

OBHS News

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OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 6:00 PM at the Lake Nebagamon Auditorium

The Program for our October General Meeting will be a talk on Major Richard I. Bong by Scott Markle, Education Outreach Coordinator for the Bong History Center in Superior. In a pre-Veterans Day program, Scott will relate stories about Major Bong, the nation's Ace of Aces, some seldom heard. He will bring with him a friend, John Kanzler, a WWII Veteran, who will also share his stories about the war.

The evening will begin earlier at 6 PM with our pot luck lunch held in the lower level of the Lake Nebagamon Auditorium. Please bring a covered dish to pass, or refreshments to share. The talk will begin about 6:30PM with our business meeting to follow. Thanks to Shirley K-U for arranging our meeting site, & to the Village of Lake Nebagamon for the use of the Auditorium. There is no charge, but donations are welcome, & Friends, Guests and New Members are always Welcome!

FROM THE EDITOR:

The transition to the new leadership at OBHS has gone very well, despite the sighting of loyal snowbirds on the new list. In this day of hand held devices life goes on, not exactly at the Neolithic meditation pace that I prefer, but the jobs are being done very well, some even at a great distance, as we continue to find our way in this new and fast changing world. Board veteran, Shirley Kankas-Umolac, has thrown herself into the tough job of President. She might be making shortened winter journeys east or south, but we'll have her here most of the year. If needed, more veterans are ready to back her up, with founding Board Member, Audrey Hakkila, now taking an active role as 1st Vice President and Chair of the Archives Committee, and steady Dan Bergsten, now an old hand, backing her up, as well as accepting the MSMA Committee Chair. Two of my sisters, Char Harms, and Janine Seis, are handling Secretarial and Treasurer duties, and both, despite flying south this winter, having been well trained in the use of computers, are able to keep up as needed with the closeness of their keypads. They'll be around at the busiest times. I asked Shirley for her thoughts as new President, and she said, "We'll need our full Board and Membership working and participating in all we do. We can't do it alone."

Despite delays with basement construction at MSMA, preparation work goes on with this old school and new archives project. In a recent episode I and my two middle sisters, Char and Cindy, made a sudden trip in my truck to Washburn where we picked up in a howling wind ten tall bookshelf units that had come from the Vaughn Library in Ashland. They were in excellent condition, and this much appreciated donation to MSMA by Member Emery Mattson of Mattson Properties in Ashland saved us a fortune. With side winds we had to make a stop at the new dollar store in Iron River for more rope, but the metal shelving all arrived safely in Maple. I've also been in touch with Axel Wiitala who has been protecting the old Finn Hall siding he is donating that will soon be protecting the old school house. We will need a work crew for the transfer of the siding to a site near Finnworks, conveniently across the highway from the school project. And speaking of work crews, we will need help moving the old grist mill that was stored by the late Eddy Walman into temporary storage on railroad ties next to the siding, and under tarps last used in my Nantucket dormer project.

Also, a huge thanks to the many who made our Apple Festival Weekend Windmill tours and bake sale a success. Many guests also asked about the red ribbon on Taylor's Bridge, now the focus of repairs. Without blocking, the deck would be listing badly to the south. Thanks to Ron, Brian, and to the Grube's who will bring many years of new life to the structure with their donation and timber work.

~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 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. Earlier issues are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2012), 2013 at \$6.00, & 2014 at \$7.00 in limited numbers. 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 and to those local businesses that have carried them each year for us.

OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE OBHS NEWS ARE THOSE OF THE WRITERS ALONE & ARE NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT OFFICIAL POSITIONS OF THE O-BHS ORGANIZATION.

ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

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 October 26th, 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 for the 2015 ANNUAL MEETING of the
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC., our 17th**

AUGUST 16, 2015, Oulu Cultural & Heritage Center/Palo Farm, Oulu WI

Our thanks to Duane & Barb Lahti and to the Oulu Center for being the site of this year's Annual Meeting.

Thirty-three signed the attendance roster which was passed around. The Johnson's strawberry ice cream was hot.

We began with lunch and a moment of silence for those whom we have lost in the past year. As usual the meal "was to die for". We were extremely well cared for by the staff at the center. The Pudas House space was ample for a group our size.

