

OBHS News

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OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY 2016 ANNUAL MEETING & HUGE MSMA FLEA MARKET FUND RAISER

Saturday August 27, 2016, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

on the Grounds Surrounding the Maple Town Hall

LOCATED AT 11037 E. MAPLE LANE (NORTH SIDE OF US HIGHWAY 2)

Access off US Highway 2 via Gonschorek Loop. Watch for Signs.

Thanks to the approval of our ambitious plans by the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Maple, the last Saturday of August 2016 will be a full day event for OBHS as we bring together four important activities:

1) Our 2016 OBHS ANNUAL MEETING which we will hold about Noon, where we recognize those who have served us in the past year, and we replace those on the Board who will not or cannot serve us next year, & any other business. (There will be three Board candidates and nominations from the floor.)

2) This will be followed immediately by the reorganized OBHS Board's election and installation of Group Officers for the coming year, 2016-2017;

3) Our First MSMA (Monticello School Museum & Archives) Fund Raising Outdoor Flea Market All Day Event will open to the public at 8:00 AM and continue until 4:00 PM. OUT OF GROUP VENDORS, ARTISTS & CRAFTSMEN & GROUPS ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO PURCHASE 15 x 15 foot spaces for \$10 (\$15 with one 8 foot table provided), to join with our HUGE OBHS RUMMAGE SALE FOR WHICH WE ARE SEEKING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS;

4) The Match of a \$388.18 Mini-Grant Award for 2016 from Wisconsin Council for Local History & Wisconsin Historical Society for Archival Supplies for use in the OBHS-MSMA Archives.

If the weather fails to cooperate we will move inside the Town Hall on a reduced scale. Hot Food and non-alcohol beverages will be available throughout the day within the Town Hall, and OBHS Town & Village Historical Maps and Exhibits will be on display and OBHS books and other merchandise will be out for sale.

Tours of the Monticello School Museum & Archives (MSMA) Grounds will be available on the hour throughout the day.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Within the past week Old-Brule Heritage Society has lost 93 year old Famie Laakso, a founding member. Her mother, Emelia (Pellinen) Maki, and my grandfather, John (Pellinen) Pellman, were first cousins. Famie at her farm home on Lund Road in north Maple was a joy to visit. She shared family pictures from the logging days, and by phone sorted out many details about the family lines we shared. It was explained that her grandfather, John Pellinen, and my grandfather, John, were next door neighbors on what is now called Pellman Loop, and that they had the same name. Their mail continually got mixed. To change this my grandfather Americanized his last name to Pellman, as his older brother had done, and without this I would have gone through life as a Pellinen. I recall though that among his Finnish speaking neighbors my grandfather remained *Pellinen Jussi*. The Pellman name is down to only one male in the latest generation. I had no children and my late brother Jack only had loving daughters. We lost Jack this week, thirteen years after surviving a horrifying accident while driving a fuel truck at work along Lake Superior's North Shore. Both of these Pellinens will be sorely missed by many.

-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, at (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.

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

ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Archives Committee would welcome other volunteers to help us in this important part of our OBHS mission. Our continuing project is learning to use the computer in support of our work, scanning, 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 MSMA 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., still at the Pellmans' on a Monday afternoon. Next meeting is August 22nd, 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 JUNE GENERAL MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
Thursday, June 16, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Lakeside Town Hall**

The evening began with a pot-luck supper. As usual, the food was excellent; thanks to all who contributed and to those who set up the tables and beverages. Before the meeting began, we remembered those who have passed, with special recognition given to the contributions of Board Member Betty Wood.

