

OBHS News

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OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, June 18, 2015, 6:00 PM at the Lakeside Town Hall

Thursday the 18th is a general work day in preparation for the 2015 Midsummer Celebration (*Juhannus Juhlat*) which starts Friday afternoon with tours at the Eskolin House and Windmill running from 3:00-5:00 p.m. We will be erecting our Midsummer Sign at Lakeside Town Hall, as well as doing food preparation, table decorating, and exhibit set-up at the Town Hall, and cleaning, putting the final touches on the Windmill, the Eskolin House, and final grounds prep throughout the day Thursday.

We will have a light lunch and refreshments before our business meeting. Please bring some food or refreshments to share for either the mill site earlier in the day or for the Town Hall. Our business meeting should get under way about 6:30 p.m. Much work was done yesterday, June 13th, but much remains.

Thanks to the Town of Lakeside for the use of their Town Hall for our Thursday meeting, for peeling and cooking day on Friday, and for the Saturday Scandinavian Dinner from 11 to 2 on Saturday. For those interested we will have a short slide presentation on “the Ghost Towns of Northern Douglas County” from 10-10:45 a.m. with Brian & Jim giving a shorter program. Windmill Tours will run simultaneously on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thanks to Paul C. and Trenton for their mowing and weed control. And Anderson’s Septic deserves a huge thanks for providing their vital services gratis. Thank you Don & Julie.

Thanks also to all who joined us for work both Saturday the 13th with the Eskolin House addition painting, and work on Taylor’s Bridge, and the Windmill, and for Thursday the 18th, to all who serve and to all who bring refreshments to share. The list is long.

Guests and New Members are always Welcome!

FROM THE EDITOR:

This is a summer of huge change for me personally, and for our organization. First, what will stay the same in OBHS?: We have an annual routine that should stay the same. There should be no reason to change our by-laws. The activities that have become a routine for us should not change. We will still archive, and maintain the Davidson Windmill site, and hold meetings on a rotating basis throughout the Old-Brule region. We will still hold the Midsummer (*Juhannus Juhlat*) Celebration and tours. But having a museum with space for exhibits will mean new opportunities to reach out to the public in our wider role as the historical group interested in all of the “ghost towns” throughout our region, and how they got here, and who inhabited them, going way back. And with good and secure and accessible archive storage we should be able to make better use of our collection. Our efficiency should improve, and our service to our communities between meetings.

Our identity in the minds of the public will be clarified. Much has been accomplished along this line through our web-site, and through the Friends of Old-Brule Heritage Facebook site (and thanks go out to Janine Seis & to Nancy Moreland & the contributors for that). But there will now be some place physical that people will be able to steer their questions and their donations to. To move our collections out of private homes will bring professional standards into play. This is not to say that we will be hiring curators, but we will benefit more fully from the advice we get from the workshops we attend. We will have the greater prospect of hosting a future State event. Our leadership base will expand. Our service to the school district will expand.

As for myself, my term is expiring. You will have a new group secretary. I will remain active on the committee proposed at our last Board meeting created to serve the Monticello School Museum & Archives site, especially with the construction and restoration phases soon coming to a head. By summer’s end I will be firmly installed above Finnworks with completion of my dormers and shingling projects now started. This house where I type, my mother’s home, will change ownership and will no longer host the Archives Committee and much of our paper collection. For a time I see Finnworks as our Archives meeting spot until MSMA is far enough along. Lots of much needed work is ahead. Thanks for your patience and your huge support. The future for OBHS is bright. Our work has just begun. As our archivists like to say, “History has no end.” ~ Jim Pellman

1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2015 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 2015 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are for sale at \$9.00 each. Other earlier OBHS calendars are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2012), 2013 at \$6.00, & 2014 at \$7.00 in limited numbers. Poplar Hardware, Poplar Village Market, Cable Publishing in Waino (Juntti) 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: musketeer27@hotmail.com, and by phone: 715-363-2549, or Laila at 715-372-4963, or please check our Website at www.oldbrule.org. Shipping & handling: \$3.50 each, less for each for larger orders. We thank our donor businesses whose cards we list in the back of each calendar. The 2015 edition will be for sale this weekend.

