

OBHS News

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OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY 2014 ANNUAL MEETING, OUR 16TH.

Saturday, August 23, 2014, Noon at the Amnicon Town Hall

We will start the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by lunch and refreshments. Please bring a covered dish to pass or goodies to share. OBHS will provide brats & dogs, condiments and dishes.

PROGRAM: This will be our last gathering at the old Amnicon Town Hall. As the retiring building was once the Wentworth Cooperative Store, Jim Pellman and Dennis Hill, in a slide talk, will look at the history of the Cooperative movement in the OBHS area. We will invite our audience to share their memories with us as we go through our photo collection.

Thanks to the Town of Amnicon for the use of their Hall. Also, congratulations to the Town on its new facility. A short Business Meeting will follow.

We want to heartily thank all of our members and volunteers who make possible the full range of events and activities that we are involved with over the year. Please turn in your Blue Sheets.

Thanks also to all who join us today, and to all who serve and bring refreshments to share.

Guests and New Members are always Welcome!

The new Board will convene briefly after to elect and install officers.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Work at MSMA, the Monticello School Museum & Archive, has begun. Olson Brothers now have a backhoe on the grounds and will be installing the culverts shortly, but are stalled with a Digger's Hotline snag. I have been taking pictures of the progress to meet Corps of Engineers requirements. An informational sign will be going up soon with the help of a generous gift from Hope Swenson, and hopefully talk will grow with interest in what is happening on site, clearly visible to every car passing through the adjacent U.S. Highway 2 – Douglas County Highway F intersection. I predict it will be a busy late summer and fall. Hopefully this publicity will grow into additional financial support.

I had an interesting encounter earlier this week with Alyssa Ford, a magazine writer from the Twin Cities, who interviewed me over a cup of coffee and a blueberry muffin at Twin Gables. She paid. Our "date" was set for 8 a.m. in order to let each of us get into to our day's work as early as possible. Alyssa was particularly interested in the interaction throughout history between those living on the Brule River, and those who were native to the area. I explained to her that timing is everything in such a discussion, and that those who are "non-River" people got here for the most part after those who had found the Upper River a place of retreat. Those with Chippewa lineage were employed contributed to its mystique.

The Finns in particular on the Lower River were here after 1890. The Brule was an industrial corridor at the time, supporting the removal of the white pine logs upstream with dams supporting those efforts. The areas that were most desirable for retreats or camps were upstream from what is now Highway FF. Homestead filing was finally available in the area land office, as they had been held up in court due to the dispute over which railroad would get the generous land grant for having first built a rail line to Lake Superior from downstate. The "Omaha", the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad, won the prize, getting almost every other odd-numbered full section of land in northern Douglas County. Most of them were pine covered, and they eventually went to Frederick Weyerhaeuser in a 1901 purchase of 44,360 acres, almost 70 full sections, from the Omaha in anticipation of his sawmill venture, finally settling on Lake Nebagamon's north shore for its site. A decade later ten percent of these holdings, all in the Brule Valley, were donated back to the State by Weyerhaeuser in the interest of establishing a State Forest preserve, one condition being that no dams were to be permitted on the Brule.

I could only say to Alyssa that there was harmony between the River people and the locals, with many finding employment at the River clubs, camps and estates. Each Brule neighborhood tended to its own way of being and needs which varied in nature due to differences in origin and class interests. In later years disputes arose over issues like "Wild River" designation, or whether inner tubes would be allowed, but these were not rooted in local class disputes, but in widely discussed and politically volatile contemporary environmental sentiments and movements. Upstairs-downstairs class battles did not yield a new Battle of the Brule. Reverence for the pristine River and its fishery is universal.