BUSINESS MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: President Shirley Kankas-Umolac called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES: Doreen moved to accept the minutes, which were published in the June 2016 *OBHS NEWS*, of the General meeting held on April 13, 2016 in Highland. Mary Ann seconded the motion; the minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Janine Seis submitted the following report for June 16, 2016:

| | Current Balance | Changes since May Board Meeting |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---|
| CD: | \$ 5,828.17 | No change. |
| MSMA: | \$ 15,501.44 | (Last month \$14,001.44) Deposit from Gordy Lahti who generously donated \$1,500.00. Refer to minutes below under MSMA: Fund-Raising for additional information. |
| WINDMILL: | \$ 1,387.49 | (Last month \$1,447.47) Subtractions include \$ 29.41 for an Electric Bill and \$ 30.57 to Jim Pellman for paint and other supplies for windmill maintenance. |
| GENERAL: | \$ 324.73 | (Last Month \$ 721.73) Subtractions include \$228.00 for a State Farm Insurance 6-monh premium; \$ 189.00 for Newsletter Printing & Postage (Thanks, Jim, for discount coupon); and an additional \$20 memorial for Betty Wood. |
| TOTAL | | |
| MONETARY ASSETS: | \$ 23,041.83 | (Last month \$21,998.80) |

Jim moved to accept this report as presented; second by Dennis. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Jim submitted the Mini-Grant application to the Wisconsin Historical Society. This application specified a flea market, as proposed by the Board, to be held on either July 30th or August 27th as our designated fund raiser for a matching grant. This proposal will require approval at the upcoming General Meeting. Jim has sent a letter to the Town of Maple asking for use of the facility for this event.

2. We received a letter from Gordy Lahti which enclosed a donation of \$ 1,500 for our MSMA. This donation was designated as follows: \$ 500 in memory of his paternal grandfather, David Lahti, who was an early settler of Maple; \$500 in memory of his maternal great grandfather, Samuel Hietala, who was an early settler of Maple; and \$500 in memory of his father, John W. Lahti who was a long-time Maple resident and one of the founding members of the Maple Volunteer Fire Department. John was a mail carrier in Maple and

lost his life in an accident carrying out those duties.

3. The Wisconsin Council for Local History, Inc., the organization which handles the mini-grant program, has requested an annual donation from local organizations such as OBHS. Jim moved that we send \$25.00. Following a second by Dennis, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE: A workday was held on Saturday, May 21. This was also a regularly scheduled tour day (third Saturday of the month). Ron, Jim, and Dennis will be guides at the mill during the scheduled Midsummer Celebration hours (3-5 p.m. on Friday and 9-5 on Saturday). The sign for the open house is in the shed at the Mill site and needs to be moved to the Lakeside Town Hall tomorrow. Ken McCoy was at the mill site to mow lawn. He was unable to paint as planned because the windmill blade needed further work.

Pat Hursh suggested we consider making the out-door toilet look like an old-fashioned one and also painting the barrel may help make the view from the highway more attractive.

Ron reported that Pat Nelson's skill set is needed to complete the timber framing on the bridge.

MSMA: FUND-RAISING: Discussion about the flea market proposed by the Board included the fee to be charged for vendors' tables (\$10 or \$15 each?). Some vendors may bring their own tables. Having an ice-cream social as part of the day was suggested. Laila noted that the Town of Brule had law enforcement present during a similar event. The Annual Meeting of the OBHS will also be held on this day.

Shirley asked for a voice vote of a flea market fund-raiser. The proposal was approved by acclamation.

Jim was concerned that we have a sufficient number of tables. He noted that we would need to earn at least \$388.18 which is the amount of the requested state matching grant. He also suggested a free-will donation box be set up at the event.

ARCHIVES: A typist is needed to accession information into our library and to scan and crop photos. If the Mini-grant Application Packet which has been submitted by Jim to the Wisconsin Historical Society is approved, it will provide funds for acid-free containers to go on the shelves that have already been donated for the Monticello Museum and Archives.

PUBLICITY: Thanks to Mary Ann, Audrey, and Brian for their continued efforts in submitting OBHS articles to *Poplar Press* and other publications.

PUBLICATIONS: 2016 Calendars are available for sale at \$9.00. Randy Jones is waiting for software to continue work on the Pollari Memorial Map.

MERCHANDISE: Two copies of *Looking Back at Lake Owen* are available for purchase. Nan Wisherd has provided copies to OBHS at \$40.00 (retail price is \$70.00). We can sell them at a price we determine. The Board has supported selling them at a bargain price of \$49.99.