Program: Author Steven Fortney gave an interesting talk and slides on his new book, *The Cabin: a North Woods Memoir*. Steve is a resident of Stoughton, Wisconsin, and his book was published by Nan Wisherd's Cable Publishing. Our thanks to Steve for coming and to Nan for helping with arrangements, and to all who brought food to share. It was a great day.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 2:45 PM.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Brian P. to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of August 23, 2014, held at the Amnicon Town Hall, reprinted from OBHS News at the bottom of the agenda, seconded by Doreen S. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Retiring Treasurer, Paul Colby, not in attendance, submitted his final Annual Meeting report through August 15, 2015: Summary of our 3 Accounts: Checkbook account balances: General: **\$440.39**; Windmill: **\$1,836.90**; Monticello School: **\$7,007.41**; CD: **\$5,813.05**. Total cash assets: **\$15,097.75**. 2015 OBHS Scholarship winner was not named due to a mix up. A \$250 scholarship remaining balance is being questioned. All dues for 2016 are payable beginning with this Annual Meeting. Motion by Audrey, seconded by Mary Ann to approve the report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Retiring Brian P. reported on the Windmill and progress on the Taylor's Bridge repair. 12 x 12 Timbers are on site provided by Pat Grube. The Windmill blades still need to be painted. Lifts are proving costly, and Jim's scaffolding is looking attractive. The Eskolin House wall sealing that was done in front seems to have been a success and should be done on the other walls. The painting of the addition has been well received.

MONTICELLO SCHOOL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES (MSMA) COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim P. reported that the school still waits for more funds and the contractor to be available. We will continue to look for funding sources

and donations. Once we have a start date we will do an archaeological survey of the site affected, with some digging and sifting, with some direction from members of the Northern Lakes Archaeological Society as we are not far from Osaugie's primordial Indian trail, and the entire site with all of its history and pre-history has great archaeological potential.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: The Secretary had a list of current members on hand for those interested in inspecting it. Membership remains stable with new members balancing those irreplaceable seniors we continue to lose at an alarming rate.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT: Audrey reported on our current activities, now coming after many months to an end on the donations from the Elmer Hermanson estate. Earl Granroth is getting near the close of his work of integrating the scans and the accessioning records of documents that the crew and the late Ina Erickson were working on. The website will be getting a fresh look.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim P. reported that we are working on three active projects: the Pollari Memorial Douglas County Historical Map, the reprint of *WISCONSIN FAR NORTHWEST*, and the Calendar Book with Nan Wisherd's Cable Publishing. We expect also a new OBHS Calendar for 2016.

MERCHANDISE/INVENTORY: T-Shirts are needed ("I've Been Through the Mill" being the most popular).

APPLE FESTIVAL WEEKEND TOURS PLANNING: Mary Ann has been doing a wonderful job of coordinating volunteers to cover all the jobs that have to be done, plus for the bake sale. This year's dates are 2-4 October.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

SYMPATHY AND ENCOURAGEMENT: for Eddy Walman, Lilian Saari, Doris Perala, and Doreen for coming surgery. (*We have since lost the first two.*)

RENEWAL OF BOARD TERMS FOR THOSE STARTING THEIR SECOND 2 YEAR TERMS & NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF 5 NEW BOARD MEMBERS (includes Alternate)

The Group took extended action and discussion based upon the following chart. Five members finally agreed to serve (or were to be asked): See the minutes of the Post-Annual Meeting Board Meeting below for final results. Once the five new nominees were named a motion carried for a unanimous ballot. The new Board Members are Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Audrey Hakkila, Char Harms, Janine Seis, and Lois Pollari (alternate).

Board Roster & terms: Came on Board Term-Rem. Departure from Board Action needed for 2015 Ann. Mtg.