–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. Our 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. The 2015 issue was approved and is in process. 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 document and artifact donors, and to the Town of Maple for Archive storage space. If you enjoy exacting work and interesting conversation please join us at 1 p.m. at the Pellmans' on a Monday afternoon. Next meeting will be on August 25, 2014, and generally every other Monday thereafter. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

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

Thursday, June 19, 2014, 6 p.m. at the Lakeside Town Hall

After a busy day of preparation for our Midsummer Celebration (*Juhannus Juhlat*), both on the Windmill grounds, and at the Lakeside Town Hall, we started the evening with a moment of silence, followed by lunch and refreshments.

Members brought a covered dish to pass or goodies to share.

Attendance: 26 signed the roster sent around.

We expressed thanks to the Town of Lakeside for the use of their Hall for the night's meeting and for Midsummer.

Thanks went out to all who joined us on the day, and to all who served and brought refreshments to share.

Program: We did a quick assessment of the day's activities, and the tasks ahead for Friday & Saturday.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

MINUTES: Motion by Jim Mattson, seconded by Doreen S. to approve the Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Maple Community Center, Wednesday, April 9, 2014, as published in the June *OBHS News*. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul Colby's summarized our accounts, thru May 31, 2014: Checkbook account balances: General: \$559.10; Windmill: \$272.43; Monticello School: \$4,578.15; CD: \$5,783.14. Balance of the Pellman Family matching grant (\$2000-\$2000)=\$0. The \$2,500 Finlandia Foundation National check has just arrived (not yet reflected in totals). Motion by Earl G. with a second by Shirley U. to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Windmill Site, Chairman Brian Paulson Report: With summer coming we look forward to Jennifer Sloan finishing the painting on the mill, doing the blades this year. With the ground hardening up we look forward to the new arms being installed by Pat Grube. The Eskolin House addition will get a final coat of paint bringing its color back to a darker hue, and there will be more research done to solve the problem of leakage through the logs on the north side of the building, possibly flashing and sealant. Also the rot of the exterior on the logs will be addressed with flexible caulking and sealant. Prices for these materials are proving to be pricey. Someday the deterioration of the metal skin on the mill will have to be addressed. We might have to write for a major grant for help with that project. More work and research ahead. Net funds from the Midsummer Dinner and mill merchandise sales all go to the Windmill Account which should help balances. Discussion developed and became a motion to become proactive regarding the preservation of the Eskolin house logs. Jim Mattson moved that we set aside \$750 in a fund using our CD account if necessary for purchasing preservatives to harden and stabilize the poor logs and to preserve the rest, to be used by November 1st as determined by the Windmill Committee to include the Executive Committee of the Board as required. After thorough discussion of costs and techniques, the motion carried. Chairman Brian P. will go forward with the assessment. Waiting for a busy Pat Grube to have time to make the lift of the arms. Donald Anderson continues to pump the Biffy for us. Jim will fix door on it.

OBHS Monticello School Museum and Archive (MSMA) Facility Project Report: Phase II: Basement final plans and diagrams, getting of a second bid, and fund-raising brochures and grant writing are moving forward, grounds development, culvert and driveway

access projects, with basement Archive construction yet to start; 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 sign needs to be designed promoting & explaining the project, and this should be installed when driveway construction excavations are complete.

Mini-Grant forms for this year which have been received from the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Local History Council were re-submitted for help with equipping the Archiving space. Our grant was rejected for this past year, but they asked for us to reapply; our application for a grant from the Finlandia Foundation National in California has come in at half of what we requested, \$2,500.00, and the check has arrived. An inquiry has been sent to the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation for a grant with the later Phases all in mind, Phase III being the full restoration of the schoolhouse. It is under review. A grant proposal will later 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 an exhibit catalog printed giving the history of the school, a dramatic production, and a grand opening event, all of this for later in 2014 and later. 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 last 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 more recently from Laila Magnuson, Gene Davidson and John & Doreen Swanson. Thanks 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 contacts 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. Mary Ann and Paul have been active in attempting to insert articles in places like the *Connection* and *Northwoods Shopper*, as well as annual tourist magazines from the local Chamber and State. Members are encouraged to turn in their Blue Sheets soon.

