband had been raised on the Palo farm.

What the Lahti's and the Oulu Historical Society are doing there begs comparison with the efforts of the Old-Brule Heritage Society. The Lahti emphasis is three-fold at least: It is a preeminently a matter of the preservation of the material culture in its historic structures; It is about the Finnishness of the Oulu immigrant settlement; and It is confined to the Oulu community. This contrasts with the efforts of OBHS: We have our important structures to save and maintain, but preeminently we are about the preservation of the local historical record and the multi-cultural heritage of a group of communities that once shared a local government; then divided into separate local governing political bodies; and then through construction of a binding educational institution, Northwestern High School, and the Maple School District, and other profound changes over time and in modern life, has become one cultural area. We are also a small publisher in support of this mission with our books, pamphlets, newsletter and our coming map; and our website binds all of these activities to modern social trends and information sharing.

FUND RAISING KICK OFF

The Monticello School Museum and Archive will serve as a contact point platform for organization planning, preservation and interpretive work, in this way supporting all that we do. With this in mind we dive into the task of asking our members and friends for financial help. To kick this off, we, the children of Carl and Delores Pellman, would like to announce a matching grant of \$2000 in memory of Carl and Delores Pellman. Every donation to the Monticello School Museum and Archive Account beginning the day of this year's

Annual Meeting and beyond will be matched, dollar for dollar up against the 2000 dollars in the Carl and Delores Pellman fund already held by OBHS until it is exhausted.

We will need much more in total to complete the school restoration and to maintain this facility, but we hope that with this start and with the generosity already shown, construction will move forward, on our roadway soon, and on the walkout archive. Our goal remains to have the school house on its permanent foundation by late this fall (Phase II).

A separate bank account has been established for the "Monticello School Museum and Archive" and all such donations should be designated to this fund. Please remember, we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit and all donations are deductible for tax purposes. All donors will be formally recognized by permanent plaque, within our publications, on our website, and in press releases unless we are directed otherwise.

Jim Pellman

1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2013 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 of their 2005 calendar & earlier issues are available. Please contact Janet Follis, P.O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820, (715) 372-4948. The 2013 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are available at \$8.00 each. Other earlier OBHS calendars are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2010), 2011 at \$6.00, & 2012 at \$7.00 in limited numbers. Brule's Round Up North, Poplar Hardware, Poplar Village Market, Gopher Hole, and Sharon's & Cable Publishing in Lake Nebagamon have also carried them. An e-mail address for more info: musketeer6@cheqnet.net, and phone: 715-363-2549, or Laila at 715-372-4963, or please check our Website at www.oldbrule.org. Shipping & handling: \$3.00 each. Please contact us for larger quantities, or if you might be interested in selling them for us.

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 other volunteers to help us in this important part of our 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 go to our loyal committee members and 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. at the Pellmans' on a Monday afternoon. Next meeting will be on August 19, 2013 & generally every other week thereafter. Please call 715-363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

Unapproved GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

Lake Nebagamon Auditorium, June 12, 2013, 6 p.m.

Over 50 members and guests attended in a great turnout. Dennis and Jim gave a slide talk on the region's settlement, and Dennis displayed and explained some items from his collection, survey and hand tools.

The covered dish dinner was wonderful as usual. Thanks to all. And Thanks to Lake Nebagamon for the facility.

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the business meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the Minutes of the General Meeting held April 10, 2013 at Amnicon Town Hall, as printed in *OBHS News* published June 6, 2013, by Janine, seconded by Doreen. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul submitted the following numbers through 5/31/13: Checkbook account balances: General: \$985.67; Windmill: \$201.94; Monticello School: \$4,185.15. CD: \$5,757.75. Total cash assets: \$11,130.51. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Lois, seconded by Shirley. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominee approval for Vacant Board Member Slots: Doreen Swanson has come forward to serve in the final vacancy. Motion by Janine, second by Laila to approve Doreen for the Board position by acclamation. Motion carried.