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.

Excitement continues to build over the prospects of our new archiving space at MSMA, the Monticello School Museum & Archives. With the changes expected 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, interpreting and indexing documents and photos, storing clippings and records and creating databases. The future holds more work on temporary and permanent exhibits using items in our collection, which the school space will permit. Our thanks go to our loyal committee members and document and artifact donors, and to the Town of Maple for Archive storage space. If you enjoy exacting work and interesting conversation please join us at 1 p.m. at the Pellmans' on a Monday afternoon. Next meeting is June 15th, and generally every other Monday thereafter, but we expect this routine to change as we prepare for our new site. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm the next meeting time and place.

**Unapproved MINUTES of the APRIL 2015 GENERAL MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

April 15, 2015, 6 p.m., Amnicon Town Hall

Attendance: 128 by count of Members and Guests, but 106 signed in with many missed.

A welcome was given by President Dennis Hill and a thanks to all members and guests who came, and to all who served & brought food to share. We started with a moment of silence, followed by abundant food and refreshments. Our thanks to the Town of Amnicon for the use of their new Town Hall. Thanks to our speaker, Brian Paulson, who did a great job in organizing the many "Ghost Towns in Northern Douglas County," using the old railroads and waterways to string them together. Your secretary gathered photos and maps from the OBHS collection to illustrate the over twenty sites covered. Great publicity and a great topic produced a great crowd.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the business meeting to order at 9:20 p.m.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Jim Mattson with a second by Doreen S. to approve the Minutes of the OBHS General Meeting held February 18, 2015, at the Brule Town Hall as printed in *OBHS News* for April 2015. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul Colby submitted his to date (April 15th) report as follows: Checkbook account balances: Accounts; General: **\$250.52**; Windmill: **\$1,135.35**; Monticello School: **\$2,621.47**; CD: **\$5,803.12**; Total cash assets: **\$9,810.46** (with just tabulated deposits: **\$10,148.09**).

Jan-Dec 2015 Budget proposals and adoption: Paul has been trying to set up a meeting for budget work by our "finance committee". This should be done as soon as possible. Motion was made by Dan B., seconded by Dorothy B., to approve Paul's financial report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Windmill Site, Chairman Brian Paulson Report: Brian reported briefly. Jim P. needs to print up more paver forms at the new \$20 donation amount. He also has to get the names of the latest donators to Pat McCabe who will be engraving them. Ron Hendrickson's Eskolin house sign was temporarily down with the log work that was being done there. We will be engraving a promised paver for Mike Booker for his paver work for us. There is need for replacement of two 12 x 12 x 14 foot timbers on Taylor's Bridge due to rot. The deck is cribbed for now. Pat Grube has shown interest in helping. He may have treated timbers that will work. There was talk about need for a cherry picker or man-lift to get high enough to work on the windmill blades with blade painting to be done this summer, if one can be found on a donated basis. Jim has portable steel scaffolding as needed, as used in the past. Mary Ann mentioned a \$200 cost for a weekend for a lift.

OBHS Monticello School Museum and Archive (MSMA) Facility Project Report: Jim reported. The Phases are broken down with Phase I the move of the school saving it on the old Maple School site. Phase II is the construction of the driveway and the planning for this. Olson Brothers has completed their work. Phase III is to be the construction of the basement. Regarding that, four bid requests were mailed out. Jim has heard from two so far, one bid firm, and fund-raising brochures and grant writing are moving forward. The bid we received from Kevin Mackie Construction was \$17,350.00 for labor & materials, with ad-ons for the vault enclosure of \$600.00, and \$500.00 for Wirsbo heating tubes to be installed for a total of \$18,450.00. We had one earlier bid for \$18,000.00 without the ad-ons mentioned but this contractor has gone out of business. The Board at the last meeting accepted Kevin's bid with clarifications. Phase IV is the total restoration of the school building. Fund-raising brochure packages have been mailed out to Bell Lumber & Pole Company, and to National Bank of Commerce. Other grants are being considered, as well as our local capital campaign has started. *See current MSMA Updates Box below.* **Donors who have given under \$100 will be in the George Washington (Mount Vernon) Club; those giving \$100 up to \$250, the Cal Coolidge (Canoer) Club; those giving \$250 up to \$500, the Thomas Jefferson (Monticello) Club; those giving \$500 up to \$1000, the Abe Lincoln (Log Cabin) Club; and those giving \$1000 and above will be in the Old-Brule MSMA Founders Club.** Thanks to Jeanne Gardner & *The Connection* and the *Superior Telegram* and the *Duluth News-Tribune* for recent articles.