Dennis Hill, Amnicon, President:	2011	2-0	2015	Replace
Brian Paulson, Amnicon, 1st V. P.	2011	2-0	2015	Replace
Jim Pellman, Maple, Secretary	2011	2-0	2015	Replace
Paul Colby, Lakeside, Treasurer	2011	2-0	2015	Replace
Danny Bergsten, Poplar, 2 nd V. P.	2013	1-0	2017	Renew to 2 nd Term
Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland	2013	1-0	2017	Renew to 2 nd Term
Doreen Swanson, Brule	2013	1-0	2017	Renew to 2 nd Term
Hope Swenson, Lakeside	2013	1-0	2017	Renew to 2 nd Term
Gary Luoma, Superior, Alternate	2013	1-0	2017	Replace, Unable to Meet
Dorothy Bergsten	2014	1-1	2018	None
Mike Granlund	2014	1-1	2018	None
Betty Wood	2014	1-1	2018	None

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Char Harms, second by Janine Seis. Motion carried at 3:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Pellman, Secretary

Approved Minutes of the Post-Annual Meeting New Board Meeting
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

August 16, 2015 4:00 PM, Oulu Cultural and Heritage Center

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chair, Shirley Kankas-Umolac called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

NEW BOARD MEMBERS WELCOMED: These were: Audrey Hakkila, Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Janine Seis, Charlene Harms, and Alternate, Lois Pollari. Jan Conley's name had been raised as needed but the first four all agreed to serve. Our thanks to all. The remaining Board Members serving are: Dan Bergsten, Dorothy Bergsten, Mike Granlund, Mary Ann Gronquist, Doreen Swanson, Hope Swenson and Betty Wood, with Jim Pellman, Emeritus.

ELECTION OF BOARD & OBHS OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016: The following slate of candidates was developed:
President: Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Lake Nebagamon

1st Vice President: Audrey Hakkila, Poplar
 2nd Vice President: Dan Bergsten, Poplar
 Secretary: Charlene Harms, Duluth, acting Secretary, & Treasurer's assistant
 Treasurer: Janine Seis, Lake Nebagamon
 Standing Committee Chairs:

Archives (includes Web-site): Audrey Hakkila, Poplar

Membership: Janine Seis, Lake Nebagamon

Publications: Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland (with Jim Pellman, Vice-Chair).

Davidson Windmill, Eskolin House, Taylor's Bridge: Hope Swenson, Lakeside (with Brian Paulson, Vice-Chair)

MSMA: Dan Bergsten, Poplar (Jan Conley, Vice-Chair)

Merchandise: Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Lake Nebagamon

Motion by Janine Seis, seconded by Hope Swenson, that this slate be accepted by acclamation. Motion carried.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 16th at Hope's, a regular Board meeting with all members.

OTHER BUSINESS: Motion by Janine, seconded by Hope to donate in thanks \$50 to the Oulu Cultural & Heritage Center for the use of their facility for our Annual Meeting, and a \$25 honorarium to our speaker, Mr. Steve Fortney.

Motion carried. Motion by Janine, seconded by Hope, for change in authorization to sign the OBHS Poplar bank accounts: Char Harms, Janine Seis, and Shirley Kankas-Umolac now named, to meet at NBC Bank in Poplar 8-28-2015, with a copy of these minutes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Doreen, seconded by Mary Ann that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Swanson

Meeting Secretary

These minutes were approved by Board Poll taken before the visit to the NBC Bank on 8-20-2015.

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 Fechtelkotter, Emery Mattson's Mattson Properties in Ashland, 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, Ed & Judy Privette, Jerry & Pat Anderson, Jan Stevens & Donna Johnson in memory of their father, Oscar Anderson, Cindy & Duane Crider, Janine & Doug Seis, Jim Pellman.** Thanks to everyone for their generous memorials in **Delores' Pellman's** name, & in memory of the late **Muriel Idziorek**, mother of **Member Jan Conley**, and in memory of **Member George Umolac**. **Kevin Mackie Construction** has been contacted for a date when work on the Basement Project could begin. Fund-raising continues in earnest with a balance now at **\$9,352.47**. 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 SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 2:00 PM at the Eskolin House

Attendance: Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Dan Bergsten, Dorothy Bergsten, Betty Wood, Mary Ann Gronquist, Audrey Hakkila, Charlene Harms and Jim Pellman, Emeritus. Hope Swenson, Janine Seis, Mike Granlund, Doreen Swanson and alternate, Lois Pollari were not in attendance. We had a moment of silence for ill and departed members. A light potluck lunch was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Shirley Kankas-Umolac called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