Archives Committee: Report from Jim and Earl. Next meeting was to be Monday 1 p.m., June 23 at Pellmans'. Those attending are requested to call to confirm the time. Thanks from Jim to Earl, Audrey, Betty, Mary Ann, Irene & Nancy (our Group Historian) & Shirley for keeping us on track. Earl is making great strides with our scanning index. We can always use new help with loss of our stalwarts. Thanks to all.

Publications Committee:

Pollari Memorial Map Project Report: Now progressing. A spirited discussion developed at our last Board meeting around the need to get the Pollari Memorial Map finished, and how best to get this done. A motion passed 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 on the logging side. The railroad mainline and spur map would be smaller and on the back with the text descriptions already being developed. We were to contact Randy Jones as soon as time opens up. Met with Randy and he won't be ready until July due to software issues. We will also put out a final request to the 21 rural communities in Douglas County for final input from them on what they feel are the most historic sites in their communities, via email to village and town boards.

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 met with Nan Wisherd at Cable Publishing to discuss the Calendar Book. She said her company would absorb up-front costs for publishing the book, for a negotiated percentage covering her costs. Jim is charged with gathering text & images, seeking BHRG help with their images. Looking to have these together by the end of June.

Merchandise: Inventory: An inventory was done, thanks to Shirley & George.

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

Gene Davidson DVD proposal: still working this idea. Need to follow up on production leads provided by member D. Basil Edgette. He also says David Lee has a winch used in lifting ice from Lake Nebagamon pre-refrigeration days. This will be investigated further.

Button Creation: Hope S. is working on this in support of the Monticello School project. Shared at Board meeting progress there. New materials for the button making were ordered and received. Jim will provide Hope images.

Vouchers for 20% off regular admissions have been digitally sent out by the Wisc. Council for Local History. See Jim for a printed or digital version.

Midsummer Celebration (Juhannus Juhlat). Info has been updated on the website by Earl. Mary Ann and Alice are heading this up with posters again designed by Janine S. Thanks to all for their many hours of volunteer work to make this happen and to all those who have joined them.

Other Old Business: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sympathy/Encouragements: None reported.

Recognitions & Volunteer Hours documentation. New Blue Sheets are available to hand out. See Jim or go on line to our website at www.oldbrule.org. Turn in your 2013-2014 Blue Sheets at the end of July...and get a new one started for 2014-2015. Please see Jim P.

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

Coming Meetings: Next Board meeting: July 9th, Swanson Cabin, Brule, 4:30 p.m. Next General Meeting will be our Annual Meeting "Picnic", (Board meets after to install officers) Saturday, August 23rd, Noon, new Amnicon Town Hall.

Nominating Committee: Outgoing Board Members traditionally have the job of seeking their replacements.

Board Roster and terms:	Came on Board	Term-Rem.	Departure from Board	Action for 2014
Dennis Hill, Amnicon, President:	2011	2-1	2015	None
Earl Granroth, Lakeside, 1st V. P.	2010	2-0	2014	Replace
Brian Paulson, Amnicon, 2nd V. P.	2011	2-1	2015	None
Jim Pellman, Maple, Secretary	2011	2-1	2015	None
Paul Colby, Lakeside, Treasurer	2011	2-1	2015	None
Alice Christensen, Amnicon	2010	2-0	2014	Replace
Danny Bergsten, Poplar	2013	1-1	2017	None
Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland	2013	1-1	2017	None
Doreen Swanson, Brule	2013	1-1	2017	None
Hope Swenson, Lakeside	2013	1-1	2017	None
Gary Luoma, Superior, Alternate	2013	1-1	2017	None
One Board Vacancy	-----	---	-----	Replace

Other New Business:

Request by vendors to set up at our dinner: Pat McCabe of Poplar made a request. Motion by Doreen S., seconded by Jim P. to welcome vendors pending space available at common negotiated percentage. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Audrey H., seconded by Earl Granroth to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 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 Windmill 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 has released small and large print versions of *Brule River Forest and Lake Superior Cloverland Anecdotes*. Both are available for \$20.00 (+\$3.50 shipping). Poplar Hardware also has an inventory of most of our titles. Please check ahead for current availability. Also contact our members for more info.