Jim and Nan began work creating a table top book on May 13th. This book will include images and texts from our old, current, and future calendars and from the Brule History Research Group's calendars. This information dates back to 1877, but also includes the early Native Americans and the French and British regimes. Nan is planning to produce a total of 1,500 books in the first of a series, 750 of which will be limited edition, hard bound, with all proceeds to be donated to OBHS/MSMA. A deadline for completion of the first volume is August 1st.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: Thanks to Janine and Nancy Moreland for their maintenance of this independent site with approximately 555 members. It is critical that we obtain the original source in order to extract information with the needed resolution and to obtain permission for its use.

PROPOSAL TO INVOLVE LOCAL STUDENTS IN A DRAWING/PAINTING COMPETITION OF THE DAVIDSON WINDMILL: This project is planned for next fall and would involve bussing interested NWHS art students to the Windmill site to complete sketches. The students would then have about two weeks to complete their artwork for competition. A committee comprised of Hope, Paul Hakkila, and Pat Hursh would select the winners. Hope has contacted the Superintendent of the Maple School District who expressed support of the project and thought that two art classes could be included. She will call us.

HCE PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY: Jim P. and Mary Ann attended a follow-up class on security issues on May 19th which provided much good information. Thanks to Sue Hendrickson for hosting this event with HCE.

OPT OUT OF NEWSLETTER HARDCOPY DELIVERY: Anyone interested in accessing an online electronic copy of the *OBHS NEWSLETTER* in lieu or in addition to a hard copy should contact Jim.

2016 MIDSUMMER ACTIVITIES: Our Midsummer Celebration Scandinavian Dinner at Lakeside Town Hall will be on Saturday, June 18, with Windmill tours on Friday and Saturday. Planning for the Dinner took place at Alice's on May 16th. Food preparation is scheduled for Friday, June 17th, at the Lakeside Town Hall. Workers are needed! Many have helped with design, printing, and posting signs and publicity.

JOHNSON GRISTMILL MOVE: Stanley Jacobson, Robert Keys, and Jim moved the heavy gristmill to Finnworks for temporary storage on May 2nd. OBHS thanks Stanley and Robby for their time and labor and for providing the long trailer and skid steer. Shirley will send thank-you notes to both. Our thanks to the late Eddie Walman for storage space for the mill, and to the Ernest Erkkila family whose early donation of various blacksmith shop equipment and materials had to be moved.

BIKE WISCONSIN: The Davidson Windmill and Eskolin House will be a scheduled stop for this group of bikers whose trip will originate in Superior. We will be expecting up to 75 bikers to stop at our site from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Monday, July 11. Please contact Mary Ann if you would be able to help. We may plan to have windmill cookies available. See bikewisconsin.com for further information about this organization and their cycling tours.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP DATES: Members are asked to verify their mailing addresses on *OBHS News* for correctness of membership date. Please contact Jim if you have questions.

SYMPATHY AND ENCOURAGEMENT: Good to see Paul Hakkila back and doing better. Encouragement to Dick Ronn with health issues. Support to Shirley who's having surgery on July 5th. Continued improvement to Brian following his arm surgery. Dan

Bergsten thanked the OBHS Board for the flowers they sent to the funeral service of his sister, Betty Wood.

NEED FOR ESKOLIN HOUSE OPEN HOUSE SUMMER DATES: Nancy, Shirley and Arlene Hill have volunteered to help.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan moved and Janine seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. President Shirley Kankas-Umolac adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

THANKS TO THE TOWN OF LAKESIDE FOR THE USE OF THE TOWN HALL FOR THE MEETING AND FOR THE SCANDINAVIAN DINNER PREPARATION ON JUNE 17 AND 18. Following the meeting, members set up tables and chairs for the dinner.

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*, (*Out for now*) and *Amnicon From the Beginning*, are available for \$20.00 a copy + \$3.50 shipping. Wisconsin sales tax is included in all of our prices. Shipping and handling for mugs, caps and tee shirts is a \$4.00 minimum. All items are also available for purchase at our meetings or by contacting an OBHS member. Our booklet, *Davidson Windmill History* by Jim Pellman and Gene Davidson is available for \$8.00 (+\$2.00 shipping). Leigh P. & Richard Jerrard's new expanded and revised edition of *The Brule River of Wisconsin* is now available at \$20.00 (+\$3.50 shipping). See our calendar ad above. Jane Pearson Grimsrud has released small and large print versions of *Brule River Forest and Lake Superior Cloverland Anecdotes*. Both are available for \$20.00 (+\$3.50 shipping). Poplar Hardware also has an inventory of most of our titles. Please check ahead for current availability. Also please contact our members for more info.