MINUTES: Motion made by Audrey Hakkila, seconded by Mary Ann Gronquist to approve the Minutes of the O-BHS Board Meeting held July 15, 2015 at the Eskolin House as printed in the *O-BHS News* for August 2015. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Seis provided her report, by email, which was submitted by President Shirley Kankas-Umolac. All checkbook account balances are as of September 16, 2015: General \$534.86; Windmill \$1,928.89; Monticello School \$8,352.47; CD (4/16/15) \$5,813.05, making total cash assets: **\$16,629.27**. Checks were made and mailed of \$25 as honorarium to Mr. Steve Fortney, speaker at our annual meeting, and \$50 to Oulu Cultural and Heritage Center for use of their facilities. Motion by Dan Bergsten, second by Betty Wood to accept Treasurer's Report; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS: Received an interesting article from member Ed Privette taken from the March 2015 issue of the newsletter of the Brule River Sportsmen's Club, Inc. on the History of the McNeil family on the Brule River.

Douglas County Historical Society Executive Director Tony Tracy requested, in a letter, someone from OBHS to speak at one of their meetings. He also sent a poster announcing the Living History Walk at the Greenwood Cemetery in Superior to be held September 26, 2015.

Other correspondence/communications received was addressed with pertinent agenda topic.

NEW BOARD 2015-2016:

President: Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Lake Nebagamon
 1st VP: Audrey Hakkila, Poplar
 2nd VP: Dan Bergsten, Poplar
 Secretary: Vacant (Charlene Harms, Duluth – Acting)
 Treasurer: Janine Seis, Lake Nebagamon
 Board Members: Dorothy Bergsten, Poplar
 Doreen Swanson, Brule
 Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland
 Hope Swenson, Lakeside
 Mike Granlund, Lakeside
 Betty Wood, Poplar
 Lois Pollari, Lake Nebagamon, Alternate
 Jim Pellman, Maple, Emeritus

Our thanks to the retiring Board members: Paul Colby, Dennis Hill, Brian Paulson & Jim Pellman

STANDING COMMITTEES:

As reorganized for 2015-2016:

Archives: Audrey Hakkila, Poplar
 Membership: Janine Seis, Lake Nebagamon
 Publications: Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland
 Windmill, Eskolin House, Taylor's Bridge: Hope Swenson, Lakeside
 MSMA: Dan Bergsten, Poplar
 Merchandise: Shirley Umolac, Lake Nebagamon

DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE: Anticipating Third Weekend Monthly Tours (September 19) and Bayfield Apple Festival Weekend Tours & Bake Sale (October 2-3-4). Mary Ann is organizing the workers and has sign-up sheets for volunteers. She has submitted publicity.

MONTICELLO SCHOOL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES PROJECT: Jim spoke by phone with Kevin Mackie regarding the down payment needed and time frame for construction of basement under the MSMA Facility this fall if possible. Kevin will report back.

PUBLICITY: Mary Ann sent notices to *Living* and *Senior Reporter* magazines regarding the Windmill/Eskolin house tours during Bayfield Apple Fest weekend.

PUBLICATIONS: Motion by Audrey Hakkila, second by Charlene Harms to make and sell next year's 2016 calendars. Motion carried. There was no change on the Pollari Map and the Calendar Book.

MERCHANDISE: Shirley Kankas-Umolac discussed need for MSMA shirt design. She will also check with the new company in Lake Nebagamon for costs to print shirts and mugs.

Gene Davidson has offered to do the Windmill DVD project on his own; Jim will return his materials.

Button creation is on hold.

SLEEPY VALLEY LOOP PROJECT: no change.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: The site was created and is maintained by Janine Seis with help from Nancy Moreland. To date there are 464 members.

WI Council for Local History and WI Historical Society NW Regional Meeting: to be held September 21, 2015 at the Oulu Cultural and Heritage Center. Mary Ann Gronquist, Alice Christensen and Shirley Kankas-Umolac are interested in attending and will pay their own \$15 registration fee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on the flour mill that was donated by Arnold Johnson to OBHS. Suggestions on how to move it and where, as it needs to be removed from its current site with the untimely passing of Eddy Walman.