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

Wednesday July 9, 2014, 4:30 p.m. at the John & Doreen Swanson Cabin, Brule

Attendance: Hope S., Gary L., Dennis H., Brian P., Paul C., Jim P., Mary Ann G., Doreen S., John S., Arlene H.

Doreen & John provided brats and dogs, condiments, and settings for a light meal and refreshments. Members brought complimenting covered dishes to pass or goodies to share. Thanks to the Swansons for the use of their historic cabin & for again hosting our meeting, and to all that brought refreshments to share.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President, Dennis Hill, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES: Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held in the Eskolin House, Wednesday, May 14, 2014, as published in the June *OBHS News*. Motion by Hope with a second by Doreen for approval. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul Colby gave his summary of our accounts, thru June 30, 2014: Checkbook account balances: General: \$93.10; Windmill: \$1,494.86; Monticello School: \$7,128.15; CD: \$5,788.06. Balance of the Pellman Family matching grant (\$2000-\$2000): \$0. The \$2,500 Finlandia Foundation National check has arrived. After all expenses were paid, net profit for the Midsummer Weekend Dinner & Tours: \$949.94. Including Friday's income at the Eskolin House, the gross income was \$1,232. Thus far food cost totals were \$282.06. 114 tickets were sold. Arlene Johnson had a generous earmarked donation not included in these accounts. Motion by Doreen S., second by Gary Luoma to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. Julia Burhans was announced as the 2014 OBHS Scholarship winner.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Windmill Site, Chairman Brian Paulson Report: With summer coming we look forward to Jennifer Sloan who is on the mend after surgery, finishing the painting on the mill, doing the blades this year. With the ground hardening up we also look forward to the new arms being installed with the help of Pat Grube. The Eskolin House addition will get a final coat of paint bringing its color back to a darker hue, and there will be more research done to solve the problem of leakage through the logs on the north side of the building, possibly flashing and sealant. The committee will also get a visit from Harry Pudas to help us with his log expertise. Also the rot of the exterior on the logs will be addressed with some type of stabilizer. Prices for these materials are proving to be pricey. Someday the deterioration of the metal skin on the mill will have to be addressed. We might have to write for a major grant for help with that project. More work and research ahead. Net funds from the Midsummer Dinner and mill merchandise sales have all gone to the Windmill Account which has helped balances. Jim was asked to print up more paver forms.

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Merchandise Inventory: Motion by Jim P., seconded by Hope S. that we fill the gap in our T-Shirt inventory, and also approval to get a few shirts made with the new aerial view OBHS design. (4 each of small, medium, large & extra-large for the former decided upon. "I've been through the mill" the most popular.) Motion carried.

Gene Davidson DVD proposal: still working this idea. Need to follow up on production leads provided by member D. Basil Edgette. David Lee has a winch used in lifting ice from Lake Nebagamon pre-refrigeration days. This will be investigated.

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Other Old Business: Motion by Hope S., seconded by Doreen S. to allow suitable crafter type vendors at future events. Motion carried. Thank you is to be sent to the Town of Lakeside for use of the Town Hall at our events, and for upgrade of the breaker panel in the kitchen. Also letters of thanks need to go to donors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sympathy/Encouragements:

Recognitions & Volunteer Hours documentation. New Blue Sheets are available to hand out. See Jim or go on line to our website at www.oldbrule.org. Turn in your 2013-2014 Blue Sheets at the end of July...and get a new one started for 2014-2015. See Jim P.

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

Coming Meetings: Next Board meeting: To install officer after the Annual Meeting at Amnicon's New Town Hall., August 23rd, Noon. Next regular Board Meeting will be in September, with the next General Meeting in October.