Membership and Publicity Committee: Our Secretary is still handing out and gathering our hours donated Blue Sheets. Paul & Mary Ann have been submitting publicity requests.

Archives Committee: Jim reported: Next meeting: Monday 1 p.m., May 4, 2015 at Pellmans'. Thanks from Jim to Earl, Audrey, Betty, Mary Ann, Irene & Nancy (our Group Historian) & Shirley U. for keeping us on track. Earl is making great strides with our archive scan index. We can always use new help with loss of our stalwarts. Dicky Tuura has a large old bell that could be displayed on the MSMA grounds. Mary Ann is following up. Duane & Kathy Colby have donated a wooden pulley that came from the Melvin Esselstrom Estate. Marion Christensen donated a group of historical papers being accessioned. Velma Doby has donated numerous items related to the Cooperative Movement, and Finnish language materials. Thanks to all. All of this is being processed, and the Elmer Hermanson Estate donated material are nearing completion of the first stage of accessioning with scanning and cataloging to follow. Our main computer failed and was replaced at \$215.74 cost.

Publications Committee:

Pollari Memorial Map Project Report: No change. We have talked with Randy Jones who is enthusiastic about getting the maps ready for us. We will advance when he is ready. He's had costly software updates.

Calendars: The 2015 calendars have sold well. They have been at Twin Gables & Round Up North in Brule, and at Poplar Hardware and Poplar Village Market, Nan Wisherd's Northland Tax Service in Brule, and at Sharon's Restaurant in Lake Nebagamon. Thanks to all who have sold or are selling for us, & to Laila M. wholesaling in Brule.

Books: *Sisu and Sauna Reprint (Lakeside History):* Work is going on to revise the first edition. Interesting materials are emerging on "Friends of Old-Brule Heritage Society" on Facebook. *Looking for a New Frontier* (Pearson Family) Jerrard's *Brule River of Wisconsin* are selling, and have been reordered. *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's new book, re her first part of Cloverland's history called *Brule River Forest and Lake Superior: Cloverland Anecdotes*, available from us & through us at Poplar Hardware, was reordered. Nan Wisherd at Cable Publishing is waiting to move forward on the Calendar Photo Book. She said her company would absorb up-front costs for publishing the book, for a negotiated percentage covering her costs. Jim has to make time to gather text & images, and has BHRG help with their images. Nan will use her designer for the book, and expects good sales.

Merchandise Inventory: No change. We have filled the gap in our T-Shirt inventory, and also have approved 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.)

Projects: 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 is still being investigated. Nebagamon ice was shipped all over the country via the DSS&A before it was pulled.

Sleepy Valley Loop Pony Truss Bridge: Thus far there has been just a call from Ross Johnson in Eau Claire DOT to confirm our positive decision. A committee was formed to handle the mitigation project when needed: Ron H, Lila R, Earl G., Dennis H., and Paul C.

Button Creation: Still work ahead. Hope S. has been working on this in support of the Monticello School project. Pat McCabe has offered to help Hope. No more action until we have new text and designs.

Vouchers for 20% off regular admissions have been sent out by the Wisc. Council for Local History. See Jim. **Other Old Business:**

NEW BUSINESS:

Sympathy/Encouragements: Hope is doing this. Those lately identified: the Family of George "Ray" Pollari.

