

OBHS News

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OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 6 p.m. at the Maple Community Center

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

Program (6:40 PM): OBHS Members Dennis Hill and Jim Pellman will present "How the Logging Was Done." The two will discuss the tools and methods used to clear the area of tens of millions of board feet, using ice roads, local streams and railroad spurs pushed into remote stands. Actual tools will be on display and images presented. Please bring a covered dish to pass or goodies to share. Thanks to the Town of Maple for the use of their Community Center. The Hall is right on Highway 2 in Maple. There is never a charge for the programs in our lecture series.

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

Thanks to the Town of Maple, to all who join us, and to all who serve and bring refreshments to share.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Our grant application for help with the Monticello School Museum & Archive (MSMA) Project to the Finlandia Foundation National headquarters in Pasadena, California, has produced excellent results. We will be acting on their offer of a \$2,500 grant at our coming general meeting on April 9th. We anxiously wait for this winter of winters to break to let us complete our driveway with the MSMA basement to soon follow. This year the Finlandia Foundation was able to fund in whole or in part 48 projects for a total of \$70,000 out of 55 applications totaling \$216,076. Their grant will be a wonderful contribution to our efforts, with much work yet to be done, on the grounds and in our future fund-raising. This will be ongoing as we bring the school and our archive into service over the next two years and beyond. Our thanks to all of you on our growing roster of MSMA contributors.

Discussed and approved at recent OBHS meetings will be an effort to put on a dramatic historical performance as a community service and fund-raiser. There will be a huge amount of background work, from writing to set design, to recruiting actors and performers, to securing an adequate venue and people skilled in shaping and directing the production. The cause is a good one, as this effort will do much to bring our local history before the community, but also to engage the community in their history and in our preservation efforts. Our Old-Brule greater region, and the communities that make it up have wonderful stories to tell. The time period involved is hundreds of years as our history here is surprisingly deep, and each cultural group, from the Native Americans to the early *couriers de bois* and voyageurs of the fur trade, the loggers and the railroad section men, to the multi-ethnic settlers, homesteaders and pioneers into this Lake Superior basin have interesting stories to tell. We will be picking telling vignettes from a multitude of prospects in our first effort at dramatizing our past. Anyone with skills and an interest in bringing this dream to a reality is encouraged to contact us soon.

Jim Pellman

1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2014 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 2014 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are available at \$8.00 each. Other earlier OBHS calendars are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2011), 2012 at \$6.00, & 2013 at \$7.00 in limited numbers. Poplar Hardware, Poplar Village Market, Cable Publishing and Sharon's Restaurant in Lake Nebagamon, and Twin Gables Restaurant in Brule have been carrying the latest issue. 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. We thank our donor businesses whose cards we list in the back of each calendar.

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 April 14, 2014, and generally every other Monday thereafter. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

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

Wednesday, February 12, 2013, 6 p.m. at the Maple Community Center

25 signed the attendance list...(missed a few who departed early).

We started the evening with a moment of silence, followed by a light lunch and refreshments.

Program: OBHS Members Brian Paulson & Jim Pellman gave a slide program on "the History of the Northern Pacific Railroad/Railway Ashland Branch from Duluth to Ashland." Thanks to the Town of Maple for the use of their community center. A short Business Meeting followed lunch and the program. Our thanks to all who came and to those who brought food to share.

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the business meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

MINUTES: Motion made by Jim Mattson to approve the Minutes for the General Meeting held in the Amnicon Town Hall, Wednesday, December 11, 2013 as published in the February *OBHS News*. Seconded by Doreen Swanson. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul C. submitted his monthly (& to date) summary of our accounts through January 31, 2014 (February 12, 2014): Beginning: \$7426.39 (7084.93); Income: \$655.00 (207.00); Expense: \$996.46 (327.52); Ending: \$7084.93 (6964.41). Checkbook account balances: General: \$531.03 (436.31); Windmill: \$391.75 (365.95); Monticello School: \$6162.15 (ditto). CD: \$5778.11 (ditto). Total cash assets: \$12,863.04 (12,742.52). Balance of the Pellman Family matching grant (\$2000-\$1640): \$360. Motion made by Doreen Swanson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Audrey Hakkila. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Windmill Site, Chairman Brian Paulson Report: Winter season with minimal activities. Have to address the issue of the skin on the mill eventually. Seeking solutions that preserve the history but reasonably protect it. Painting will continue of mill blades and upper, and the Eskolin house addition as weather warms up. North side of the house needs waterproofing and flashing at gable transition.

