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OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY DECEMBER GENERAL CHRISTMAS MEETING

**Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 6 p.m.
Amnicon Town Hall**

The new 2017 OBHS Calendar will be unveiled. Please bring a dish or refreshments to share for our Christmas Lunch which will start our evening. Jim Pellman will then give a slide talk on the calendar contents, and a few added slides of recent historical discoveries. Our business meeting will follow. The Christmas Gift Exchange will close out the evening (always voluntary, but please mark gift packages M, W or E in the \$10 range). Guests and friends are always welcome!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

FROM THE EDITOR:

Two months ago I was hopeful our contractors would be able to get the basement in for the Monticello School Museum & Archives, and we could put in a winter of inside restoration work. But this was not to be, at least for 2016, as November arrived after a rainy summer with only days before the first potential and predictable deep freeze and snow storm of our long winters. The committee reluctantly decided to postpone work until spring to be sure we have the best cement curing conditions without a lot of extra costs. We had to re-cover the materials we had expected to be put to use earlier in the summer. The desks, flooring and siding we had collected had to be piled out of the way, and the new door and windows had to be safely tucked away, waiting now for highway weight limits to be lifted in May. Such is life in a climate where the work of twelve months is jammed into seven months of summer warmth. We are high on the list for next summer at least, and we have more time for extra fund raising, but a groan of disappointment was heard more than once.

Despite this, the year 2016 has been a good one for local history. We have added priceless images to our photo collection, books and manuscripts. New members have joined our group helping hold our membership numbers up despite the passing of several members and friends of local history: Chuck Zosel, Faye Laakso, Betty Wood, Kay Coletta, Myra Ketola, Henry Antilla, David Anttila & Alice Walimaki. Our sympathy goes out to all their families.

Finally continued thanks to Janine Seis and Nancy Moreland who keep the Friends of Old-Brule Heritage Society growing. Well over 600 people are part of that group now, and to Earl Granroth and Jon Winter who provide our link to those in the digital world on our website: www.oldbrule.org.

-Jim Pellman

1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2017 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 2017 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are for sale at \$9.00 each. Earlier issues are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2014), 2015 at \$6.00, & 2016 at \$7.00 in limited numbers. An e-mail address for more info: musketeer6@cheqnet.net, 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 more volunteers to help 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 December 12th, and generally every other Monday thereafter, but we expect this routine to change as we transition to our MSMA site. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm the next meeting time and place.

**Unapproved MINUTES for the OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Cloverland Town Hall

Attendance Roster Sign In showed 20 present. Lunch was served. Thank you all for providing lunch.

Jim Pellman shared the program he recently presented in Duluth. The theme of the talk was "The History of the Old-Brule Heritage Society and the Monticello School Museum and Archives."

BUSINESS MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: 1st Vice President Dennis Hill will call the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. He thanked Larry Luostari for the opening and use of the Cloverland Town Hall.

MINUTES: Motion made by Jim Mattson for approval of the Minutes for the June 16, 2016 General Meeting at the Lakeside Town Hall as published in the August 2016 *OBHS News*, seconded by Paul Hakkila which carried,

At the recent Annual Meeting held at the Maple Town Hall on August 27, 2016, the act of approval of the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting as published in the October 2015 *OBHS News*, was inadvertently omitted. Motion was made by Doreen Swanson to approve these Minutes, seconded by Jim Mattson. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report presented by Assistant Treasurer Matt Miller:

Janine submitted the following report via email:

CD: \$5,833.18: No change from the Board Meeting on September 14, 2016

MSMA FUND: \$18,303.16 Last report: \$18,263.16. Up \$40.00 includes \$20 memorial (found in an envelope) for Delores Pellman to be used for plants at MSMA & \$20 memorial for Louise Heikkila. The check (#1021) for windows and doors written out to Sell Hardware in the amount of \$1746.00 has not been cashed yet.