Nominating Committee/Annual Meeting: Outgoing Board Members traditionally have the job of seeking their replacements. *See General Meeting Minutes above for Chart with Board Roster & Terms.*

Other New Business: Motion made by Dennis H, seconded by Brian P. to authorize creation of a formal packet promoting our group designed to help in the process of making contacts for the Monticello School Museum & Archives. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Doreen S. moved that we adjourn, seconded by Paul C. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Pellman, Secretary

Area History: No. 99

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

14.08. Waino High School Finnish Dance Group. This group of Waino High School students performed at the Wisconsin State Fair in 1937 as Douglas County's school representatives. Left to right are Velma Hakkila Doby, Miriam Hakkila Lehto, Clara Hendrickson Koski, Sigrid Olson Minnahan, Viola Wentela Palo, Helen Styrman Anecki, Charlotte Johnson Goodman, Marian Beaudry Erickson, Shirley Byorni Niemi and Vivian Hendrickson Lynn. Their costumes were blue and white after the Finnish flag, and they were patterned after traditional Finnish dresses as were the knee pants and vests. Waino High School



burned in 1948 and its loss contributed to the creation of Northwestern High School in Maple in 1949-1950. *Picture from the Iron River Pioneer, June 21, 1973, courtesy then of the Waino High School Alumni Reunion Committee, Brule History Research Group collection.*

-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 2015 will begin at our Annual Meeting in August.

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: To all of you who have donated your time & resources to make what we do possible. Please turn in your **Blue Sheets** with volunteer hours before our Annual Meeting with hours shown through July 31st.

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

Michael R. Tuura-Miller, 33, who passed away Aug. 7, 2014, grandparents: Norman and Darlene Tuura & Joan & Robert Miller; survived by wife Judie Miller.

Barbara (Baggerson) Bowker, 79, Bennett, died August 3, 2014, at Middle River Nursing Home, born in Chicago, burial in Bennett.

Marlene Joyce (Thomas) Esselstrom, 82, Wentworth, died Friday, July 25, 2014 at Villa Marina Health & Rehabilitation Center in Superior, born in Superior, daughter of Clara (Strauman) and Clyde Thomas, married to the late Melvin Esselstrom in 1966.

Seth N. Stariha, 15, Lake Nebagamon, died July 23, 2014, of injuries in a car accident, son of Nicholas and Candace (Rozell) Stariha.

Marge Violet "Margie" (Lyons) Larsen, 84, of Superior, died July 21, 2014, at United Hospital, St. Paul, born in Lake Nebagamon, daughter of Gerald and Lillian (Williams) Lyons, worked with late husband, Gene, in their various businesses.

Wallace E. Bartholomew, 86, Superior, died Friday, July 18, 2014, in his home, born in Duluth to Emerson and Ethel (Oberg) Bartholomew, served in the US Army and was stationed in the Philippines from 1945 to 1946, married Ethel Tutor in 1949 who survives. He was employed as a mail carrier for the Poplar Post Office for many years.

Finley K. Stalvig, Jr., 71, Proctor, died July 20 at his home, writer & photographer at the *Evening Telegram* for 41 years, and an actor.

Robert (Rob/Robbie) James Willis, died Feb. 1, 2014, in Peoria, Ariz. with his family by his side. A Celebration of Life was held at the Willis family cabin on Lake Minnesueing on July 26th.

Carl "Bud" Bong, 87, from Poplar, died June 19 in San Diego after five years of Lewy Body Dementia. He earned his BS and MFA at UW Superior and taught art in Osseo, Wis. for many years. He chronicled the life of his brother, Major Richard Bong, America's Ace of Aces, in two books: *Ace of Aces: The Dick Bong Story*, co-written by Mike O'Connor and *Dear Mom, So We Have a War*, survived by wife, Anna (Niemi), 3 children Wade, Richard & Jody & sisters Geraldine Fechtelkotter, Barbara Peterman & Joyce Erickson.