Unapproved MINUTES of the JULY BOARD MEETING

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

Thursday, July 14, 2016, 4:00 p.m., Eskolin House, Town of Lakeside, WI

Attendance: Danny Bergsten, Mary Ann Gronquist, Audrey Hakkila, Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Jim Pellman, Lila Ronn, Janine Seis, and Hope Swenson.

BUSINESS MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: President Shirley Kankas-Umolac called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. followed by a moment of silence for those friends we have lost recently.

MINUTES: Audrey moved to accept the minutes of the May 11th, 2016 Board Meeting which were published in the 2016 *OBHS News*. Following a second of the motion by Janine, the minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Janine Seis submitted the following report for July 14, 2016:

| CURRENT BALANCE | | CHANGES SINCE JUNE GENERAL MEETING |
|---------------------------|--------------|---|
| CD: | \$5,828.17 | No change from last month |
| MSMA: | \$15,501.44 | No change from last month |
| GENERAL: | \$ 344.73 | Last month was \$324.73 (\$45.00 non-designated donations to OBHS and \$25.00 donation to WI Council for Local History approved by the membership at the June 16th General Meeting. |
| WINDMILL: | \$ 2,309.31 | Last month was \$1,387.49 Scandinavian Midsummer Dinner: Deposits were \$1,339.10 received at Lakeside Town Hall (\$979 meals, \$263.25 donations, \$70 merchandise, \$26.85 lock box). Received at the Eskolin House/Windmill site was \$181.17 in merchandise sales and donations. Expenses were \$422.99. (\$231 for food and \$191.14 for other disposable tableware, tablecloths, soap, etc...) Other: Deposits: \$49.12 (one \$8 book, \$25 donations from the Bike Riders, and \$16.12 from the Lock Box.) Expenses: Lawn Mowing (2) @\$65 = \$130.00; ECE Electric bill- \$30.28; and \$64.30 to Jim Pellman for paint for the windmill blades. |
| TOTAL CASH ASSETS: | \$ 23,983.65 | LAST MONTH: \$ 23,041.83 |

Dan moved, followed by a second from Hope, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The report was accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. An approval of our mini-grant application from the Wisconsin Historical Society was received. This award of \$ 388.18, matched with profit from the upcoming Flea Market, will allow us to purchase acid-free containers to go on the shelves that have already been donated for the Monticello Museum and Archives. Treasurer Janine will send an acceptance letter.
2. An invitation was received from the Barnes Area Historical Society for their Grand Opening. Jim responded by email and attended this event in Barnes, on Saturday, June 25, 2016.
3. Statement from ECE.

OLD BUSINESS:**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE: Jim is painting the windmill blades, and despite weather challenges, is 3/4 complete with the project. Bridge timbers await cutting and installation. The barrel project is on hold.

The Bike Wisconsin Tour came in Monday, July 11th, after 9:00 a.m., two hours late due to stormy weather. The bikers were caught again as they headed for Port Wing. Mary Ann and Jim served as hosts during their visit. Twenty-five dollars came in as donations, with one \$8.00 book sale.

Third-weekend tours are scheduled next on July 16th. Help is needed throughout the summer for these tours.

MSMA--FUND RAISING:

Jim received tentative approval from the Town of Maple for our First Annual General Meeting/Flea Market fund raiser. We need to earn at least \$388.18 to match the amount of the requested state matching grant. Jim suggested a free-will donation also be set up at the event. Tours of MSMA may be given, particularly if construction has moved forward. Jim will visit the Town Board meeting on Thursday evening, July 15, with our plans, seeking final approval. He was concerned that we have sufficient number of tables.