Davidson Windmill/Eskolin House/Taylor's Bridge Committee:

Windmill Site, Chairman Brian Paulson Report: Getting ready for Midsummer Tours. Painting of the mill will be done this summer. Looking for a painter. Paul mentioned that Mrs. Higgins offered the paint. Follow-up on signage is still needed for Taylor's Bridge with a suitable ceremony.

OBHS Monticello School Museum and Archive Facility Project Report: Dennis and Jim toured the Windmill grounds and the Monticello/Maple School lot with insurers Matt Thorson and Roger from State Farm Insurance. They have come back with policy costs for changes and to cover the added school lot. The Board was polled by the President for approval of payment, to bring this policy into effect to immediately protect the organization with construction on site. There was no dissent and a check was cut. The building has made it through **Phase I**, and now awaits **Phase II**: further planning for restoration and for completion of the Archive basement, and the culvert and driveway access projects. Bill Anderson's survey was done pro bone and needs a thank you. Woodhull's built a new joist subfloor with 2x12s and plywood (16" centers), under the structure to stabilize it before it was moved, and braced it inside (actually part of Phase III funding, \$2000 paid). **Phase II planning and beyond:** Basement final plans and diagrams, letting of bids and fund-raising and grant writing should be brought to completion in earnest. The Conley's have offered their help. Paul has contacted Thom Higgins of Calumet LLC of Superior which has now donated \$500 for use on the project. Gifts so far from Delores Pellman memorial monies have exceeded \$2,000. Jim presented the prototype for the OBHS brochure to be used in fund raising at the May Board meeting, and he will be done soon with the brochures specific to the Monticello School Museum and Archives, important especially for all of Phase II and beyond work. Suggested was the addition of organization contact information to each brochure, which change is being made. The Conleys suggested a third brochure, with a division of the contents of the second planned brochure into two. One would provide details on the history of the school and teachers and overall plans for its new use, and the other would be more technical with building structural plans and cost estimates. Jim will call a meeting of the "Monticello Committee" when he completes the prototypes as soon as possible.

Doreen will be contacting again Jessie Burhans as contact person for the Cloverland King School Community Club to request information on plans for their building which seems to be failing fast. If there is no hope, perhaps something could be carefully saved for use in Monticello with full credit given to the Community Club. The Douglas County Land Conservation Committee has given positive recommendation to the County Board for a grant toward Phase II of \$500. Grants have been written to Wisconsin Historical Society and the Local History Council for help with filling the Archiving space, and an inquiry came back positive from the Finlandia Foundation National in CA. That grant has to be in by February 1, 2014 with grants awarded after May 1, 2014. The grant they gave forms for is one with top amount of \$5,000. Shortly with more final plans we will also submit a formal inquiry to the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation with the later Phases all in mind, Phase III being the full restoration of the schoolhouse. Then a grant proposal will go to the Wisconsin Humanities Council for the final Phase IV which would cover the interpretation of the historical significant in every respect of the Monticello School, a book or booklet published, and a grand opening event, all of this for late in 2014. Other grants are being considered, as well as our local capital campaign. Thanks to everyone for their generous memorials.

Membership Committee: Membership Drive planning: for Lake Nebagamon, was done for after return of snowbirds (June). We were alerted to EDDM (Every Door Direct Mail) Retail through the post office, which goes out to all addresses within a mailing district at a very low rate (16c each.) This we used in addition to our normal newsletter mailing to help get out news of our group in building awareness and interest in support and membership. Perhaps Dennis' idea of printed tickets could eventually go out in this format like coupons.

Archives Committee: Next meeting: 1 p.m., June 17 at Pellmans'. Please call to confirm.

Publications Committee:

Pollari Memorial Map Project Report: Slowly progressing. Writing text for map back. Checking ice road vs RR spurs. Disclaimer to be added. Committee to contact Randy Jones as Jim & Randy's time opens up. Sad news: John Altshool's health is failing, someone who truly wanted to see our final map effort. We hope he can hold on.