Coming Meetings: Next Board meeting: 4:30 p.m., May 20th (note the **Third Wednesday of the month**), at the Swanson's cabin in Brule. Next General Meeting: Thursday, 6:00 p.m., June 18th, at the Lakeside Town Hall, a work day and set-up day in preparation for Midsummer Tours and the Scandinavian Dinner.

Midsummer Planning: Reservations have been made for the Lakeside Town Hall for the weekend of Sat. June 20th. Friday p.m. tours from 3-5. Our Thanks to Lakeside & the Committee.

Other New Business: None

ADJOURNMENT: Hope S. moved to adjourn, seconded by Jim Mattson. Motion carried with adjournment at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Pellman, Secretary

Monticello School Museum & Archives Project Updates

Larger donations have been received from **Douglas County, the Pellman family, Lois Pollari, Earl & Barbra Granroth, Paul, Trenton & Gabbie Colby, Geraldine Fechteltotter, Emory Mattson family, Ina Falk, Gary Luoma, Hope Swenson, Mary Ann Gronquist, Gordon Lahti, Laila Magnuson, Audrey Hakkila, Gene & Agnes Davidson, John & Doreen Swanson, Dennis & Arlene Hill, Shirley & George Umolac, and Ed & Judy Privette.** Thanks to everyone for their generous memorials in **Delores' Pellman's** name, & now in memory of the late **Muriel Idziorek**, mother of Member Jan Conley. The driveway is done. Kevin Mackie Construction will be working on the Basement Project later this summer. Fund-raising continues in earnest. Please help if you can, and much thanks to all who have already given so much.

FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps, tee shirts, sweat shirts, key chains, buttons and photos for sale. Early issue magnets are going for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our general fund. Windmill mugs, caps & tee shirt proceeds go into the Windmill Fund. **SEE OUR WEB SITE** (www.oldbrule.org) **FOR CURRENT SALE ITEMS AND PRICES.** Our Windmill vests are for sale for \$24.00.

Our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's books, *Pathways* and *Echoes*, Lakeside's *Sisu and Sauna*, and *Annicon 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 \$3.50 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 of the MAY BOARD MEETING OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 4:30 PM at the Swanson Cabin in Brule

Attendance: Dennis Hill, Dorothy Bergsten, Dan Bergsten, Doreen Swanson, Mary Ann Gronquist, Hope Swenson, Jim Pellman, and members Arlene Hill and co-host Jody Swanson, Missing were Brian Paulson, Paul Colby and Mike Granlund with work conflicts and Betty Wood on vacation. We started with a moment of silence, followed by food and refreshments. Thanks to all who attended and brought added food to share, and to the Swansons who royally served us.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

MINUTES: Motion made by Hope S., seconded by Doreen S. to approve the Minutes of the OBHS Board Meeting held March 18, 2015, at Dan & Dorothy Bergstens in Poplar as printed in the *OBHS News* for April 2015.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul Colby could not attend but submitted his report via email: To date report: Checkbook account balances as of April 15, 2015: Accounts; General: **\$680.02**; Windmill: **\$1,086.16**; Monticello School: **\$3,102.47**; CD (4-16-15): **\$5,808.08**; Total cash assets: **\$10,677.63.** (Thus far \$1240 has come in in Memory of Muriel Idziorek, mother of Jan Conley. Supplemental balance after added Muriel Idziorek memorial deposits today: Monticello School: **\$3,948.15**). Paul did submit his financial report and the following Windmill grounds items for review via email: He and son Trent will continue to mow and weed-whip the lawn and wondered if it would be possible to revert back to the \$75 per mowing charge with time involved to maintain the grass. They had reduced the fee to \$65.00 at a Board Meeting two years ago. He had contacted Don Anderson and Don had pumped out the biffy and will continue to do this. Paul had loosened the two light bulbs on the log house because of a bad motion light (a possible failed photocell). He had put both

rain barrels back in place and had closed the valve on the water supply to the biffy/bathroom. Lastly, he had suggested that we hold the July Board Meeting at the Eskolin Log House/Mill grounds. He stated that he believes it gives our group extra eyes for ideas, suggestions and needed attention at the site. We all agreed.