OBHS Monticello School Museum and Archive (MSMA) Facility Project Report: Phase II: Basement final plans and diagrams, getting of bids, and fund-raising brochures and grant writing are moving forward, grounds development, and culvert and driveway access projects, with basement Archive construction yet to start; Early winter stopped progress on driveway and culvert installation by Keith Olson & Olson Brothers. Another firm bid is needed for basement. Phase III: Jim has created a "vision drawing" of the Monticello School facility which is being used in brochures and mailings. An on-site project sign or banner needs to be designed promoting & explaining the project to be mounted when the weather improves.

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 been mailed with grants awarded after May 1, 2014. The grant they gave forms for is one with top amount of \$5,000. Major grants demand a recent audit or the IRS 990 Long Form. An inquiry is ready for a Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation grant 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, the historic site, with a book or booklet published, a

dramatic production, and a grand opening event, all of this for later in 2014 or 2015. Other grants are being considered, as well as our local capital campaign which kicked off with the Pellman family matching grant at our annual meeting in August. Donations have earlier been received from the Pellman family, Lois Pollari, Earl & Barbra Granroth, Paul, Trenton & Gabbie Colby, Geraldine Fechtelkotter, Ina Falk, Gary Luoma, Hope Swenson, Mary Ann, and from Laila Magnuson. Thanks also to everyone for their generous memorials in Delores' Pellman's name, and for rallying to the project.

Membership Committee: The Membership Drive general meetings held in Maple, Lake Nebagamon & Amnicon have been well attended, with several new people signing our guest list. As funds become available more community contact can be made. It was agreed that we should promote the "multi-faceted nature" of our group in all publicity, and on the website, mentioning the Mill, the School & Archive, and our historical publications.

Archives Committee: Report. Next meeting: Monday 1 p.m., February 17 at Pellmans'. Please call to confirm. Thanks from Jim to Earl, Audrey, Betty, Irene & Nancy (our Group Historian) & Shirley for keeping us on track. This winter has slowed us down some. Earl is making great strides with our scanning index. More help is needed.

Publications Committee:

Pollari Memorial Map Project Report: Very slowly progressing. At our last Board meeting a spirited discussion developed around the need to get the Pollari Memorial Map finished, and how best to get this done. A motion was made by Dan B. with a second by Doreen that we make a two sided map, giving us two surfaces to develop, one dedicated to logging railroad infrastructure and communities, and the other side that which we have already considerably developed with more general themes, the idea to make a simpler surface by dividing the contents, confining the time covered from 1890 to about 1910. The railroad map would be smaller and on the back with the text descriptions already being developed. Motion carried to proceed with this understanding. Committee to contact Randy Jones as time opens up. Time is the true issue. Need to talk to Randy.

2014 Calendars Report: On sale at Poplar Hardware, Poplar Village Market, Twin Gables in Brule, Sharon's Restaurant & Cable Publishing in Lake Nebagamon,

Books: *Sisu and Sauna* Reprint (Lakeside History): 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. OBHS member and book publisher, Nan Wisherd, has been helping in securing bids for the WFNW reprint, and supports a table top book with reprints from our calendars. Book sales have been steady at Poplar Hardware. Jane Grimsrud has been in touch re her first part of Cloverland's history called Brule River Forest and Lake Superior: Cloverland Anecdotes now available through us at Poplar Hardware. Jim has scheduled an appointment with Nan Wisherd at Cable Publishing to discuss the Calendar Book Feb.22, 2014, 10:30-Noon. She said her company would absorb up-front costs for publishing the book, for a nominal negotiated percentage.

Merchandise Inventory: An inventory was done.

New OBHS Logo T-Shirts: This project is moving but is begging for time. Jim has image going for T-shirt...bird's eye view drawing of Old-Brule.

Gene Davidson DVD proposal: still working this idea. Need to follow up on production leads provided by member D. Basil Edgette. (Ben) (David Lee offer of device used to pull ice out of Lake Nebagamon.) Jim Mattson lead with his graphics friend, Gene? re.: publication.

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

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 to send a digital version.