2014 Calendars Report: Done with the support of the Archives Committee. The 2013 calendar has sold very well, thanks to Laila, other members and local merchants. Design and printing will be done again at an earlier date this year to assure good publicity and sales.

Books: *Sisu and Sauna* Reprint: Re-edit still needed & decision on publisher and number. Jim has asked for strong input from the Lakeside history writing committee regarding changes to the new edition. Down to last few in the old edition. An index is planned. 10 copies of *Looking for a New Frontier* (Pearson Family) have been received, 10 copies of Jerrard's *Brule River of Wisconsin* have been received. Cost is down to \$12.50 per book. Will charge \$16.00 wholesale, and suggest \$20.00 for retail sales. *Wisconsin Far Northwest* reprint needed. Greg Peterson at Silver Tonsberg has provided a bid. Jim is also getting help from publisher, Member Nan Wisherd, in contacting other

prospects. Jim has corrected book files which are ready. Book sales have been steady at Poplar Hardware. Shirley Umolac has been handling sales. Our thanks to all.

Merchandise Inventory: Earl needs help with getting the prices on the order form on line, as well as cleaning up the list of old inventory items. Shirley has been working to list items.

New OBHS Logo T-Shirts: Moving forward with Gary Luoma's suggestion for a new T-shirt with a map of Old-Brule included in the design to emphasize the full scope of our organization's charter. Ideas for an image and LOGO still need refinement (Maybe sample order before our Annual Meeting). A contest was proposed, with prize, possibly the first new T-Shirt.

Gene Davidson DVD proposal: ideas are being sought for a publisher of the DVDs. Doreen has contacted Basil Edgette for the contact info he gave to Jim (Gary Reed).

Button Creation: Hope was investigating button making with our equipment before her recent illness. Jim will get a picture of Monticello School to her when she's ready.

Windmill Cups need to be reordered. Looking for a local contact. Maybe Worth Enterprises.

Possible Field Trips: Start with warm weather: Solon Springs, Barron County, Palo Farm in Oulu, Mellen (Mary Carol Granberg). Brian, who is doing this planning has been slowed up, but is better.

Next Board Meeting: 4:30 p.m., July 10, 2013: Eskolin House.

Midsummer planning and schedule: The weekend of June 15th has been confirmed. Alice and Mary Ann will be making contacts for publicity, donations, etc. Tours on Friday and Saturday. Our large sign needs large wheels and castors to make it more usable. Jim will investigate.

Windmill Summer Tours: Earl raised the question of tours again at the Board meeting? The consensus was to hold them again on the third Saturdays of the months of July through September from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Alice and Jim were available. There was need of one or more at the house, and windmill tour guides. Hope, Paul and Brian have volunteered. Shirley is coordinating the Northwoods Bus Tour, in July, and will need help.

Annual Meeting planning: Date set at 11 August at 1 p.m. Motion by Jim, seconded by Mary Ann to hold it at Lucius Woods with Brian recommending a tour of the Solon Spring Historical Society Museums for a program. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Email summary of WI Council for Local History meeting of 13Apr13 in Wisconsin Rapids from Duane Lahti. Jim reported on this email contact from Duane. (Forwarded to those with emails already.) 4 main points: Mini-grant deadline of June 3, 2013 (we have applied); Regional meeting at DCHS 13Sept13; Request by WCLH for annual donation of \$15. A motion was made by Earl, seconded by Paul to make this donation. Motion carried. Vouchers for 20 % off regular admissions have been digitally sent out by the Wisc. Council for Local History. We need to print and distribute the certificates to our members or send a digital version.

Sympathy/Encouragements: (Cards recently sent to Hope, Eddie Walman, and Elvie Agacki.) Doris Perala got a card. Mary Ann should get encouragement. Others in need: John Altshool. Jim will contact John.