Jan-Dec 2015 Budget proposals and adoption: Paul has been trying to set up a meeting for budget work by our “finance committee.” This should be done as soon as possible. Motion made by Dorothy B., with a second by Mary Ann G. to approve Paul’s financial report and to adopt his pay and meeting location suggestions. Motion carried. The Wednesday, July 15th, Board Meeting is planned for the Eskolin House at 4:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Windmill Site, Chairman Brian Paulson Report: Brian was unable to attend, but Jim summarized in the agenda recent concerns: Paver forms are needed at the new \$20 donation amount. Earl was putting this on line. Ms. Pat McCabe will now be doing the paver engraving. We will be engraving a promised paver for Mike Booker for his past paver work for us. There is need for replacement of two 12 x 12 x 14 ft. timbers on Taylor’s Bridge due to rot. The deck is cribbed for now. Pat Grube has shown interest in helping. He may have timbers that will work. Axel Wiitala has some treated timbers but they were not thick enough. There has been discussion about need for a cherry picker or man-lift to get high enough to work on the windmill blades with blade painting and other work to be done this summer, hopefully on a donated basis. Jim also has scaffolds available as used in the past. The man-lift cost might be \$200.00 for a weekend plus the trips to get it and return it. It is not known whether Jennifer Sloan will be able to continue her painting at the mill this summer.

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Midsummer Planning. Reservations are made for Lakeside Town Hall for the weekend of Sat. June 20th. Thursday is final cleanup at the mill and Eskolin House, with tours 3-5 on Friday p.m. Please contact Mary Ann for work schedule. An idea for a public program for before the dinner was floated, following upon the success of our Ghost Towns talk. A slide program is now planned. It will be shorter, lasting from 10 to 10:45, and will be done before the meal. Dorothy and Dan Bergsten accepted the chair position of the Food Committee. Our thanks to Alice C. for her leadership and continuing years of service.

Other Old Business: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Creation of a MSMA Standing Committee. In the interest of the smooth transition in our development of the Monticello School Museum & Archives Facility and with the looming loss of our President, our First Vice President, our Secretary, and our Treasurer, all at once due to term limits, we recognize the need for a standing committee to address MSMA affairs, particularly at this time of construction. The current Board offers the following roster of OBHS members as nominees to serve on this committee when duly formed: Dan Bergsten, Dorothy Bergsten, Dennis Hill, Brian Paulson, Jim Pellman, Earl Granroth, Basil Edgette. The Chairperson will have be a member of the OBHS Board. This action should be put in motion for member approval, with the nominees also confirmed at our next General Meeting on June 18th. Janine will be encouraged to add a list of MSMA contributors to the Friends of Old-Brule Facebook site, and Earl the same on our website. Motion was made by Doreen S. that MSMA be dedicated to the memory of early rural school teachers, seconded by Hope S. Motion carried.

Sympathy/Encouragements: Hope is handling the mailings. Those lately identified: Irene Brazill.

Coming Meetings: Next Board meeting: 4:30 p.m., July 15th, Eskolin House. Next General Meeting: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 18th. Work sessions, prep for Midsummer. For Midsummer aprons were to be made for those serving, done by Dorothy B. Motion by Doreen S., seconded by Hope S. to have Dorothy create these and be compensated for ten. Motion carried. Curtains will be refreshed at the Eskolin House in a blue & white checkered pattern.

Other New Business: Annual Meeting discussed. Sunday, August 16th, at 1 p.m. & a tentative site at Maple.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion for adjournment by Dan B., seconded by Dorothy B. Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Pellman, Secretary

Area History: No. 104

This picture and text appeared for the month of July in our 2015 OBHS Historical Calendar.