Other Old Business: Motion was made by Doreen S. to authorize the 2014 OBHS NWHS \$250 Scholarship. Second by Audrey Hakkila. Motion carried.

Thank you to Town of Lakeside for plowing the Windmill Driveway. Letter to be drafted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sympathy/Encouragements: Encouragement to Doris Perala & sympathy to the Bongs, Peralas, & Colbys & Winters in their recent losses (Jim Bong, Elmer Perala, and LaVerne Colby Winter).

Recognitions. New Blue Sheets are available to hand out.

2014 Budget proposals and adoption delayed. Paul will set up meeting.

Coming Meetings: Next Board meeting: Dan & Dorothy B.'s March 12, 4:30 p.m. on County Road D, Poplar. Thanks to them. Next General Meeting discussed. Maple will be the site and Amnicon the backup site on April 9th.

Other New Business:

Midsummer Planning. Motion by Doreen Swanson, seconded by Irene Parenteau to hold it during the weekend of June 21st. General meeting that week to be moved to Thursday as a work day. Motion carried.

Change of meeting date from Wednesday. Discussion revealed that our new calendar is printed with Wednesday as our date. We will look at this later. Tabled for now. By-laws would also have to be changed.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Audrey H., second by Mary Ann G. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 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 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) **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. Jane Pearson Grimsrud recently 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 check ahead for current availability.

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

4:30 p.m., March 12, 2014

Dan & Dorothy Bergsten Residence, Highway D., Poplar, WI

Thanks to Dan & Dorothy for hosting! They provided a full meal to the group. And thanks to others who brought food to share. We ate before the business meeting.

Attendance 9: Mary Ann G., Paul Colby, Hope S., Brian Paulson, Dan B., Doreen S., Dennis Hill, Earl G., Jim Pellman.

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

MINUTES: Motion by Doreen S., with a second by Earl Granroth for approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 8, 2014, held at Dan & Dorothy Bergsten's in Poplar as published in the February 7, 2014 *OBHS News*. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul C. submitted his monthly summary of our accounts for Feb. 28, 2014 updated through March 12, 2014 in brackets: Checkbook account balances: General: **\$765.71 [ditto]**; Windmill: **\$365.95 [\$292.18]**; Monticello School: **\$6,462.15 [\$6,512.15]**. CD: **\$5,783.14**. Total cash assets: **\$13,353.18**. Balance of the Pellman Family matching grant (**\$2000-\$1890**): **\$110**. Paul also said we had received \$5.03 interest. Motion by Hope S., with a second by Mary Ann G. to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. Jim read a letter from Gene Davidson which included a \$100 donation. Motion by Earl G., seconded by Dan B. to divide the amount in half, \$50 to go into the Windmill Fund and \$50 into the MSMA fund. Gene specified only that the money go to MSMA or wherever most needed. Motion carried. Our thanks to Gene and wife Agnes for their support. Paul also informed us that our insurance policy rate has climbed to over \$600 annually.

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

Windmill Site, Chairman Brian Paulson Report: Brian arrived late. Jim had prepared this summary:

Signage is still needed for Taylor's Bridge, Jim has the sign text. Mill painting, more next summer. A Jennifer (Sloan) Painting, Lake Nebagamon paver has been ordered for her many volunteer hours, and we gave two books. Addition to Eskolin House will get its second coat of paint, some talk about it needing to be darker heard. The flexible log chinking material is extremely expensive. We will be looking into all that's out there for the sake of sealing and preserving and restoring the Eskolin house exterior. Also we will be looking to flash the non-log portion of the gabled ends downward to keep the moisture moving along the outside of the building. All outside work is contingent on the arrival of summer weather. Brighter lights in mill to be investigated still using low voltage but LCD technology upgrades. The skin treatment will be getting more study. Letter from Gene Davidson explained their restoration and concerns with the skin.

OBHS Monticello School Museum and Archive (MSMA) Facility Project Report: Phase II: Jim P. offered this printed report as part of the agenda: Basement final plans and diagrams, getting of bids, and fund-raising brochures and grant writing are moving forward, grounds development, culvert and driveway access projects, with basement Archive construction yet to start; driveway to go in this spring with the snow melt. Another firm bid is needed for the basement. Fundraising/grants/990 Form top priorities. Finlandia Foundation National grant submission is in with grants awarded after May 1, 2014. Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, re-examining our project. **Phase III:** Another brochure details the history of the school and teachers and overall plans for its new use. An on-site sign has been discussed which needs to be designed promoting & explaining the project, as the weather breaks with spring we should have it ready.

