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OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 5:30 PM at the Maple Town Hall

For our Program Dr. Ron Mershart has agreed to give us a presentation on “the Early History of Douglas County until 1900, with emphasis on the Life and Role of early Town of Superior Settler, James Bardon.” Dr. Mershart headed the History Department at UWS and was active in planning the Sesquicentennial Events for Douglas County in 2004, which inspired the publication of our own book *Wisconsin Far Northwest: Brief Histories of the Rural Communities in Northern Douglas County*, now being reprinted.

Please note that we are back on the second Wednesday of the month with our meetings.

The evening begins at 5:30 PM with our pot luck lunch held at the Maple Town Hall. Please bring a covered dish to pass, or refreshments to share. The talk will begin about 6:00 PM with our business meeting to follow. Thanks to the Town of Maple for the use of their hall and kitchen.

Friends, Guests and New Members are always Welcome!

FROM THE EDITOR:

The Vanity of Viral Visions, Virtual Virtues, Virtual Hugs & Virtual Vixens may be a good title for this.

After a day working on the newsletter catching glimpses of caucus results in Iowa, reading the final report on the fatal crash of a Marine Corps Osprey in Hawaii, and thinking about a “virtual hug” I got from a social media friend a couple of weeks ago I awoke early today with the following thoughts about Dorothy’s dream... and ours.

In L. Frank Baum’s 1900 story *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, the wizard proved to be a vain vision. But in that metaphoric, fabulous world of Dorothy and friends, in literature, and in later cinema, the vision was enough to give a lion courage, a tin man a heart and a straw man a brain. Toto the dog, was a dog and remained a dog, yet he or she was the loveable agent of the true measure of life, free of illusion and false images.

In a culture obsessed with the virtual, technically produced visions and auditory hallucinations, our deeper obsessions become a Toto in ourselves, registering and reaching for the consistently real. Can we tame these obsessions to see what they are telling us about our real selves, our real needs, and real life?

Politics at large has over time now become a victim of this virtualism: virtual candidates, stumping in virtual town halls vying for virtual power, virtual control over virtual money, & virtual war with virtual enemies.

Where is Toto to pull the veil away to reveal the truth of the need for a true local, true town halls, and the need for more than a virtual hug and the virtual love of golden gods and goddesses?

History is more than just stories, and more than statistics, theories and images. Reality touches the ground in blood and aches and aging and dying. It touches the ground in tempters (as in “lead us not into temptation”), true agents, or agents of truth, ready to sacrifice their lives for their vision, their hates, even if it is one marked by ultimate deception, cult, carnage and death.

The front lines of life are now in our neighborhoods and homes, where this battle for truth has become the struggle to find true neighbors, friends and a reality anchored in others, in touching, and in the smell of shared homemade *leipää* (*Finnish bread*), and *sauna* smoke and steam, and talk over cups of strong coffee, and homemade doughnuts. It is found in our archive group in our local historical society clipping articles from old papers, filled with the newspaper’s vision of the virtual past fed to the public in press releases. Let us be Toto the dog, pulling together at the curtain after that which is real, agents of Love and Life and Truth.

-Jim Pellman

1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2016 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 2016 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are for sale at \$9.00 each. Earlier issues are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2013), 2014 at \$6.00, & 2015 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 are selling them for us each year, this year at Twin Gables & Cenex in Brule, Poplar Hardware & the Village Market, Sharon's Lakeview Restaurant & Midland Cenex in Lake Nebagamon. Or check with Jim in Maple at 715-363-2549.

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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 February 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 DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

Wednesday, December 16, 2015 6:00 p.m., Brule Town Hall

The evening began with a holiday buffet; thanks to all those cooks who brought various goodies for everyone to enjoy. Thanks, also, to Laila M. for arranging use of the Brule Town Hall, and to Mary Ann, Shirley, and others for assisting with the set-up and decorations and setting up and taking down tables and chairs. Twenty-one members and guests signed the attendance roster.