Registration for Wisc. Hist. Soc. Local History Workshop, one at NGLV Center in Ashland on June 24, 2013 (\$30 Reg. Fee.). No registrants were able to attend from our group.

Velma's Birthday Party announced; Saturday at the Brule Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Jim, seconded by Mary Ann, carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Pellman, 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. The Windmill mugs are \$4, new stock caps, \$12, and tee shirts, any size, \$10, all proceeds going into the Windmill Fund. **SEE OUR WEB SITE** (www.oldbrule.org) **FOR CURRENT SALE ITEMS AND PRICES.** Our new vests are for sale for \$24.00.

Our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's books, *Pathways* and *Echoes*, Lakeside's *Sisu and Sauna*, 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 \$3.00 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.

**Unapproved BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

Eskolin House, July 10, 2013, 4:30 p.m.

In attendance: Earl, Mary Ann, Alice, Hope, Jim, Dennis, Gary, Brian, Dan, and Paul. Doreen was ill.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Dennis at 4:45 p.m.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held May 8, 2013 at Eskolin House, as printed in *OBHS News* published June 6, 2013, made by Alice, seconded by Gary. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul submitted his monthly account totals through 6/30/13: Checkbook account balances: General: \$203.52; Windmill: \$821.74; Monticello School: \$4,285.15. CD: 5,757.75. Total cash assets: \$11,068.16. Report on Midsummer Weekend: 94 tickets were sold (up from last year); \$883.85 gross receipts; \$311.75 supplies and expenses; Net: \$572.10 for the meal. Also \$100 in sales, and donations. Deemed a success, and thanks to all. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Mary Ann, seconded by Alice. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vacant Board Member Slots Filled at General Meeting: Doreen Swanson's nomination was approved at the June 6, 2013 General meeting in Lake Nebagamon. Thanks to Doreen.

Davidson Windmill/Eskolin House/Taylor's Bridge Committee:

Windmill Site, Chairman Brian Paulson Report:

Signage is still needed for Taylor's Bridge, which could suitably be commemorated at an event like our Bayfield Apple Festival Weekend activities. Still making arrangements for mill painting. Trenton Colby (&Paul) mowing at \$50 a time.

OBHS Monticello School Museum and Archive Facility (MSMA) Project Report: The building has made it through **Phase I**, the move to the Town Hall/School site, and Bill Anderson surveyed the school house site *pro bono*. He will get a letter of thanks; **Phase II:** Basement final plans and diagrams, letting of bids, and fund-raising brochures and grant writing are moving forward, grounds development, culvert and driveway access projects, and basement Archive construction; **Phase III:** Woodhull's had built a new joist subfloor with 2x12s and plywood (16" centers), under the structure to stabilize it before it was moved, and braced it inside (actually part of **Phase III**, paid \$2000; Gifts so far from Delores Pellman memorial monies are about \$2,500. Jim presented the OBHS brochure to be used in fund raising at the May Board meeting, and he is working on two brochures specific to the Monticello School Museum and Archives. He printed the Monticello School brochure on the agenda. One provides details on the history of the school and teachers and overall plans for its new use, and the other will be more technical with building structural plans and cost estimates. Jim will call a meeting of the "Monticello Committee" when he completes the prototypes as soon as possible. Jim's lot is now leveled permitting work. Doreen has contacted Jessie Burhans as contact person for the Cloverland King School Community Club to request information on plans for their building which seems to be failing fast. If there is no hope, perhaps something could be carefully saved for use in Monticello school with full credit given to the Community Club. Based upon the **Douglas County Land Conservation Committee's** recommendation the County Board has granted \$500 which has been approved toward **Phase II**. Grant forms have been received by the **Wisconsin Historical Society and the Local History Council** for help with filling the Archiving space, and an inquiry came back positive from the **Finlandia Foundation National** in California. That grant has to be in by February 1, 2014 with grants awarded after May 1, 2014. The grant they gave forms for is one with top amount of \$5,000. Shortly with more final plans we will also submit a formal inquiry to the **Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation** with the later Phases all in mind, **Phase III** being the full restoration of the schoolhouse. A grant proposal will go to the **Wisconsin Humanities Council** for the final **Phase IV** which would cover the interpretation of the historical significant in every respect of the Monticello School, a book or booklet published, and a grand opening event, all of this for late in 2014. Other grants are being considered, as well as our local capital campaign. Donations have been received already from the Pellman family, from Earl Granroth, Ina Falk, Hope Swenson. Thanks to everyone for their generous memorials in Delores' name.