The following decisions were made with regards to the Flea Market:

1. Vendor sites and tables: Large vendor sites (15' x 15') with an 8' table will be available for \$15. Vendors who do not require a table can rent a site for \$10. Vendors need to set prices for their merchandise and be prepared to handle their own cash.
2. Weather conditions: The vendors will set up outside, weather permitting. They will move into the hall in case of inclement weather. The Town of Maple has approved our use of their facilities, both inside and outside.
3. Refreshments will be available for purchase during the event inside the hall, although there may be some food made available outside, such as our hot-dog vendor.
4. Times:

Hours for the Flea Market will be 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (7.00 a.m. set-up)

The Annual Meeting will be held at Noon. A Nominations Committee comprised of outgoing Board Members will have prepared a ballot of nominations for new Board members ready for the meeting. There will also be recognition of members' work this past year.

5. Canopy: Jim suggested we utilize the OBHS canopy as needed.

6. A Flea-Market Planning Committee was set up including the following members:

Mary Ann Gronquist, Audrey Hakkila, Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Lora Olson, Jim Pellman, Janine Seis, and Hope Swenson. They will be meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Maple Town Hall.

7. Janine volunteered to prepare a poster advertising the flea-market and seeking vendors including relevant information above.

ARCHIVES: Typists are needed to accession information into our library and to scan and crop photos. The Mini-grant that has been awarded to us by the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Wisconsin Council for Local History will provide funds for the acid-free containers that will go on the shelves that have already been donated for the Monticello Museum and Archives. The Archives Committee is scheduled to meet at 1:00 p.m., July 25th at Jim's house.

PUBLICITY: Thanks to Mary Ann, Audrey, and Brian for their continuing efforts in submitting OBHS articles to various publications. Thanks, also, to Janine for sending information about our upcoming Flea Market to Maria Lockwood for an upcoming brief in the *Superior Telegram*.

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OTHER OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP DATES: Members are asked to verify their mailing addresses on *OBHS News* for correctness of membership date. Please contact Jim if you have questions.

SYMPATHY AND ENCOURAGEMENT: Encouragement to Dick Ronn as he waits for his knee replacement and to Shirley who had heel surgery on July 5th. Continued improvement to Brian following his shoulder surgery.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Janine moved to adjourn the meeting; Audrey seconded the motion. President Shirley Kankas-Umolac adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

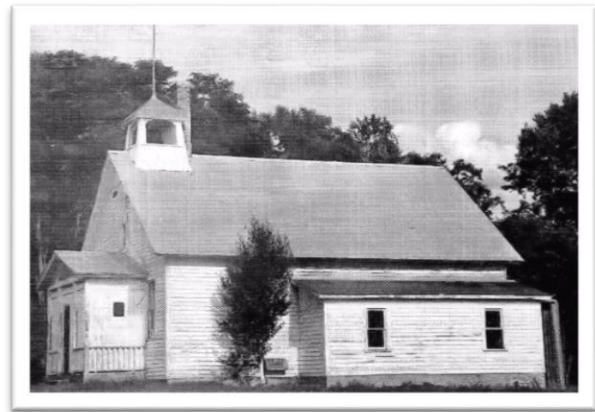
Respectfully submitted,
Lila M. Ronn, Secretary

Area History: No. 111

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

16.09. Carl von Linné School (1888-1938) as it appeared in 1991.

Earlier called the Johnson and the Twin Lakes School, within the Town of Nebagamain (Nebagamon after 1902), then within the Town of Hawthorne in 1907 as town lines changed, it is situated on its original site on the south side of County Road B four miles east of US Highway 53. The Swedish and Norwegian immigrants in the neighborhood built the first school on this site in 1888. It was later named for their famous Scandinavian countryman, botanist and physician, Carl von Linné (1707-1778), born Carl Linnaeus at Stenbrohult, in the province of Småland in southern Sweden. Under his Latin name Carolus Linnaeus he is renowned for the binomial system of the classification of plants and animals in use worldwide today. The first school structure burned in 1911 and the pictured building was erected to replace it. The building lost its use as a school as part of the consolidation of the smaller schools in Douglas County from 1938-1940. The small birch pictured in front of the building today covers much of the west side of the building. At the time of this photo the building was still being used by Hawthorne community groups. Data and photo from the booklet *Reunion Review, Hawthorne Schools, July 5, 6, 7, 1991*, by the Reunion Committee, Chairmen Russ Levine & Joe Burbel.



Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Summary for MSMA Fundraiser/Annual Meeting August 27, 2016 Maple Town Hall, August 2, 2016, 10:20-11:40 AM

Vice-President Audrey Hakkila called the meeting to order with seven in attendance and we first reviewed planning to date. Advance publicity has been started with Janine's poster now widely distributed and a press release published by the *Superior Telegram*, and soon in the *Poplar Press*. This publicly announced the day's event and purpose, and invited vendors from beyond our group. Future releases will also emphasize the need for donations of items to sell for our OBHS canopy and tables. Some vendors have already expressed interest. It was decided to hold off on a paid advertisement for now. Laila suggested we advertise at the coming Brule Chicken BBQ and rummage sale coming August 14th. We discussed and physically surveyed the layout in and around the Maple Town Hall deciding to have our rental spots lined up along the front of the Town Hall between Maple Lane (the frontage road) and Highway 2, with our canopy and other spots along the west side of the building with parking for vendors and our group behind (to the north) of the Town Hall. Jim will mark the spots with numbers on low posts at 15 foot intervals. Space in front of the building would be reserved for loading, handicap parking and pedestrian traffic. It would be possible for a vendor to sell from a vehicle set back south in their space if need be. Big signs will be needed on Highway 2 from the East and West directions. Balloons and pennants will add to the attraction. If possible we might use old political signs after the August 9th Primary, by covering them with text in place. We counted 17 8-foot tables and 3 6-foot tables available. OBHS Members can bring the goods we will be selling to the Town Hall on Friday from 1-5 PM. The building will be open on Saturday at 7 AM. Arrangements were made for securing food for sale (hot dogs, brats & buns, soft drinks & bottled water, coffee, ice cream bars, candy bars, doughnuts and cookies, chips. Paper goods needed was addressed as well as two gas grills for cooking outside. Lora will coordinate with Mary Ann's help.

The committee briefly discussed the Annual Meeting, and the following Board reorganization meeting. This would take place about noon during lunch time. Jim will publish in the next OBHS News our current roster of Board Members and an action list for needed nominations for replacement of those coming off the Board. The Committee will meet again on Tuesday, August 16th at the Maple Town Hall if available. *Summary of Lila Ronn's Minutes.*

~ NOTICES ~

MEMBERS: Dues collection for 2017 begins at our Annual Meeting in August & continues into 2017. 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 hour tally runs annually from **August 1 (2015) to turn-in-date July 31 (2016)**. Please turn yours in as soon as possible. Please contact our Secretary or Jim for a new Blue Sheet.

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: Thanks to everyone who made the Midsummer such a success and to the **Town of Lakeside** for use of their facility. Thanks to the **Town of Maple** for the generous use of their Town Hall for our upcoming MSMA Fund Raiser. A special thanks to **Gordy Lahti** for his total donation of \$ 1,500 for our MSMA: \$ 500 in memory of his paternal grandfather, **David Lahti**, \$500 in memory of his maternal great grandfather, **Samuel Hietala**, and \$500 in memory of his father, **John W. Lahti**.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY: To family & friends of the many, following here, whom we have lost recently in 2016:

Famie (Maki) Laakso, 93, Maple and Iron River, who passed away August 3, 2016 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth following a stroke, born in Maple to Fred & Emilia (Pellinen) Maki, married Martin Laakso in 1950, their children, Marty and Katy;

Jack T. Pellman, 58, Two Harbors, who died at St Luke's Hospital in Duluth August 2, 2016 surrounded by wife and caregiver Tammy, and his children, who lived for over 13 years as a quadriplegic after a tragic accident in 2003, was born on Nov. 11, 1957 in Winton, Minn., to Carl and Delores (Pollari) Pellman, graduated from Two Harbors High School in 1976, was magna cum laude in Marketing at UMD in 1991, survived by wife, Tammy (Pendergrass), eight grown children, twelve grandchildren, and his five siblings;