PROGRAM: Jim Pellman's Power-Point presentation was two-fold:

(1.) Images used in the 2016 Calendar, 11th edition, were summarized. Members shared information as these photos were highlighted.

(2.) Photos of activities during our Music Benefit held on December 12, 2015, at the Kro Bar were also shown. The success of this event was apparent. OBHS is most thankful to Kro Bar for donating the use of their facility and the spaghetti dinner. Thank-you notes also need to be sent to the MANY donors of prizes available for the raffles. (Those members who sought these donations did an excellent job. Special thanks to Doreen for her efforts.) Everyone present enjoyed the fine musicians who contributed their time and talent to making this event very special. Many folks commented on how much fun they had and asked when the next one would be!

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Shirley Kankas-Umolac called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m., beginning with a moment of silence for those who have passed away recently and for those who are suffering from illness.

Doreen moved to install Lila Ronn as Acting Secretary. Following a second by Jim, the motion was approved.

MINUTES: Audrey moved to approve the minutes, as published in the OBHS December 2015 News, of the last General Meeting held on October 21, 2015. Doreen second the motion; the minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: President Shirley Kankas-Umolac presented the following report which had been mailed in by Treasurer Janine Seis:

CD:	\$ 5,818.10	(No change from last month)
GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,359.37	(\$ 558.36 last month)

MONTICELLO (MSMA)	\$ 12,548.47	(\$9,952.47 last month)
WINDMILL	\$ 2,230.52	(\$2,250.84 last month)

TOTAL CASH ASSETS \$ 21,956.46

Shirley reported that the special one-of-a-kind Music & Spaghetti Dinner Benefit T-shirts were made by Carey's (*Lake Life*) in Lake Nebagamon in two days. Mary Anne made a motion to approve the payment of \$269.03 for these shirts. Audrey seconded the motion and it was approved.

Doreen moved to approve bills presented by Jim for postage, printing, and computer repair bills totaling \$566.03. Following a second by Hope, the motion was approved.

Approximately \$ 2,500 was received during the benefit. Some dues were also paid at this time. When asked how much is needed to finish the basement phase of the MSMA project, Jim estimated that about \$ 20,000 would be required. This amount would include costs to install the building onto the foundation.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION:

WINDMILL: Gene Davidson sent Jim an email expressing a concern about a tilt in the mill. He also mentioned that the blades may need maintenance. If replacement is required, he would recommend the stub designed by his father that fits into the hub as a pattern. After the stub is installed, the remainder of the blade would be added.

The Eileen HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER: Contact Jim if interested in reading their most recent newsletter.

NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: It has been confirmed that OBHS is on their scholarship list for 2016. OBHS will receive further formal contact from the school district.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE: Ron reported all bolts and nuts needed for repair of the Bridge, as well as patterns, are in the house. Work will start in the spring.

MSMA FUND-RAISING: Committee members worked hard to help make this event successful. Musicians that volunteered their talents included Ted Pellman, Russ Darwin, Dustin Soyering, Joe Lindzius, and Brian Raivala (and a brief surprise performance by Jim Pellman). Dean Baillie and his crew deserve a special thank-you.

PUBLICITY: Articles about the Music Benefit were published in the *Superior Telegram* and *The Connection*. Audrey is submitting articles to the new *Poplar Press*. Thanks to Mary Ann for her ongoing efforts with publicity.

PUBLICATIONS: Jim reports that the 2016 Calendar Project is nearly done. The General Meeting date is back to the second Wednesday of even-numbered months, allowing OBHS to meet at the Maple Town Hall.

MERCHANDISE: The 30 customized Music Benefit shirts were ordered and quickly delivered to be worn by the band, the Kro Bar crew, and OBHS workers, fostering a team spirit among them. Shirley noted that additional "I've Been Through the Mill" T-shirts would be ordered from *Shirts Unlimited*, while any future shirts/mugs, etc. would be ordered at *Lake Life*.

Gene Davidson has decided to do the Windmill DVD project himself.

