

# OBHS News

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## OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 9, 2013, 6 p.m. at the Amnicon Town Hall

We will start the evening with a moment of silence, followed by lunch and refreshments.

**Program:** With the new Amnicon Town Hall now under construction we will meet at the old building soon to be retired. In what will be an open forum, our theme for the evening will be the History of Amnicon, its Town Hall and anything to do with Amnicon's past. We will also encourage those who come to bring along stories, their memories, and old photos and documents and anything they might have related to the town's history. Amnicon residents, Dennis Hill and Brian Paulson, will give some direction to the session with their recollections, and Jim Pellman will bring along some historical slides and his photo taking and displaying equipment, and we will together look at some of the items that turn up. Please bring a covered dish to pass or goodies to share. Thanks to the Town of Amnicon for the use of their hall.

A short Business Meeting will follow the program. Guests and New Members are always Welcome!

Thanks to all who come, and to all who bring refreshments to share.

## FROM THE EDITOR:

### THE PASSING OF RUBEN WINKKA, ELVIE AGACKI AND JACK GRONQUIST

The year 2013 continues to bring the loss of members whose contributions and support we have long treasured. In the past few days we have seen the passing of Ruben Winkka, followed by our Archive stalwart, his sister Elvie Agacki, and the latest, Jack Gronquist, whose funeral will be held this Saturday. There will be a visitation starting at 10 a.m. with the funeral at 11 a.m. at Downs-Lesage Funeral Home, 1304 Hammond Avenue in Superior.

### APPLE FESTIVAL WEEKEND WINDMILL & HOUSE TOURS, October 4-6.

We are holding our tours again this year, Friday through Sunday, with a Bake Sale on Saturday. We will be running with a skeleton crew on Saturday for a couple of hours as many of us will attend Jack Gronquist's funeral. See schedule below. Baked good donations are appreciated. Thanks.

### MONTICELLO SCHOOL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVE (MSMA) FUND RAISING & PROGRESS

Now that we have a solid estimate for our driveway work, the Monticello School Museum and Archive (MSMA) project will begin to show more signs of life to the general public. Phase II looks now like it will cost around \$25,000. That is a lot for a group our size, but I believe the new facility will greatly improve our public profile and support, and it is the public who will really own it through their donations. It will take a lot of resolve to bring everything together, and certainly more time. But our group will have new balance, and our charter will have fuller meaning in our having a facility to match the importance of our wider and deeper historical responsibility and educational efforts.

The \$500 grant from the **Douglas County Land & Water Conservation Department Environmental Reserve Fund** which we have just received will be used exactly for that purpose. Because of its unique configuration, the beautiful lot upon which the Monticello School rests has always remained undeveloped since Thomas Nephew in 1888 sold the corner acre to the Town of Brule for Brule School District 3 purposes. It became a playground, nature area and park from the beginning. The Brule Town Hall went up a year later on a smaller adjacent lot. The men (and they were all men in those days) who served the Town of Brule, and argued in that hall, lived in Wentworth, Poplar, Blueberry, Brule, Waino, Bellwood, LeClair, Clevedon, and later Cloverland and other communities. They also lived in an old Amnicon that included those settled around the Amnicon River Valley where a windmill was built, an area later called Lakeside. The costly driveway into the MSMA lot has taken careful planning to retain the beauty and history of the setting while addressing highway safety issues. We dive into the task asking our members and friends for financial help. The children of Carl and Delores Pellman would hope others will come forward to contribute toward their matching grant in memory of Carl and Delores Pellman. Every donation to the Monticello School Museum and Archive Account after this year's Annual Meeting and beyond is being matched, dollar for dollar up against the \$2000 in the 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 before winter (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. Poplar Hardware is carrying them. An e-mail address for more info: [musketeer6@cheqnet.net](mailto:musketeer6@cheqnet.net), and phone: 715-363-2549, or Laila at 715-372-4963, or please check our Website at [www.oldbrule.org](http://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. The 2014 edition is now under construction. Ad donations are welcome and prior donors will be contacted this week.

*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 October 7, 2013 and generally every other week thereafter. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place. We will all miss Elvie Agacki who passed away last week.

**Unapproved MINUTES for the 2013 ANNUAL MEETING**

**OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

Lucius Woods County Park Grounds

Sunday, August 11, 2013, 1:00 p.m.

Roster sign-up showed 16 in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER:** By President Dennis Hill about 2:30 p.m., after lunch.