Helen R. Stegmann, 73, of Iron River, who passed away July 30, 2016, at Memorial Medical Center in Ashland, born May 1, 1943, in Butte, Montana, daughter of Edgar E. and Alice M. (Casey) Franklin, married Randall L. Stegmann in 1993 in Ashland, survived by many including husband Randy and daughters Lori (Dale) Copp and Tami (Dean) Thompson;

Julie Ann (Kildahl) Grube, 60, Poplar, who passed away July 26, 2016, surrounded by family and friends at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, was born to James and Esther (Carlson) Kildahl with her early life and schooling Superior where she attended UWS in elementary education, in 1977 married Orville Michael Grube, and moved to Poplar, was a substitute teacher for the School District of Maple for the past 24 years, many survivors including her husband, her son, Joseph (Stephanie), Maple, her mother, Esther Kildahl, Superior, her mother and father-in-law, Orville and Bernieta Grube, Poplar; brothers and sisters-in-law Orville Patrick (Carolyn) Grube and Orville Edward (Roberta) Grube all of Poplar;

Lois J. (Lindquist) Clynes, 90, Lake Nebagamon and Edina, who passed away on April 21, 2016 in hospice in Edina, daughter of Louis and Hilma Lindquist, born in Duluth, grew up in Lake Nebagamon, graduated from Central High School in Superior, married William Clynes in 1953 after work for the OSS and CIA in Wash. DC, survived by Bill, and son David.

Henry Antilla, 91, Maple, who died July 7, 2016, in his home, born in Maple, the son of Alexander and Hilda (Aho) Antilla, attended Maple Corner School and graduated from Central High School in Superior, attended the University of Wisconsin, Superior, worked on the family farm in Maple, for the Maple Coop Association, Reiss Steamship Company and the State of Wisconsin in Superior, survived by his four nieces, Julia (Gary) Blaisdell, Superior, Betty (Don) Aro, Superior, Mary (Mike) McKenna, Middleton, Wis. and Barbara (Wayne) Wahler, Fort Atkinson, Wis.; two nephews, James (Jeanne) Perala, Turtle Lake, Wis. & Tom (Jana) McCauley, Oregon, Wis.; longtime personal friend & caregiver Steve Haukkala, Maple, was preceded in death by five sisters, Ellen Carlson, Aino Perala, Bertha McCauley, Stella Harstad, & Miriam Dregne; & brothers Evert & Ruben Antilla; two nephews, Elmer Perala & Charles McCauley;

James Edward Willoughby, 79, who died peacefully at home July 4, 2016, in Sioux Falls, S.D., born the eldest son of George and Marie (Olson) Willoughby of Iron River, Wis., graduated from Iron River High School in 1954 and from the University of Wisconsin, Superior, married Janice Gibis in 1965, and they had four children, survived by wife Janice; their three sons, his siblings Jeanne (John) Joseph of Iron River and Jon (Judy) Willoughby of Lake Nebagamon;

James Thomas Ulvila, 78, Superior, who died June 27, 2016, in his home following a lengthy illness, born to August and Lorraine (Erkila) Ulvila, in Superior, graduated from Central High School in 1956, married Phyllis Wallin in 1962, carried mail for over 30 years, survived by daughter, Debra (Bob Rinnet) Soyring; two sons, Bradley Ulvila, & Brett (Julie) Ulvila, all of Superior;

Ronald J. Brokaw, 60, who died June 29, 2016, from injuries received from a motorcycle accident in Cambridge, Wis., was born in Superior, the son of Ronald and Edith (Moe) Brokaw, and graduated from Northwestern High School in Maple.

Caitelyn Natasha Worth, 14, Barnes, Wis., formerly of Milaca, Minn., and South Range, Wis., who passed away unexpectedly June 28, 2016, born in Onamia, Minn., the daughter of Troy and Jennifer (Wilcox) Worth, with a memorial held at NW Middle School.