Jim reported that he and Nan Wisherd will begin creating a table top book out of old calendar images and texts; Nan intends to publish 1,000 copies as a start.

The *Sisu and Sauna* committee needs to work on a 2nd edition.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: This independent site was created by Janine Seis who continues to maintain it with help from Nancy Moreland. To date, there are nearly 500 members in this group.

SCHOLARSHIP: It has been confirmed that we have a balance of \$250 with the Maple School District and are on the scholarship list for 2016. (See above correspondence from Northwestern High School regarding scholarship.)

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: Regarding the Music Benefit, Mary Ann reported that 78 adult and two children meal tickets were purchased, totaling \$790. Sixty-eight \$2 raffle tickets were purchased. Sixty-six prize baskets were assumed and awarded to the winners of the \$1 or 6/\$5 raffle tickets.

NEW BUSINESS:

THANKS TO KRO BAR: Dennis Hill moved that we show our appreciation to Kro Bar for their support of our Benefit by donating a brick at the Mill site for their business and two bricks for family members. Following a second by Jim, the motion was approved. Ron noted that the bricks may take time and that we need to send a thank-you note promptly and include this information in the note. Pat McCabe of Poplar will now be doing these bricks for OBHS. Audrey said she would call Pat to see how she's doing with the process. Pat will receive \$10 for each brick she engraves.

SYMPATHY AND ENCOURAGEMENT: Sympathy to Julie Anderson at the passing of her mother, Helen Niemi. Encouragement to Paul Hakkila as he deals with health issues.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: February 9, 2016 (2nd Wednesday), location and time to be announced. Jim will attempt to get the Maple Town Hall.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley's.

WORK CREWS NEEDED: Plans are in process to move the flour mill donated by Arnold Johnson and the siding that Axel Wiitala has offered for the School. Work crews will be needed to complete these moves. We have cleared the project with Alice Christensen and John Autio. At the November General Meeting, a decision was made to authorize spending \$100 in support of this move.

ADJOURNMENT: Dennis Hill moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Doreen. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila M Ronn, 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. 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 new zipper front hooded *I've Been Through the Mill* sweatshirts have arrived.

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 JANUARY BOARD MEETING OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC. Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Residence of Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Lake Nebagamon, WI

Attendance: Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Hope Swenson, Doreen Swanson, Audrey Hakkila, Betty Wood, Dorothy Bergsten, Mary Ann Gronquist, Lila Ronn, Jim Pellman, and Danny Bergsten.

BUSINESS MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: President Shirley Kankas-Umolac called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

MINUTES: Mary Ann moved to accept the minutes as published in the December *OBHS NEWS* of the previous Board meeting held on November 18, 2015; Doreen seconded the motion; the minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Shirley presented the following report which Treasurer Janine Seis submitted by email:

CD:	\$ 5,818.10	(No change from last month)
GENERAL FUND: 1/13/16:	\$ 1,603.87	(\$ 1,359.37 last month)
MONTICELLO (MSMA):	\$ 12,901.44	(\$12,548.47 last month)
WINDMILL:	\$ 2,200.11	(\$ 2,230.52 last month)

TOTAL CASH ASSETS:	\$ 22,523.52	(\$21,956.46 last month)
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Shirley noted that a deposit of \$175.00 miscellaneous income from dues and calendar purchases was made after this report was submitted. Dorothy moved to accept this report as presented. Following a second by Hope, the treasurer's report was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

Insurance Option for Non-Profits by Non-Profits: As OBHS selects liability insurance in the future for our property, we will seek a firm quote from the *Alliance for Non-Profits*. Shirley has contacted this agency by phone and was given an approximate quote of \$800.00 annually.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE:**

Mary Ann inquired whether the shutters were shut on the Eskolin House. Jim will check.

We need to advise Treasurer Janine about the thank you and three paver offer to Dean Baillie that was approved at the last General Meeting. Jim dropped off 10 pavers at Patricia Hursh's request to allow her to start engraving.