7. Nestor Eskolin and Wife Elsa with Baby Son George and Hired Hands, c. 1925. Nestor and Elsa acquired their Maple log house and farm property from Julius Hendrickson in 1917. It was some years before they added the front porch (rebuilt and serving as our storage room). Clearly visible to the left and attached to the side of the house is the stairway that was used to access the second floor. Newspapers found in the wall at the time the house was moved to the Davidson Windmill site indicate that it was later in the 1920s that siding covered the whole house including a new two story L shaped addition. Sometime before that the porch entrance covering the whole side of the house visible in this picture was constructed, and near the same time a staircase was built inside the single room structure. The bunting material hung from the eave, and draped from an attachment on the fascia is clue that this was on or near the Fourth of July. The horses, planks, and workers might indicate a break from building modifications. *Picture*

from among the copies of the collection of the late George Eskolin which he donated to the Old-Brule Heritage Society.



-NOTICES -

MEMBERS: Dues collection for 2015 began at our Annual Meeting in August & continues. Please check your newsletter label for what we have in our records. Also, please keep filling in your volunteer hours on our **Blue Sheets**. Our tally runs annually from August 1 (2014) to turn-in on July 31 (2015). Please contact Secretary Jim for a current blue sheet.

Nominees for service on the Board are needed. Four positions will be open: those of **Dennis, Brian, Paul & Jim**.

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: To our 2015 calendar business sellers, and our volunteer distributors: **Poplar Village Market, Poplar Hardware, Sharon's Restaurant in Lake Nebagamon, Twin Gables, Round Up North,** and **Northland Tax Services in Brule** have been selling them. **Laila Magnuson** continues to sell and distribute. To **President Dennis Hill** for fund-raising leadership on our MSMA project. To **Vice President Brian Paulson**, for sharing his passion on the history of local railroads & their Ghost Towns. To Member **Ed Privette** for recent mailing on Brule River history.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY: To family & friends of the following who we have lost recently:

Gregory "Greg" Crandall Willis, 68, South Range who died May 24, 2015 unexpectedly. He was born March 15, 1947 in Superior to Winnifred (Crandall) and Cortland Willis. Following graduation in 1965 from Northwestern High School he joined the US Coast Guard. He was employed by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad as a conductor.

Raymond Edward Koski, 90, Oulu, Wis., who passed away May 8, 2015, at his home. He was born on June 15, 1924, in Waino, Wis., to Ed and Martha Koski. He married Irene Jacobson on April 5, 1950, and they celebrated 51 years of marriage before her death in 2002. He served in the US Army in WWII in Europe.

William "Bill" Phillips, 60, Iron River, who passed away May 23, 2015, at his home. He was born Jan. 20, 1955, in Milwaukee, the son of William and Elaine (Fritsch) Phillips. He moved to the Iron River area in later years where he enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing.

Carol Jean Pfuhl Hoffer, 82, who passed away May 20, 2015, She was born Dec. 24, 1932, in Waite Park, Minn. where she lived until age ten, then moved to Duluth where she lived until she moved to Grover Town, Ind., when she married Ralph Hoffer in 1964, then moved to Maple, Wis. in 1992, and lived until the present.

Jerry E. Tapani, 67, longtime Oulu resident, who passed away peacefully at his home on May 14, 2015. He was born on Oct. 22, 1947 to Emil and Ailie (Aho) Tapani in Superior. On Oct. 14, 1967, he had married his best friend, Barbara Jean Heikkila. They celebrated 47 years of marriage.

Mary Lou Wood, 77, Superior & the Town of Hawthorne who died May 13 at Middle River Health and Rehab. Center, born July 10, 1937 to Alice (Shuur) & Francis Fullerton in Maple Grove, Wis. & moved to Barron as a small child.

Daniel W. Sullivan, 61, South Range, who died unexpectedly May 11, 2015 at St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth.