Bertha Mae "Bert" (Williams) Granlund, 85, Oulu, Wis. died June 29, 2014. Bert was born on the family farm in the Town of Brule to Ira and Ruby (Hardy) Williams. She was a 1946 graduate of Waino High School, & worked as a waitress at the "Dutch Mill" in Superior until her marriage to William "Bill" Granlund on Dec. 25, 1946. She and Bill operated the family dairy farm in Oulu that has been in the Granlund family since 1903. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Bill in 2009; three sisters, Alice Bunnell, Joan Kauther, and Phoebe Launderville; six brothers, Rueben, Ira, Elmer, Edward, Albert, and Perry, and she is survived by 5 children, 15 grandchildren & 30 great-grandchildren.

Patricia E. (Gray) Peterson, 74, Lake Nebagamon, formerly of Superior died July 1, 2014 at St. Luke's Hospital, born in Superior, daughter of the late Ellis and Helen (Chesky) Gray.

Harry "Bud" L. Miller, 76, Lake Nebagamon, died June 21, 2014 at Essentia-St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, son of Sarah Annabelle (Meyer) and Clarence Miller.

Ruth Esther (Wiitala) Lindelof, 87, Plymouth, Minn. passed away on March 25, 2014. An interment service took place on July 3 at t Pine Glade Cemetery in Oulu, Wis.

Terrance C. "Terry" Engstrom, 70, Lake Nebagamon, died June 25 in his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Superior to Leonard "Inky" and Lois (Freeland) Engstrom.

Homer Lockwood Andrew, 91, Superior, died June 21 at the Lighthouse Assisted Living in Superior. He was born in Superior to Vaughan L. and Hattie (Sund) Andrew. Homer served in World War II and returned to run the family business, the Duplex Manufacturing Co., which was a mainstay in South Superior from 1893-1968.

Roger L. Falk, 70, died June 17 at Chris Jensen Health Center of prostate cancer, born in Maple, Wis. to the late Leroy and Hilda Falk. Roger is survived by his wife Dianne

Gayle (Orberg) DeMille, Mountain View, Calif., died May 29, 2014. Gayle was born Nov. 17, 1943, in Superior, Wis., resided in Port Wing, and is buried there.

June A. Pank, 95, Superior, died June 5, 2014, at Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center, born in Superior to Arthur G. and Mina (Gwin) Johnston and was a lifelong Superior resident. She and her husband Fran owned and operated the former Pank's Apco Service and Car Wash in Allouez for 45 years.

Duane Gordon Lemke, 73, Lake Nebagamon, died surrounded by family June 3, 2014, while at Essentia-St. Mary's Hospice. He was born to Bert and Blanche Lemke in Wakefield Township, Mich.

Beverly June (Koski) Bartholomew, 89, Superior, passed away Dec. 8, 2013. She is preceded in death by parents Emil and Sigrid Koski, and brother Emil Jr. (Elaine) Koski. A memorial service was held for her in Superior in June.

Diane L. (Aho) Nelson, 79, Superior, passed away on June 4, 2014 at St. Francis Home in the Park, born in Minneapolis to Arnold & Florence (Alexson) Aho (both buried in Waino's Ever-Rest Cemetery), burial at Greenwood Cemetery, Superior.

**May these, our dear friends and neighbors, rest in peace.
... and who have we missed or forgotten??**

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

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Anyone interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society is encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may also contact any member or the Board at the return address above, or our Treasurer, 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 16, Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monthly Davidson Windmill & Eskolin House Summer Tours.

August 23, Saturday, Noon. **OBHS Annual Meeting**. Amnicon Town Hall. Please bring covered dish to pass.

Board meets following to welcome new Board Members, and to elect officers.

August 25, Monday, 1:00 p.m. Archives Session at Pellman's. Please call to verify.

September 1, Monday. Labor Day.

September 7, Sunday. Grandparents' Day.

September 8, Monday, 1:00 p.m. Archives Session at Pellman's. Please call to verify

September 10, Wednesday. OBHS Board Meeting.

September 20, Saturday. Deadline for submissions to the October *OBHS News*.

September 23, Tuesday. First day of Autumn.

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.