MSMA FUND-RAISING:

A grant request has recently been submitted to the ECE Power Coop, power supplier to the Windmill site.

An email from the National Bank of Commerce (NBC) committee denying our request for funds for the MSMA Music Benefit was received after the event. While this communication complimented our role in the project, NBC said our request was not in time for the fund-raising event.

Helen Niemi's family has donated \$100.00 in her memory toward the MSMA project. A \$75.00 donation was also received during our Benefit.

OBHS needs to give Dean a calendar.

Janine is sending thank you notes with descriptions of their gifts for use with the IRS to those who contributed to the success of the Music Benefit.

Archives: Audrey reported that the committee is completing the 3rd and 4th reading on the Davidson papers. A typist is needed to assist with this task and someone able to run a scanner and crop scanned photos.

Publicity: Thanks to Audrey for submitting articles to the *Poplar Press*. An article by Jim asking for information in support of our Pollari Memorial Douglas County Map is included in the January issue.

Publications: The 2016 Calendar is available for sale. No change on the Pollari Map and the Calendar Book. Thanks to Poplar Hardware for their continued support of our publications sales.

Merchandise:

Jim recently met with Nan Wisherd regarding a needed reprint of *Wisconsin Far Northwest*. She has recommended *Publishers Express Press* in Tony, WI for this job. They have quoted a price of \$1,027 for 100 books with a 12% reduction incentive if we order "promptly". This is a slow period of the year for them. Jim shared a sample publication of their high quality "perfect binding". Silver-Tonsberg, who printed our first four printings, has quoted a cost of \$12 per book for 100 copies. Doreen moved to approve the purchase from *Publisher's Express Press* IF THE EXACT PRICE AS QUOTED IS IN EFFECT. Audrey seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

On May 1, Jim and Nan will begin creating a table top book out of our old and current calendar images and texts, plus images and texts from the Brule History Research Group's calendars. One of the first steps is to review all resources and sequence them. Nan is planning to produce 1,000 books with all proceeds to be gifted to OBHS.

Sisu and Sauna needs a reprint. Lila reported that she will begin indexing the current edition and will talk to Earl about a plan of work. Jim has a copy from Paul of the CD sent to the publisher for the first edition.

The Board discussed the purchase of sweatshirts. Several suggestions: order fewer sweatshirts and fewer 2X and 3X; consider zippered hoodies; colors of light heather gray w/black and possibly denim blue; back of hoodie would have the larger windmill drawing and the front would have the smaller windmill drawing and OBHS. Using these specifications, Shirley will order 20 of these hoodies from *Shirts Unlimited* to be available at the February General Meeting for inspection and sale at the suggested price of \$35 each, all subject to final group approval. Disposal of the funds generated to which account(s) should also be addressed.

Future plans include ordering MSMA shirts (gray w/red lettering) from *Carey's Lake Life* in Lake Nebagamon.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP Site: This independent Facebook site of over 500 members will be encouraged to publicize OBHS activities.

OBHS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP: We have a balance of \$250 and have returned a letter to the District indicating our intention to award a 2016 scholarship.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: Lila noted that at the December General meeting, the motion that was passed regarding her installation as secretary stated her role as "Acting Secretary". The Board was in agreement that this motion needed clarification to indicate that Lila was to be a Board member and "Secretary". Audrey moved to approve this clarification. Followed by a second by Doreen, the motion was approved. Charlene Harms, who has filled the role of Acting Secretary since September, 2015, will become an Alternate Board member. Thanks to Charlene for her timely and needed assistance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Error in 2016 Calendar: As a point of information, Jim noted that Bill Ketola was erroneously identified as his brother Freddy Ketola in the calendar's cover image. This error will be corrected when used in further publications.