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Brochures: Mary Ann reported we are almost out. Jim to update and order more.

Field Trips: Start these with the warm weather: Solon Springs; Barron County; *Palo Farm in Oulu, confirmed: 1-4, Sunday, Aug. 4, bring dish to pass*; Mellen (Mary Carol Granberg). Brian Paulson has been making plans.

Next Board Meeting: After Annual Meeting. One Board retirement (Karin) expected. Nominee?

Midsummer Dinner and Tours: Report: Considered a success with more than last year. Special thanks to Alice and Mary Ann and to all the workers. The windmill tours on Friday and Saturday especially were a success with a large UMD senior summer rental contingent. Jim installed wheels on our large sign which helped.

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Northern Bike Tours: (BikeWisc.com) 8am to 2pm, July 16, 2013. \$100.00 donation if we help through food and drink. Shirley to share with Board final details.

Annual Meeting: We will have our annual meeting at Lucius Woods Park in Solon Springs., 1 p.m., Sunday, 11 August. Brian and Dan are making arrangements.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sympathy/Encouragements: John Altshool; Ina Erickson.

Our Wisconsin Magazine: Motion by Brian, seconded by Alice to submit an article on the Mill to this new magazine. Motion carried. Hope will draft an article for submission, and get a picture of the mill. Jim to help.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Alice, seconded by Danny. Carried. We adjourned .at 6:40 p.m. Lunch was served after by "Chef" Gary Luoma. Thanks to him.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Pellman, Secretary

Area History: No. 93

This photo is the August entry in our 2013 OBHS History Calendar.

8. Walter Butler Shipbuilding Company Burner Crew, c. 1944. With most of the young boys overseas the slightly older local men did their share in the World War II battle. With steel readily available in the Superior-Duluth Harbor district and good dry dock facilities, with experienced men and soon women available, the U.S. Maritime Commission put several companies to work building ocean going tugs, frigates and cargo vessels right here at home. Many local workers came from the towns and villages of Old Brule. This photo which shows up often in local private collections shows Ted Pollari with his skilled burner crew.



Among Ted's crew in this picture is a "young" Henry Kari. Bill Lukkarila and Elmer Koski also worked for Butler. Ted had done a lot of welding for the local farmers, had sold tractors, cars and machinery, and his mechanical skill, and his people skill came natural. Walter Butler put him to work, as he did Ted's well drilling brother, Charlie. Also working from Maple were the Jarvinens, Richard, a skilled launch master from days working in a Baltimore marine facility, and Waino a skilled head carpenter, all trades needed to put out the ships' hulls, and fast. Joe Koivu was in demand for his metal working skills. What is amazing is the fact that the crews locally built the hulls and enclosed them, and then (in season) these were sailed down lanes broken into Great Lakes ice to the Illinois-Mississippi River canal where they were then barged via the Mississippi down to the Gulf where the superstructures were then installed and the vessels were outfitted, this keeping the weight down to lessen the draft. Doing welding on these vessels, summer and winter, were many local women, among them Dorothy (Berglund) Gonschorek. *Esther Pollari Family Collection. Also, thanks to Harold Jarvinen for his recollections.*

-NOTICES-

Members, please check your newsletter mailing labels to see what we have in our records: The last day of the year date shown is when your membership expires. Dues for 2014 can be paid at our Annual Meeting.