SYMPATHY AND ENCOURAGEMENT: to Doreen Swanson and Doris Perala.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: will be held October 21, 2015 at the Lake Nebagamon Auditorium, 6PM, potluck. Need program. Possible work shop on gathering life histories. (*See update on program in this newsletter*)

OBHS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP: Discussion on scholarship letter from Northwestern High School from last year. Acting Secretary Charlene Harms will follow up with the Maple School District to be sure we are on their scholarship list for this year (2016), and what our current scholarship financial status actually is.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Dorothy Bergsten, seconded by Dan Bergsten. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Harms, Acting Secretary

Area History: No. 106

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

10. World War I Veterans from the Maple/Cloverland Area with Local Ministers. c. 1915. Back Row: The Reverend E. V. Niemi, pastor of the National Evangelical Lutheran Church, Maple, and Rev. John V. Pollari, pastor of the Independent Apostolic Lutheran Church of Maple. Middle Row: Bill Carvala, Alfred Mattson, John Raunio, Matt Hautamaki, Front Row: George DeRosia, Waino Waldo (Walroos), Henry Nurkkala, Victor Beck, Emil Antilla, John Roberts (Heikki). With their hash marks, ribbons, and soberness this appears to be returning veterans. Missing is Philip Nelson of Maple/Cloverland. *From the collection of the late Aili Beck Soyring, courtesy of Mary Ann Gronquist. Identifications as found in the Maple Volunteer Fire Department Maple Photo History, with the addition of Pastor E. V. Niemi, and name supplements.*



-NOTICES -

MEMBERS: Dues collection for 2016 began at our Annual Meeting & continues through 2015 & into 2016. Please check your newsletter label for what we have in our records. Also, please keep filling in your volunteer hours on your Blue Sheets. Our hour tally runs annually from August 1 (2015) to turn-in date July 31 (2016). Please contact our Secretary for a current Blue Sheet.

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS:

To those members who have stepped up for service on the new Board. Those five are **Audrey Hakkila, Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Char Harms, Janine Seis, and Lois Pollari (alternate.)** "We can't do it without you."

To **Paul Colby**, our retired Treasurer, who just spent time up in the great Northwest on a well-deserved vacation.

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

Betty Lou (Ray) Abrahamzon, 85, Rockmont, Wis., who died Oct. 6, 2015, at Villa-Marina Health and Rehab Center, wife of the late Henry Lorange Abrahamzon. Children and families survive.

Bishop Emeritus Raphael Michael Gabriel Fliss, 84, Superior, who died Sept. 21, 2015, at St. Luke's Hospital Inpatient Unit, Duluth.
Richard A. "Rick" Brill, 44, Superior, who died Sept. 27, 2015, from injuries he sustained from an accident in Hermantown, Minn. born Oct. 7, 1970, in Superior to Roger and Jann (Hofberger) Brill. A Northwestern football coach, brother of Steve.

Ida Mae (Gruebele) Korhonen, 77, Brule, who died Sept. 22, 2015 in Brookfield, Wis., daughter of Edward E. and Martha E. (Leaf) Gruebele, Northwestern High School graduate, married Raymond Korhonen on Oct. 18, 1958.

Eugene A. Nordquist, 72, who passed away Dec. 15, 2014 at Aurora Bay Care in Green Bay, Wis., buried from St. Anthony Catholic Church in Lake Nebagamon.

Richard L. "Dick" Coda, 72, Maple who died Sept. 21, 2015 surrounded by family at Solvay Hospice House, Duluth, born in Superior to Lawrence F. and Amelia (Novozinski) Coda, graduated from the East High School and went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Biology from UWS, ran DJ & J Supply out of Maple for 30 years. Wife Judy, three daughters and a son survive.

Timothy J. Whitmore, 62, Duluth, who passed away April 11, 2015, was born in Chicago, attended schools in Superior and Poplar and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1970 where he was a football and basketball standout, with many cousins including the Kauthers, Granlunds, Weltys, Williams and Bunnells.

Shirley Jean (Hanson) Clemmer, 78, Hawthorne, Wis., who passed away peacefully at home Sept. 12, 2015 was born to Manford S. and Gertrude P. (Severson) Hanson in Spooner, Wis., married Daniel Clemmer in June 1956.