Sympathy and Encouragement: Paul Hakkila's health has improved and he is currently in Texas. Sympathy extended to the families of Rudy Lind from Brule and that of Diann Hulda Marie Niemi Hart from Stuart, OK, daughter of Shirley Byorni Niemi, who have passed away recently.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 (2nd Wednesday) at the Town Hall in Maple, beginning at 5:30 p.m. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME. After discussing several ideas for a program, it was decided that Jim would invite

Dr. Ron Mershart, retired UWS history professor, to talk about early Douglas County history, with emphasis on the life of James Bardon. Dr. Mershart has spoken to our group twice several years ago and was very well received.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2016. Time and place to be announced.

Work crews needed: Jim said that workers will be able to enter the pole building where the flour mill is stored and Stanley can get inside the building to maneuver. Stanley plans to plow around the pole building to allow the ground to freeze. The mill will be moved to the back of Finnworks where railroad ties and tarps will be ready. Alice Christensen and John Autio, as family representatives, have approved the move. \$100 has been previously approved at a General Meeting to be used for this purpose.

ADJOURNMENT: Doreen moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Audrey. President Shirley Kankas-Umolac adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Following the meeting, members enjoyed pizza, dessert, and beverages. Thank you, Shirley, for sharing your home and “cooking” dinner for all of us. We enjoyed the surroundings and the good food.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila M. Ronn

Area History: No. 108

This picture and text appears for the month of March in our 2016 OBHS Historical Calendar.

16.03. Town of Maple Residents, William Olson and John Makela's Logging Camp near Mellen, c 1920. The cooks were Mary Harju & Hilda Makela. These were smaller operations and a decade later than those of the pine cutting giants Edward Hines and Frederick Weyerhaeuser. Jobber camps such as these cut hardwoods under contract, and possibly, in the warmer early summer months, hemlock for its bark used for a few more years in the tanning hides. *From a copy in the OBHS Archives of a photograph shared by the late Elvie Lehtimaki.*



NOTICES ~

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

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: Thanks to all who donated money & gifts for our Krobar musical historical event in December. Enclosed with this issue is a flier listing these generous businesses & individuals. Thanks to **Lila Ronn** who has now resumed the task of full-time Secretary for OBHS. Thanks to **Char Harms** who had so capably filled that role since August. Thanks to all members caught up on their memberships.

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

George "Pete" Mackey, 81, Barnes area resident formerly of Superior who died Nov. 28, 2015 at St Luke's Hospital Hospice, Duluth, born in Minneapolis Aug. 20, 1934 the son of Fred and Emily (Niemi) Mackey, worked for Superior Light and Power for over 30 years, survived by wife of 60 years, Shirley, a son, daughter & grandchildren.

Janet (Tyler) Fick, 82, Cornucopia, who died Jan. 26, 2016 in Ashland, born Sept. 1 1933 in Cornucopia, Wis., the daughter of Skip and Martha (Jones) Tyler, retired in 1997 as Dental Assistant for Dr. Scott in Superior, active in the Cornucopia Museum, husband Robert & children surviving.

Florence E. (Steffenson) Dzikonski, 84, Lake Nebagamon, who died peacefully Jan. 22, 2016, born in Superior June 11, 1931 to Alvin and Florence Steffenson and resided in Lake Nebagamon for most of her life, loved music, formerly employed by Middle River Health Care Facility, as Village Clerk of Lake Nebagamon, in the Maple School District, and at the *Evening Telegram*. Survived by children and grandchildren.

Diann (Dianne) Hulda Marie (Niemi) Hart, 75, Stuart, Oklahoma, who died at her home November 27, 2015, the oldest child of William Niemi of Maple, he the son of Ed & Hulda (Mattson) Niemi, and Shirley Byorni Niemi of Brule. Diann's sister, Jeanne

Phillipson, and her brother, Peter, survive. Their mother, Shirley, passed away in Carlsbad, California in 2007. Many in this Niemi extended relationship moved to southern California in the 1950s and still reside there.