Muriel Jean (Fonger) Idziorek, 92, who died peacefully May 1, 2015, at Beehive Assisted Living. She was born April 7, 1923, in Superior, Wis. To Robert and Lillian Fonger. She moved to Ogden, Utah where she worked for the United States Air Force. In 1942, she joined the United States Marine Corps, serving two years. In 1948 she married Robert Idziorek, and had three children: Jan, Bob and Jill. They moved to western Duluth. Muriel & her family have graciously directed all memorials in Muriel's name into the MSMA Project.

Eileen S.G. (Saunders) Erickson, 88, who died peacefully on Jan. 28, 2015 at the Lighthouse in Superior. She was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada on Oct. 2, 1926 and graduated in nursing from the Winnipeg General Hospital in 1954. In Canada she met her future husband, Bruce Erickson, of Superior, a pharmacist. Eileen and Bruce then moved to Superior, Travelled extensively and loved to fish on Lake Nebagamon.

Ruth Prussell, 87, Lake Nebagamon, who passed away April 25, 2015. She was born May 8, 1927 in Douglas County, Ill. the daughter of Oliver and Rose Peeler. She was married to Robert Prussell now deceased.

She is survived by her son, Jack (Pam) Prussell of Indianapolis, Ind. and her daughters, Betty Prussell of Highland and Janet Rolnik (special friend Roger Olson) of Wascott.

David L. Larson, 71, longtime Brule area resident, who died April 24, 2015, in his residence. He was born in Superior, on June 18, 1943, the son of Walter and Elizabeth (Clark) Larson. Dave served his Country for six years in the Army National Guard. He was employed by Fraser Shipyards as a Carpenter for over 35 years.

Raymond Eugene Marjamaki, 84, who died March 22, 2015 at his Crystal, Minn. home. Services were held in Oulu, Wis.

Lee Marvin Lehto, 65, Iron River, who passed away April 15, 2015, at the Golden Living Center Court Manor in Ashland. He was born on March 28, 1950, in Ashland, the son of Marvin and Florence (Armbruster) Lehto. He graduated from Northwestern HS in 1968, & married Dottie Stemm on May 27, 1983. He worked at Barko Hydraulics in Superior for over 25 years until his retirement in 2001.

Lawrence G. Syring, 87, lifelong resident of Superior, who died April 12, 2015 at his residence. Lawrence was born on April 13, 1927 in Superior the son of Carl and Clara Syring, Sr.

George "Ray" Pollari, 88, who passed away peacefully April 3, 2015 in the Milwaukee area. He was preceded in death by his wives Ruth (nee Schleeter) and Rosemary (nee Geshel). He was father of Ruth's children, Sharon Cassel, Diane (Richard) Mehtala and the late Joann Fink. He was buried with Military Honors, having served on the Bunker Hill in the Pacific during WWII. He had attended Corner School in Maple.

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.

June 15, Monday, 1 p.m. Archives Meeting at Pellman's.

June 18, Thursday, 6 p.m., OBHS General Meeting at Lakeside Town Hall. Pot luck lunch. Business meeting.

June 19, Friday. **Midsummer Celebration (*Juhannus Juhlat*)** starts at Davidson Windmill with Tours from 3 to 5 p.m.

June 20, Saturday, 11-2 p.m. **Midsummer Scandinavian Dinner Fund Raiser at Lakeside Town Hall. Slide**

Program on the Ghost Towns of Northern Douglas County by Brian Paulson & Jim Pellman 10-10:45 a.m. at the Lakeside Town Hall. Town and Village Exhibits. Davidson Windmill/Eskolin House Tours 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

June 21, Sunday. First Day of Summer. Father's Day.

June 25, Thursday, 6 p.m. Poplar Centennial Committee meets at the Village Hall.

June 29, Monday, 1 p.m. Archives Meeting at Pellman's.

July 4, Saturday. Independence Day.

July 15, Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. OBHS Board Meeting at the Eskolin House. Submission due for August OBHS News.

August ??. OBHS Annual Meeting. Final arrangements at the General Meeting on June 18th.

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY WEB SITE ON LINE

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

Thanks again to Earl G. and Jon W.