Mini-Grant forms will be re-submitted to the **Wisconsin Historical Society and the Local History Council** for help with equipping the Archiving space. Major grants demand a recent audit or the IRS 990 Long Form. We have submitted 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, the historic site, with a book or booklet published, and a grand opening event, all of this for late in 2014 or after. Other ideas: to create & hold an historical play using local talent & facilities. Other grants are being considered, as well as our local capital campaign which kicked off with the **Pellman family matching grant** at our annual meeting in August. Other donations have been received from the **Pellman family, Lois Pollari, Earl & Barbra Granroth, Paul, Trenton & Gabbie Colby, Geraldine Fechtelkotter, Ina Falk, Gary Luoma, Hope Swenson, and Mary Ann, Laila Magnuson and Gene Davidson**. Discussion developed on the prospect of creating and producing an historical play, securing "professional help" such as Pat Luostari, and/or Kathy Laakso. Hope suggested writing short historical scenes throughout. Motion was made by Alice C. with a second by Dan B. and carried to go forward with planning for an historical dramatic performance seeking to use the Pat Luostari Auditorium and Northwestern High School if possible or toward Douglas County Historical Society if need be for the sake of fundraising and the building of community relations and support for local history and the Monticello School Museum & Archive. No formal contacts have yet been made. A visit to the High School by a few might be good to investigate the terms under which we might use the Luostari Auditorium. Jon Winter, now President of the Douglas County Historical Society, expressed great interest in our drama proposals

Membership Committee: Membership drive meetings in Maple, Lake Nebagamon and Amnicon have been well attended. As more funds become available more public contacts for growing our membership can be made. Blue sheets are available. By request Matt Thorson and Allen Nagel will be added to our newsletter mailing list. The High School has a new 10th grade History teacher, named Mr. Kyle Polzin from Solon Springs who is in his first year of teaching. He has his students doing advanced family genealogies using the internet. He would be someone within the School District to reach out to to help build rapport between the district and our organization. Will add to our newsletter list.

Archives Committee: Report. Slowed for the winter. Next meeting: Monday 1 p.m., March 17th at Pellmans'. Please call to confirm. Thanks from Jim to Earl, Audrey, Betty, Irene & Nancy (our Group Historian) & Shirley for keeping us on track. More help is needed. Ina Erickson memorial paver will be installed this summer.

Publications Committee:

Pollari Memorial Map Project Report: Jim has not had time to pursue this fully. We still need an appointment with Randy Jones, and new committee meetings. Double sided map now authorized will help move this along, and project focus on 1890-1910 time frame.

2014 Calendars Report: They are available in the area and online. Generous donations supported this latest effort. On sale at Poplar Hardware, Poplar Village Market, Twin Gables in Brule, Sharon's Restaurant and Cable Publishing in Lake Nebagamon. Thanks to them.

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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. OBHS member and book publisher, Nan Wisherd, has been helping in securing bids for the WFNW reprint, and supports a table top book with reprints from our calendars. Two meetings to discuss this project with Nan have had to be cancelled due to weather or funeral. Will try to meet later this month. Book sales have been steady at Poplar Hardware. Check www.oldbrule.org for full list. Jane Grimsrud's latest, the first part of Cloverland's history called *Brule River Forest and Lake Superior: Cloverland Anecdotes* is now available through us at Poplar Hardware and through our members. Mention was made that Lloyd Kendall has some windmill pictures.

Merchandise Inventory: Inventory completed.

New OBHS Logo T-Shirts: This project is moving but is begging for time. Jim has image going for T-shirt.

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Button Creation: Hope is working on this in support of the Monticello School project. Showed her work. Motion by Doreen S., second by Earl G. to order as high as \$100 button making supplies (good for 200 lg buttons). Motion carried.

Vouchers for 20% off regular admissions Reminder: From the Wisc. Council for Local History. Contact Jim for the certificates, Members, or we can send a digital version for you to print out.