Bernadette E. (Archambeault) Amys, 91, Superior, who died Jan. 21, 2016, at Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth, born April 4, 1924, in Superior to Napolean and Gertrude (Lozen) Archambeault and was a lifelong Superior resident, survived by four daughters & five sons, most living in this region, preceded in death by husband Donald in 1981,

Merle J. Haworth, 91, Superior, who passed away Jan. 16, 2016, at Encompass Assisted Living, born Jan. 9, 1925, in Hawthorne, Wis. to Merle and Jennie (Ronning) Haworth, attended schools in Hines and Hawthorne, spent most of his working career with the Wisconsin Grain and Warehouse Commission from 1943-1983, was preceded in death by his brothers, Wayne and Allen, sisters, June B. (Glen) Carlson and Marjorie L. Moder.

Roselyn C. "Rose" (Callender) Pison, 85, Hawthorne, who passed away Jan. 14, 2016, born May 31, 1930, in Freemont, Wis. to LeRoy & Ethel (Harris) Callender, survived by daughter, Debbie (Bill) Gustafson, Hawthorne, two sons, Tony (Sandy Jo) Pison, Hawthorne, Steve (Debbie) Pison, Solon Springs. She had been employed at Middle River Health & Rehabilitation Center for 20 years.

John Francis Gotelaere, 76, Superior, who died Jan. 14, 2016, at his residence, was born June 9, 1939, in Superior, son of the late Francis "Wen" and Frances (Jolicoeur) Gotelaere, is survived by many local siblings and a large family.

Jeanette L. (Peterson) Plunkett, 88, Poplar, who passed Jan. 6, 2016 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Superior, born June 12, 1927 in Superior to Gustav and Signe Peterson, married Richard Plunkett, and owned and operated a farm in Cloverland for 40 years, survived by sons, Richard "Keith" (Jackelyn, "Jackie") Plunkett, Maple, and Brian Plunkett, Poplar; three daughters, Mary (Ralph) Frostman, Iron River, Janice (Richard) Oaksford, Douglass, Texas, Barbara (Thomas) Kolodziej, Iron River, was active in her church, and in the Villagers Homemakers group in Poplar. Daughter-in-law, Jackie, was Treasurer of OBHS for several years.

Toni Ann (Yaworski) Foote, 79, Pensicola, Florida, who passed away Dec. 17, 2015 in Pensicola where she had retired, born May 23, 1937 to Tony and Esther Yaworski in Superior, graduated from UW Milwaukee, and taught high school English, married Richard Foote, summered in Lake Nebagamon, is survived by sisters Maurine Ladich and Carol (Alan) Lisdahl, her grandchildren Rachel (Jay) Florence and Patrick Foote, her brother-in-law Jim Foote, sisters-in-law Sally Christman and Carol Evered along with many cousins, nephews and nieces, with burial to be in Lake Nebagamon.

Julia Rose Bunnell-Mattison, 32, who passed away Dec. 30, 2015, after a long battle with MS, born Aug. 22, 1983, to Gerard 'Paul' and Janice Bunnell, married Carl J. Mattison on Sept. 25, 2007, graduated from Northwestern High School with the class of 2002, is survived by husband, Carl, son, Jason, parents, Paul (Debbie) Bunnell and Janice Bunnell, siblings, Leone, Bobby, Jana (Aaron), Paula (Rob), Jerry and Cory, and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Laura Lee Heytens, 59, Superior area resident, who died Dec. 26, 2015 at St Luke's Hospital, Duluth, born in Hayward, Jan. 11, 1956, the daughter of the late Richard "Dick" and Virginia J. (Yoder) Heytens, Sr, graduated from Northwestern High School, and UWS earning a BA degree and then University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, earning a Master's degree in Education, was an elementary grades teacher in Brooklyn Park, Minn. and the Twin Cities area for over 15 years, was an avid marathon runner, survived by a brother and two sisters.

Dean A. Lusikka, 51, of Iron River, who passed away Dec. 23, 2015, was born Dec. 3, 1964, in Ashland, the son of the late Arne & Viola (Hagen) Lusikka, graduated from South Shore High School, worked on the family farm for many years.