Bernard Leroy St. George (Mukwa), 83, Hermantown, who died June 23, 2016, at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, born in Wauwatosa, Wis., retired as a master electrician at US Steel, a descendant of Headman Joseph Osaugie and member of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, survived by wife, Nelda; two daughters and four sons;

Barbara Jean Renman, 74, Lake Nebagamon, who passed away June 25, 2016 at Villa Marina Health and Rehab Center in Superior of breast cancer, born in Superior, daughter of Roy & Alice (Gelling) Renman, graduated from Superior Central High School in 1960 & UW Stout in 1964, taught in special education, retiring after 39 years, survived by her brother, Fred (Nancy) Renman, South Range;

Delores Irene Lagro, 86, Superior and Virginia Beach, VA, who died June 20, 2016, in Virginia Beach, born in 1929, to Godfrey and Lila (Coon) LaBonte in Rice Lake, Wis., married Robert Lagro on in 1958, survived by her children, Gary (Denise) Lagro, Rosemount, Minn. and Terry (Neil) Hokanson, Virginia Beach, Va., preceded in death by her husband, parents, four brothers and three sisters;

Dennis Alexander Mikkola, 61, Madison, who passed away June 15, 2016, in Madison, spent his early years on the Mikkola family farm in Waino and was very proud of his Finnish heritage, son of Alexander and Lorraine Mikkola, graduated from Northwestern High School in 1973, worked at the Superior Housing Authority for 15 years and was an HVAC-certified maintenance technician, survived by his mother, his brother, Dale Mikkola, & two married daughters, his passion music, a gifted musician, with Greg Johnson formed "the Sleds," & over the course of 20 years, wrote and recorded many original rock and blues tracks;

Tina Mae Polkoski, 31, former longtime Iron River resident, who died June 8, 2016 in St. Louis County from injuries sustained in an automobile/scooter accident, born in Superior to Allan A. "Tony" and Cynthia (Byrne) Polkoski, attended Northwestern High School with the class of 2001, many survivors including two sons, Van and Xander and her father, Tony (Shawna) Polkoski;

Dennis P. Castonguay, 87, Superior, who passed away at Middle River, born Aug. 22, 1928 in Hawthorne to the late Arthur & Eleanor Castonguay, married Donna Arnold in 1950 in Carlton, MN, who survives & two sons & a daughter, preceded in death by grandson, Ryan Castonguay;

Lois M. Pettingill, 87, Hawthorne, who died February 15, 2016 at Middle River Health and Rehabilitation Center with graveside services held on June 15 at Parkview Cemetery in Hawthorne;

Fredrick D. Johnson, 77, Lake Nebagamon, who died June 3, 2016, at Middle River Health and Rehabilitation Center, South Range, born in Superior, the son of David and Mabel (Lidberg) Johnson, married Patricia Johnson in 1958, owner and operator of D. L. Johnson and Son's contracting company with his brothers for many years, and later owned FDJ's Construction, survived by wife, Patricia; one son, Terry Johnson, Superior; two daughters, Lou Ann (Jeff) Erickson, Andover, Minn., and Brenda (Mark) Anderson, South Range and families, one brother, Roger (Betty) Johnson, Lake Nebagamon; two sisters, Audrey (Don) Wright, Calif., and Jeanie (Jack) Kallinen, Lake Nebagamon, preceded in death by his parents; brothers Wallace, Russ, Wayne and Lester Johnson; and sisters Lucille Winkka in 1988, and Marjorie Mattson.

And who have we missed or forgotten? May they all rest in peace.

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.

August 20, Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM. Advertised Third Weekend Summer Windmill Tours.

August 22, Monday 1 PM. Next OBHS Archives Committee Meeting at Pellmans'. Please call to confirm.

August 27, Saturday 8 AM -4 PM. OBHS Annual Meeting, Rummage Sale, Flea-Market Bazaar Matching Grant

Fundraiser for MSMA Archives. Maple Town Hall Grounds. Annual Meeting at Noon. Board Meeting to follow.

September 5, Monday. Labor Day.

September 11, Sunday. Patriot Day/ Grandparents Day.

September 17, Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM. Advertised Third Weekend Summer Windmill Tours.

September 22, Thursday. First Day of Autumn.

September 23, Friday. Deadline for submissions to the October *OBHS News*.

October 10, Monday. Columbus 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.