Other Old Business: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sympathy/Encouragements: Encouragement to **Doris Perala** & sympathy to the **Pearson families** on loss of **Helga** & the **Pellman families**, on loss of **Eleanor**. Others? Ina Falk has recently moved to the Lighthouse in Superior. See Notices for full listing of many other recent passings.

Recognitions. New Blue Sheets are available to hand out.

2014 Budget proposals and adoption delayed until next Board meeting at least. Paul will be setting up meeting.

Coming Meetings: April 9th, General Meeting, Maple, 6 p.m. Speaker, Dennis Hill with help from Jim on White Pine Logging methods. Next Board meeting, May 4th. Swansons have volunteered their cabin again for future Board meetings in warmer weather (July there). Last Gen. meeting Eskolin House was named the location for May. Lakeside Town Hall has been reserved for Midsummer/Juhannus, June 19, 20, 21st. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Our business meeting in June will then move to Thursday evening, our first work & prep. day. Mary Ann is doing a great job on our publicity. Charge for meal will remain \$8.00.

Other New Business. None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Earl Granroth, second by Doreen S. to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Pellman, Secretary

Area History: No. 97

This photo is the March entry in our 2014 OBHS History Calendar.

14.03. **Davidson Windmill c. pre-1910.** The earliest known photograph of the Windmill. Mary Bryden Doherty of Poplar was an avid amateur photographer, and her photos show the early Poplar schools, and other local sites, including this picture of the mill, all within the new Town of Amnicon-I of the time. At that date it may have been taken on a plate glass negative. She processed her own pictures. The windmill is unpainted, with servicing scaffolding in place, and the omission of covering from the extremity of the blades can be seen. State Highway 13 was not yet in existence at this time. *From the Mary Jean O'Neil collection, granddaughter of John Doherty, a Poplar/Old Brule homesteader from among the four Doherty brothers who settled in Poplar in the early 1880s. They came from New Brunswick, Canada, and after John left the Poplar area with a Bryden Poplar bride, returned to Canada, but to the western Province of Saskatchewan.*



-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 began at our Annual Meeting.

THANK YOU'S & RECOGNITIONS: To all of you who have donated your valuable time to make what we do throughout the year possible.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY: To the family & friends of the following:

Charmain C. Colby, 45, Maple, died March 30, 2014 from sudden medical complications. She was born on Aug. 9, 1968 in Superior to Raymond and Sandra (Stevens) Colby and graduated from Northwestern in 1986 and went on to receive her degree in medical transcription. She had been the owner/operator of the Sundown Cafe in Maple; was a cook at the Middle River Health and Rehabilitation Center in Hawthorne; a waitress at the Covered Wagon in Hawthorne; a homemaker & catered many events in the area over the years. She was a longtime member of Cloverland Covenant Church. Left children still at home.

Robert "Bob" Lundberg, 95, Barnes, WI, Mesa, AZ, longtime area businessman, died March 23 at his lake home in Barnes surrounded by his family, was born to William and Hulda (Jones) Lundberg on March 26, 1918, at the family farm in Poplar, WI, the seventh child in a family of five boys and five girls. His wife Irene and children survive. Bob and family have been generous with OBHS, particularly at our founding, for which we will always be grateful.

Ruth Esther (Wiitala) Lindelof, 87, Plymouth, MN passed away after a full life on March 25. Born to the late Jack and Sylvia Wiitala, & late sister Arlene Makela. Survived by husband of 70 years, Leonard.

Cleo H. Segar Cox Brubaker, 87, of Maple passed away March 14 at her home surrounded by her family. Born Sept. 16, 1926 in Menominee, Wis. to the late Walter and Blanche (Smith) Segar. Cleo married Kenneth Cox 1946, who preceded her in death 1979. She then married Clifton Brubaker 1987. Graveside services to be in Wascott May 21.

Bradley Barsness, 50, Wentworth, died peacefully in his sleep at home, March 10.

He was born on June 12, 1963 in Superior to Billie and Helen (Burhans) Barsness, worked at the family owned gas station, Barsness Spur, Wentworth, and at Wentworth Lumber Company, most recently on various pipeline jobs. He was preceded in death by his parents, Billie Barsness and Helen Barsness-Savage and a sister, Robin Kastern.