THANK YOU & RECOGNITIONS: To all of you who have donated your valuable time to make what we do throughout the year possible. Please turn in (if you haven't) your volunteer hours "blue sheets" (or use the digital version – see the OBHS Website) with your tabulated hours for the year running from August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013. *See Jim for the latest blue form for August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2014, which should be turned in before our annual meeting in August next year.* Thanks to her son **Tom Peterson** and the family of "**Skip**" (**Bergsten**) **Peterson** who donated a paper with her recollections of her early life growing up in Cleburne, Kansas, and later Poplar. Thanks to **Matt Ketola** and the family for donating more of **Jack Anttila's** scrap books. Thanks to **Brian Paulson** for sharing his copy of *Mainstreeter* from the summer of 1990 which had the theme "The Ashland Line" (of the Northern Pacific RR.). Old-Brule communities are well covered and pictured in the excellent John Gaertner article.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Members **Dick and Laila Ronn** on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They will be celebrating on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 4 p.m to 9 p.m. at the Superior Moose Lodge, 66 East 5th Street. All OBHS Members are invited; To Members **Char & Rich Harms** on their 31st Anniversary on the 31st of July; To Member **Doris Perala** and her family as she was honored to have late husband **Arnold's** Veteran's Flag fly recently over the Bong Center.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY: To Member **Hope Swenson** as she continues to mend; To Member **Elvie Agacki** under care at Middle River; To the family and friends of late member **Ina (Christenson) Erickson**, 74, of Superior, who passed away in Carlton on July 13. Thanks to her gracious family for their recent celebration of her life held in Cloquet; To daughter Jan and family of Member and Nebagamon historian **John Altshool**, 81, of Cincinnati, who passed away due to cancer on July 29; To the families and friends of the following people with regional connections who have recently passed away: **Leo Goldade**, 79, Superior & Dacono, Colorado, July 7, 2013; **Dorothy L. Van Camp**, 80, Wentworth, died July 26 at St. Francis Home in the Park surrounded by family; **Steven Urbaniak**, 51, Iron River, formerly of Superior, died July 4 in Iron River; **Doris M. Maki-Van Alstine-Goodell-Lunke**, 64, Superior, died June 28 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. Born in Superior to Arthur and Helvie (Saari) Maki, she was proud of her Finnish heritage; **Roy T. Oaks**, 59 of Superior, died peacefully June 26 at Essentia St. Mary's Hospice in Duluth, son of Norbert and Joy Oaks; **Tyne A. Ekstrom**, 95, Oulu, passed away June 16, 2013 at the Northern Lights Health Care Center in Washburn, Wisconsin. She was born in Oulu, daughter of the late Oscar and Hilma (Wiitala) Karna, was sister of John Karna, and Laura Tyykila; **Adam D. Philipsek**, 27 of Lake Nebagamon and St. Cloud, Minnesota, died June 21; **Doris E. Meller**, 89, of Lake Nebagamon passed away June 5 at Middle River Health and Rehab of Hawthorne, born in Rockmont, Wis. to George and Eleanor Martin, mother Nancy Erickson of Poplar, Barbara (George) Baldwin of Kewaunee, Wisconsin, Lucky Meller of Iron River and William (Janis) Meller of Lake Nebagamon.

May these, our dear friends and neighbors, rest in peace.

. . . 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, Paul Colby, at the same address. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable at the annual meeting in August. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

CALENDAR.

August 11, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. OBHS Annual Meeting, Lucius Woods Park, Solon Springs. Pot luck. OBHS supplies the dogs. Board meets after meeting to elect officers. Tour of Solon Springs Hist. Soc. Museums.

August 12, Monday, 1:00 p.m. Archives Committee meets at Pellmans in Maple. Please call to confirm.

August 13, Tuesday. International Left Handers Day.

September 2, Monday. Labor Day.

September 11, Wednesday. OBHS Board meeting.

September 23, Monday. Deadline for contributions to the October *OBHS News*.

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.**