**MINUTES:** Motion to approve the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held August 19, 2012 at the Maple Pavilion which were published in the October 2012 *OBHS News* made by Doreen Swanson, seconded by Irene Parenteau. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Paul C. submits his monthly spreadsheet statement of our accounts through August 10 2013: Checkbook account balances: General: **\$439.52**; Windmill: **\$759.73**; Monticello School: **\$4,325.15**. CD: \$5757.75. Total cash assets: \$11,282.15. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Nancy Wiitala, seconded by Gary Luoma. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**Windmill Site, Chairman Brian Paulson Reported:**

Signage is still needed for Taylor's Bridge, which could suitably be commemorated at an event tied in with our Bayfield Apple Festival Weekend activities. Jim has the sign text. We will refine these plans and find a sign printer/painter. We will look into a style like the one at the original bridge site. Mill painting is still ahead. John Woodbury suggested. Jennifer Higgins Sloan has been mentioned earlier. Jim will locate her phone number.

Schedule for Apple Festival Weekend:

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Volunteers: Jim will be available. Shirley as well. Others?

**OBHS Monticello School Museum and Archive Facility Project Report:** The school 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 estimate needed, and basement Archive construction; **Phase III:** Woodhull's have 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); Paul contacted **Thom Higgins of Calumet LLC** of Superior which donated \$500 for unrestricted use on the project. Gifts so far from Dolores 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. 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.

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**. Mini-Grant forms were received from the **Wisconsin Historical Society and the Local History Council** for help with filling the Archiving space. They were rejected for this year, but they asked for us to reapply; 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 significance 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 which formally kicks off today with the Pellman family matching grant. Donations have earlier been received from the Pellman family, from Earl Granroth, Ina Falk, Hope Swenson, and Mary Ann. And thanks to everyone for their generous memorials in Dolores' name. Pellman matching grant was announced in August newsletter.

**Membership Committee:** The Membership Drive general meeting held in Lake Nebagamon was a success in that over fifty people attended, with several new people signing our guest list.

**Archives Committee:** Report. Next meeting: Monday 1 p.m., August 12 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's (& Randy's) time opens up.

**2014 Calendars Report:** They are to be done with help from 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 the earlier date this year to assure good publicity and sales.

**Books: Sisu and Sauna Reprint:** Work is going on to revise the first edition. Decision needed on publisher and number. We hope the committee will be able to meet soon regarding changes to the new edition. **Looking for a New Frontier** (Pearson Family) Jerrard's **Brule River of Wisconsin** are selling. **Wisconsin Far Northwest** reprint will be needed fairly soon. Five were recently purchased by the book store at NGLVC. OBHS member and book publisher, Nan Wisherd, has been helping in securing bids for the WFNW reprint. Jim has corrected book files which are ready, but more set-up would be needed. About 15 copies remain. Nan has also encouraged the gathering and printing of the OBHS calendar images and texts in book form. Book sales have been steady at Poplar Hardware. Shirley Umolac has been handling sales. Our thanks to all.

**Merchandise Inventory:** Work goes on to update the inventory. Shirley has been working on this.

**New OBHS Logo T-Shirts:** This project is moving but is begging for time.

**Gene Davidson DVD proposal:** still working this ideas

**Button Creation:** Hope is working on this in support of the Monticello School project.

**Windmill Cups** need to be reordered. Might end up going on line for this. Shirley's investigating.

**Possible Field Trips:** Solon Springs today, Palo Farm in Oulu last week, Barron County, Mellen (Mary Carol Granberg). Brian Paulson has been checking.

**Next Board Meeting:** Election of Officers immediately after our Annual Meeting. Board retirement, Karin Colby replacements. Many thanks to her. A Certificate of Appreciation will be printed.

**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 contingent. Jim installed wheels on our large sign which helped. 94 tickets sold.

**Windmill Summer Tours:** August and September yet this year. Third Sat. of the month from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Wisc. Council for Local History Regional meeting at DCHS in Superior 13Sept13.** Jim has been asked by Kathy Laakso to give a talk on our group's activities as part of the program. We'll need to know who is interested.

**Vouchers for 20 % off regular admissions** have been digitally sent out by the Wisconsin Council for Local History. We need to print and distribute the certificates to our members, or to send a digital version.

**Bike Tours Report:** (BikeWisc.com) went from 8am to 2pm, July 16, 2013. We made \$94.97 in income through donations, sales and a paver in memory of Ina Erickson. Someone explained how they keep dogs from attacking them on their bikes: They holler "Get off the couch!" It works all the time. Thanks to Shirley for leading.

**Other Old Business:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sympathy/Encouragements:** John Altshool. We are always interested in other needs.

Thanks given for all the donated hours. Jim has the new Blue Sheets to hand out.

Budget proposals and adoption delayed until next Board meeting.

**Other New Business:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Lila Ronn to adjourn. Seconded by Irene P. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Pellman, Secretary

**Approved MINUTES of the BOARD MEETING**

**Held after our ANNUAL MEETING at Lucius Woods County Park**

**Solon Springs, on August 11, 2013.**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Hill at 3:20 p.m. A roster for attendance was passed: Dennis Hill, Brian Paulson, Jim Pellman, Doreen Swanson, and Gary Luoma.