Carl Jamison, 69, Poplar, passed peacefully on March 5 at the Solvay Hospice House in Duluth, surrounded by family; born in Duluth, son of Ross and Deloris (Lorentzon) Jamison. Married Janet Howenstine Dec. 17, 1966, & celebrated 47 years of marriage, sailed Great Lakes for 40 years as chief cook.

Lina Eleanor Pellman, 81, Brule, died March 4 at Middle River Health and Rehabilitation Facility where she had worked as an LPN. She was born on Feb. 23, 1933 in Oulu to George T. and Lina A. (Niemi) Johnson. Celebrated 53 years of marriage with George R. Pellman before he passed away on March 30, 2008. She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Oulu, serving as organist for over 25 years.

Alfred L. "Fred" Brochu, 77, Iron River, long time of Superior, passed away Feb. 26 at his residence. He was born Oct. 17, 1936 in Blueberry, son of Lawrence and Alice (Banks) Brochu. Air Force veteran, he married Ann Marie Aiken on June, 7, 1960 in Pine, MN. Fred worked and retired from the Harvest Grain Elevators in Superior after many years. He married his second wife, Janet Olby on June 27, 1998 in Superior. He is survived by his wife, Janet Brochu, Iron River; two daughters, Terri L. Sales, Largo, FL, and Roechel R. Brochu, Iron River; two brothers, Jim (Mary) Brochu, Superior, and Ron (Deb) Brochu, Duluth, Minn.; a sister, Alice (Fred) Fields, Minnesota; mother-in-law, Eleanore Olby. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Ann Boursaw; five siblings, Russell Prigge, William Prigge, Robert Prigge, Joyce (Prigge) Piggott and Marylin (Prigge) Higgins; his father-in-law, James Olby.

Helga C. Pearson, 92, Maple, died peacefully Feb. 27 in her home surrounded by her family, born on Sept. 2, 1921 in Wahoo, Neb. to Herman D. and Amelia K. Anderson, married Harold Pearson in Fremont, NE Oct. 18, 1940. Helga was a life member of Cloverland Covenant Church where she taught Sunday school and was its treasurer for years. She also served as secretary on the Douglas County Blood Bank Board and was a Douglas County 4-H leader.

William (Willie) R. Erickson, 74, died peacefully at home on Feb. 24, 2014, with wife, Patti, by his side. Willie was born Feb. 14, 1939, in Maple, Wis. to Bill and Ailie (Ammesmaki) Erickson.

He was preceded in death by parents, Bill and Ailie, and sister Lorraine Engstrom.

Virginia Louise Erickson, 93, Superior, died at home Feb. 8. Daughter of Swedish immigrants Gust and Marie Swanson, born May 9, 1920, in Superior. Active in the Covenant Church throughout her life, a gifted musician, served as organist at First Covenant Church in Superior for 39 years, and was active in the Gideons. Until 88 she could be found most summer afternoons swimming the south bay of Lake Nebagamon where she had a beloved cabin.

Jeff Hermanson, 68, Lake Nebagamon, Wis., retired construction worker, died peacefully in his home on Wednesday, Feb. 12 following a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by his loving family. Born on Oct. 13, 1945, in Superior to Gunnard "Hermie" and Elna (Niemi) Hermanson, graduated from Northwestern, served in the US Marine Corps, married Laura Ronkainen on March 18, 1972, in Pine City, Minn. and celebrated 41 years of marriage. Served in the color guard of the Bong-Hofstedt American Legion Post 409. In addition to his wife Laura, Jeff is survived by his mother, Elna, and sister, Maureen (Jim) Young, both of San Diego, CA.

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.

April 9, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. OBHS General Meeting. Maple Community Center. Dennis Hill & Jim Pellman artifacts & slides on **the History of White Pine Logging Methods**. Light lunch/covered dish.

April 14, Monday. Passover begins. 1:00 p.m. Archives Com. meets at Pellmans. Please call to confirm.

April 18, Good Friday.

April 20, Easter Sunday.

April 22, Earth Day.

May 5, Monday. Cinco de Mayo.

May 11, Sunday. Mother's Day.

May 14, Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. OBHS Board meets at Eskolin House.

May 23, Friday. Deadline for contributions to the June *OBHS News*.

May 26, Monday. Memorial Day.

June 19-22, Midsummer Weekend (*Juhannus Juhlat*) at Windmill & Lakeside Town Hall dinner.

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.**