Isabelle Alma Gram, 21, Superior, who passed away Dec. 13, 2015, born on April 14, 1994 in Eau Claire, also lived in Leadville, Colo. before moving to Superior, survived by her parents, ValGene and Lynn Gram, two brothers, Jesse and Aaron Gram, all of Superior, one stepbrother, Nathan Swenson, Calif., one stepsister, Sophia Jensine, Wyo., her maternal grandparents, David and Peggy Trojan, Brule, Wis. and many other family members.

Georgialice M. (Pastoret) Nelson, 73, Bennett, who died Dec. 19, 2015 at her residence, born in Gary, Indiana Oct. 12, 1942, the daughter of Eleanor and Phillip Pastoret, married Carl Nelson in 1961 and celebrated 51 years together until his death in 2013, survived by her children and their families.

Robert J. "Bob" Jacobson, 82, Poplar who died Dec. 11, 2015, at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, born in Poplar Sept. 6, 1933, the son of Roy and Lorraine (Moquist) Jacobson, graduated from Northwestern, married Blanche Rowe July 12, 1952 in Lake Nebagamon and celebrated 63 years of marriage, employed by the former Twin Ports Dairy, served on the Maple School District Board for over 30 years, and was active on the Poplar Village Board, and the Lions Club, survived by wife Blanche, a daughter and son.

Timothy Carl Colalillo, 59, Lake Nebagamon, formerly of Duluth, who died unexpectedly Dec. 6, 2015, in his home, was born July 6, 1956 in Duluth to Albert and Beatrice (Goman) Colalillo, graduated from Denfeld High School in 1974, loved bowling and golf, owned and operated the Covered Wagon in Hawthorne for over 25 years, survived by fiancé Tracy Albertson, and children.

Joan Marie Langseth, 82, Lake Nebagamon, formerly of Duluth, who passed away Dec. 6, 2015 at Solvay Hospice House in Duluth, born in Duluth on July 12, 1933 to Hjalmer and Myrtle (Olson) Peterson, attended Gustavus Adolphus, where she was crowned freshman queen, and the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, married Rodney Langseth on Aug. 11, 1956 and celebrated 50 years of marriage before he passed away, survived by two daughters and a son. She was an active community service worker in Duluth and in her church.

Helen Martha (Tyykila) Niemi, 91 of Maple, who passed away Dec. 3, 2015 at Essentia-St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, was born in Superior on Dec. 15, 1923 the daughter of Mary (Lepisto) and Matt Tyykila. She was a lifelong Maple resident, married to William Niemi, and lived and farmed on his ancestral home place in Maple, had six children, three surviving, with three sisters surviving.

Clarence Douglas "Sunshine" Soyring, 80, Sturgeon Bay, Door County, who died Dec. 1, 2015, surrounded by loved ones at his home, born April 27, 1935, in Maple, son of the late William and Ellen (Suominen) Soyring, graduated from Northwestern High School and was a standout basketball player, served in the Army, preceded in death by wife Mary after 49 years of marriage two years ago, worked in organized labor for 60 years.

May these, our dear friends and neighbors, rest in peace.

... and who have we missed or forgotten?

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Anyone interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society is encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may also contact any member or the Board at the return address 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.

February 10, Wednesday, 5:30 PM. OBHS General Meeting, Maple Town Hall. Program: Dr. Ron Mershart on Early Douglas County History and James Bardon. Pot Luck lunch first. Business meeting follows the lecture. Ash Wed.

February 14, Sunday. St. Valentine's Day.

February 15, Monday, 1 PM. OBHS Archives Committee meeting at Pellmans'. Please call to confirm.

February 29, Monday, 1 PM. OBHS Archives Committee meeting at Pellmans'. Leap Year Day.

March 9, Wednesday. OBHS Board Meeting. Time and place TBA.

March 13, Sunday. Daylight Saving Time begins.

March 19, Saturday. Deadline for submitted material for April issue of *OBHS News*.

March 25, Friday. Good Friday.

March 27, Sunday. Easter Sunday.

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.