Helen L. (Soderlund) Jacobson, 98 of Superior who died Sept. 11, 2015 at the Life Care Center of Elkhorn in Omaha, Neb. She was born in Wentworth in 1917 to John & Mary Soderlund, & attended schools in Wentworth and South Range. She graduated from Superior Central in 1935 & State Teachers College in 1937, taught school at Franklin School and McKinley, Town of Oakland, South Range

Steven Arnold Saari, 62, of Maple, who died Sept. 11, 2015 at Superior Health and Rehab (formerly known as St Francis in the Park), was born in Superior to Arnold and Lila (Ranta) Saari. Steven graduated from Northwestern High School in 1971, and joined the Wisconsin National Guard where he proudly served 10 years.

Dorothy Joyce (Bong) Erickson, 87, Poplar, who passed away Sept. 11, 2015 at Brentwood Memory Care in Rice Lake, Wis., born in Superior to Carl and Dora (Bryce) Bong, a younger sister of Richard I. Bong.

Danita Marie (Dalbec) Vardy, 50, New Hope, Minn., who died Aug. 28, 2015 at her home surrounded by family & friends after a long battle with cancer, born in Superior, daughter of Gerald and Julia Dalbec.

Aimee D. (McClenathan) Jondreau, 92, Superior who passed away Sept. 3, 2015 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, born in Victor, Iowa to Robert and Sarah (Beckman) McClenathan, married to Louis Jondreau who died in 1988.

Nancy L. Metsala, 65, Superior, who passed away Sept. 1, 2015 at Golden Living Center in Superior, born in Chicago to Lawrence and Miriam Metsala. In 1961 Nancy moved to Maple and graduated from Northwestern High and attended the University of Wisconsin, Superior, started in 1967 at Middle River Health and Rehab & retired after 40 years.

Paul Robert Konkler, 50, Brule, who died Aug. 29, 2015, at his residence, surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer, born in Robinsdale, Minn., to Robert and Bridget (Purcell) Konkler

Inez (Esselstrom) Berglund, 94, who passed away peacefully Aug. 22, 2015 in Saint Paul, Minn., born to Alfred and Mary Esselstrom in the Town of Lakeside, married Roy Berglund, had 19 great-grandchildren.

William Bernard "Bill" Bensen, 79, Hawthorne, who died Aug. 16, 2015, at his home, born in Chicago, Ill. to William and Adeline Bensen, was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Wife Patricia and daughters survive.

Isadore C. Sznaider, 96, Brule, who passed away Aug. 16, 2015 at St. Luke's Medical Center in Duluth, born in Brule on the family farm, the son of Albert and Salomea Sznaider, graduated from Iron River High School in 1936, a World War II Army veteran in the South Pacific. Wife Anne and children survive.

O. Wesley Hofstad, 97, who died peacefully at home July 12, 2015, with his wife Dottie at his side in Silver Spring, Md., born in Brooklyn, N.Y. to Rev. Ottar Hofstad and Amelia (ne Davis), served as Captain in the USMC in the Pacific during WWII, married high school sweetheart Virginia Warner of Superior. Brother of Ralph.

Lillian E. (Alholm) Saari, 84, Maple, who died Aug. 14, 2015, at Middle River Health and Rehabilitation Center, South Range, Wis., born in Cloverland to Wilfred & Edla Alholm, graduated from Superior Central High School in 1947. Husband Ernest & 3 sons survive.

Fern Irene (Colborn) Lull, 72, South Range, who died Aug. 13 at home surrounded by family after a brief battle with cancer, the daughter of the late Harry & Irene Colborn, survived by Larry, husband of 52 years, two children & grandchildren.

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

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

CALENDAR.

October 21, Wednesday, 6 PM. OBHS General Meeting. Lake Nebagamon Auditorium. Program: Scott Markle speaks on Major Richard I. Bong. Pot luck lunch. Business meeting follows.

October 26, Monday, 1 PM. OBHS Archives Committee meets at Pellmans'. Please call to confirm.

October 31, Saturday. Halloween.

November 1, Sunday. Daylight Saving Time ends.

November 3, Tuesday. Election Day.

November 11, Wednesday. Veterans Day.

November 18, Wednesday. OBHS Board Meeting.

November 26, Thursday. Thanksgiving Day. Deadline for items in the December OBHS News.

December 7, Monday. Hanukkah.

December 12, Saturday. Tentative: Musical Benefit Fundraiser for Monticello School Museum & Archives in Brule.

December 16, Wednesday. OBHS General "Christmas" Meeting.

December 25, Friday. Christmas Day.

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.