**Installation of new Board Members and Officers:** A replacement for retiring Karin Colby after four years of dedicated Board service was needed. A Certificate of Appreciation will be awarded to her. The Annual meeting could produce no nominees for that position. Gary Luoma declined nomination from his Alternate Board Position which he wanted to retain. The position will remain vacant and a new candidate will be sought. All other Officers and Board Members were eligible and agreed to resume their duties in the coming year. Motion was made by Doreen with a second by Gary that these positions be filled by a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**Budget Preparation:** Board activity for creation of a budget for next year was postponed.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Dennis with a second by Doreen. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. (Minutes approved at the September 11, 2013 Board Meeting.)

**Our Program** followed our lunch and our business meetings. Many great dishes were served. Despite being displaced from the main pavilion, we managed quite well. Thanks everyone for your patience as Mary Ann could not be with us with all she does to organize, and remember the little things (like buns for our brats and our coffee supplies). We toured the Solon Springs Historical Society buildings (Museum & Beck Log House). Our thanks to the Johnsons, Mrs. Joann Alto and the Solon Springs Society membership for their inspiring tours. Thank you everyone for a great day!

Respectfully submitted,

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**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 new Windmill mugs are \$8, new stock caps, \$12, and tee shirts, any size, \$10, all proceeds going into the Windmill Fund. **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.

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

**Board Meeting MINUTES**

**OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

Eskolin House, Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 4:30 p.m.

Five signed the roster: Earl Granroth, Brian Paulson, Paul Colby, Mary Ann Gronquist, and Jim Pellman

**CALL TO ORDER:** By President Dennis at 4:50 p.m.

**MINUTES:** Motion to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 10, 2013 held at Eskolin House as published in the August 7, 2013 *OBHS News* made by Mary Ann, seconded by Brian. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Paul C. submitted his monthly summary of our accounts through August 31, 2013: Checkbook account balances: General: **\$572.06**; Windmill: **\$639.73**; Monticello School: **\$4,405.15**. CD: **\$5,769.99**. Total cash assets: **\$11,386.93**. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Jim, seconded by Mary Ann. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**Windmill Site, Chairman Brian Paulson Report:**

Signage is still needed for Taylor's Bridge, Jim has the sign text. Mill painting. A mill paint donation came from Pat & Tom Higgins of \$250 with a Murphy/Calumet matching grant expected. Total expected \$500.00 toward mill painting costs. Jennifer Sloan of Jennifer's Painting from Lake Nebagamon is doing the painting at the cost of her gas. Discussion followed to add something to that. Motion was made by Earl to give Jennifer \$100, two years free membership, a paver, and two books, seconded by Brian. Motion carried. Our thanks to Jennifer for all of her hours and skill. Tours this Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Tours will also be held after Friday's Northwest Regional Meeting at DCHS in Superior. After the Windmill & Monticello School the group then goes on to Palo Farm in Oulu. Jim will give a talk at DCHS on OBHS building and structure preservation efforts.) Pavers are ready for pickup. Mike Booker is getting out of the business by next spring. Replacement poles have been located for the mill, donated by Leo Sanda, Ron's neighbor. The bridge needs some treatment, but this will hold until next year. Ants and weeds are a concern.

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**Other Old Business:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sympathy/Encouragements:** John Altshool; Eddie Walman. Word has also come in that member Ruben Winkka has died. Elvie Agacki has been in hospice, now at Middle River. Tree memorials and boulder plaque need review.

Volunteer recognitions are needed, and other Certificates of Recognition. New Blue Sheets need to be handed out. Budget proposals and adoption delayed until next Board meeting.

**Other New Business:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Dennis to adjourn, seconded by Paul Colby. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Pellman, Secretary

**Area History:**  
**No. 94**

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

**10. Fayme E. Maki (wife of the late Martin) Laakso at the John Walimaki farm c. 1936.** Fayme is the daughter of Emilia (Pellinen) and Fred Maki. (Her mother Emilia appears in February's picture.) Throughout much of her life Fayme has lived on the Lund Road. She appears here on a bicycle visiting her cousins, the John Walimakis. Mrs. Walimaki was her Aunt Lempi, deceased already at the time of this photo, and another daughter of John and Matilda Pellinen. The Walimakis lived near the end of Lund Road where it joined Highways F and FF. This photo is from an album of Elna L. Lund, Fayme's former neighbor, who just turned 100 this past summer. Elna, who lives in Superior, was born on June 25, 1912 in Bayfield to Swede-Finn parents, Anna Matilda "Elsie" and Ernst Alfred "Fred" Lund, for whom Lund Road is named. The family moved to Maple from Odanah in Elna's youth. *Our thanks to Nancy Moreland for spotting the photo and to Fayme for Lund Road family history and loyal Old-Brule Heritage Society charter membership.*



-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 collection for 2014 started 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 Forms" (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.*

To our volunteers and work crews at the Davidson Windmill site. Recently new mill arms went up thanks to **Leo Sanda** who donated the poles, **Pat Grube** who lifted them, **Brian Paulson, Dennis Hill & Ron Hendrickson** who shaped and painted them. Thanks to **Jennifer Sloan** of **Jennifer's Painting** in Lake Nebagamon who donated her time & skills in prepping, priming, & painting the mill's metal white. Other helpers were **Earl Tekippe & Jim Pellman**. To **Thomas & Pat Higgins** for their gifts and grants through **Calumet/Murphy Oil** for the Windmill paint & the Monticello Project.

To the **Walter Erkkila family** and to **Jan & Dave Conley and family** who continue to support the MSMA Project.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Members **Dick and Laila Ronn** on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. They celebrated with family and friends on Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Superior Moose Lodge. They had requested that there be no gifts, but these amounted to over \$175, which they chose to donate to OBHS in memory of their beloved parents, Elias and Hilda (Kauppinen) Ronkainen, and August and Mamie(Allen) Ahola. Our profound thanks to them.

**OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY:** To Member **Eddie Walman** as he continues to mend; To Member **Doris Perala** at Villa Marina; To family & friends of Member **Jack H. Gronquist**, 81, South Range who passed away peacefully at the Villa Marina Health and Rehabilitation Center Oct. 1, 2013; **Leroy Lawrence Falk**, 91, Maple and Antigo, who died Sept. 29 in Antigo; Member **Elvie Aliina Agacki**, 91, of Wentworth, born into a family of 12 siblings and Finnish immigrant parents, Hemming and Maija (Ammesmäki) Winkka, who passed away Sept. 24 at Middle River after a brief battle with cancer which she fought with plenty of Finnish Sisu; **Loretta M. (Severin) Johnston**, 93, who passed away peacefully Sept. 15 at the Villa Marina in Superior, survived by Lorraine Aho, Bonnie (Richard) Lucas, Patty Kauti and Kathy Sletten, preceded in death by sons, Roland, Earl, Dennis, Wilbur and Jerry Kauti and Lavern Johnston & a daughter, Linda (Kauti) Hancock; **James G. Ksicinski**, 70, South Range, who died Sept. 7 at the Solvay Hospice House in Duluth, formerly with the Lake Nebagamon police department; **Dale E. Johnson**, 50, who passed away Aug. 20, Wayne and Ruth Johnson having a memorial service at the Bennett Town Hall; Member **Ruben Winkka**, 87, who died Aug. 18 in Park Rapids, Minn., born in Maple to the late Hemming and Mary (Ammesmaki) Winkka; **James Arthur "Pygmy" Shoher**, 66, of Brule who died Aug. 24 in his residence; **Brian "Cheetah" Richard Androski**, 38, of Superior, in a motorcycle accident Aug. 19; **M. Arlene (Wiitala) Makela**, 84, Maple, who died Thursday, Aug. 15 at Essential Health St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, born in Brule to Jacob and Sylvia (Maki) Wiitala; **Elma V. (Frasa) Anderson**, 94, who went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Aug. 13 at St. Francis Home in the Park, Superior, born to Andrew and Hilma Frasa in Oulu, resided at different farms in Illinois moving to the family farm in Port Wing, Wis. later to Lakeside, then Superior; **Donald Andrew Peterson**, 78, Lake Nebagamon who passed away Aug. 6 at Golden Living in Superior; **Katherine Marie (Zunker) Essen**, 49, Solon Springs who passed away unexpectedly Aug. 19, 2013.

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.**

**October 4-6**, Friday to Sunday. Bayfield Apple Festival. Open House/Davidson Windmill Tours: Fri.3-6, Sat. with Bake Sale, 9-5; Sunday 12-3. Gronquist funeral 11 a.m.

**October 7**, Monday, 1:00 p.m. Archives Committee meets at Pellmans in Maple. Please call to confirm.

Scouts of Pack 212, Den 6 to tour the Mill and Eskolin House at 6:30 p.m.

**October 9**, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS General Meeting, Amnicon Town Hall. Program: Amnicon History Collecting with the new Town Hall construction underway. Dennis Hill & Brian Paulson leading.

**October 17**, Thursday 7 p.m. *Aallotar* Finnish Group performing at Sacred Heart Church, Duluth.

**November 3**, Sunday. Daylight Savings Time ends.

**November 5**, Tuesday. Election Day.

**November 13** Wednesday. OBHS Board meeting.

**November 18**, Monday. Deadline for contributions to the December *OBHS News*.

**November 28**, Thursday. Thanksgiving. Hanukkah.

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

The Website Committee has been maintaining our Web site ([www.oldbrule.org](http://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.**