GENERAL FUND: \$758.39 Last report: \$806.67 Deductions: \$334.04 (\$109.99 Computer Repair and \$224.05 Newsletter & Postage) Additions: \$285.76 (\$102.00 Poplar Hardware Wholesale Books, \$72.75 Leftover Flea Market sales, \$20 memorial for Louise Heikkila, \$20 Far NW Book Sale, \$45 Memberships, \$26.01 coupon reimbursement for Office Max printing)

WINDMILL FUND: \$2,497.96 Last report: \$2,235.40 Deductions: \$211.89 (2 Lawn mowings Kathy Colby and Ron Hendrickson at \$65 each for \$130.00, \$9.43 for 6 Eskolin House Keys, \$32.46 ECE Electric Bill, \$40.00 Pat Hursh for 4 paver engravings). Additions: \$474.45 (\$101.50 Mdse sales which includes a sale prior to Apple Fest Weekend, \$216 cash bake sale, \$156.95 donations boxes & check sales) [Total net intake over the Apple Fest Weekend: \$482.50]

TOTAL CASH ASSETS: \$27,392.69 Last report: \$27,138.41

Motion by Doreen Swanson, seconded by Mary Ann Gronquist to approved the report. Motion carried.

Jim Pellman asked for a motion to have the money from the Flea Market left overs sold at the Apple Festival Weekend go into the General Fund. Dan Bergsten so moved, seconded by Basil Edgette which carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

Notice from the IRS that our annual 990 N had not been received. Janine is filing that, without penalty. The report is done by e-mail and tells the IRS that we do not need to file due to less than \$50,000 in proceeds.

Paperwork from Dahlberg Light & Power to do with our application for power at the MSMA site. There will be a \$30.00 fee. Also included were affidavit forms to submit regarding wiring & specifications for installation of an electrical pedestal, an easement to fill; also a Winter Construction Form to avoid winter construction charges to be filed by October 15th w/ construction to be complete by Nov. 1st.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Davidson Windmill/Eskolin House/Taylor's Bridge:

Jim had the windmill blades painted in time for Apple Festival Weekend. Bridge timbers await cutting and installation. The barrel project (painting) and two doors is almost complete.

Beautifully done gratis. Our thanks to Trish Hursh. Kathy Colby has regularly cut the grass, keeping the grounds looking neat all summer. However, her family will not be available for this service next year. Ron H. stepped up and completed the last mowing & weed whacking. Thanks to him.

Thanks to all of those who helped with tours, baking, cleaning, publicity, mowing, painting, selling, money counting, wood making, borrowed lights, paver engraving & installation, outhouse pumping and cleaning, etc. The event was a great success & the weather cooperated. The festival weekend netted \$482.50. Dennis Hill suggested for 2017 that we notify TV stations to do a news article, camera, etc. of OBHS for visitors going to Apple Fest.

MSMA Fund Raiser: Thanks to the Town of Maple for the use of the Town Hall facilities for our recent successful Flea Market event. Members of the Flea-Market Planning Committee deserve recognition: Mary Ann Gronquist, Audrey Hakkila, Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Laila Magnuson, Lora Olson, Jim Pellman, Lila Ronn, Janine Seis, and Hope Swenson. Hot-dogs and brats were a hit, thanks to Lee Olson grilling skills. The matching grant from the State Historical Society of \$388.18 was easily matched. The general consensus is that OBHS plan a similar event for next summer. Thanks to all members for donations of items to sell, & for help at the sale. We should check to see whether a note of thanks was sent to the Town of Maple for the use of their Town Hall for our Flea Market.

MSMA Construction:

Jim to report on this construction which should begin within a week or two. Dennis has ordered a door and three windows from Sell Hardware, Inc., Duluth, which are in.

Electricity needs to be provided to the site. Application has been made to Dahlberg with forms to be filled.

We will use an electrically powered WIRSBO System for in-floor heating of the building with upper floor and basement zones including the vault. Mike Woodhull will coordinate the Kevin the move of the Schoolhouse onto the basement. Timing is a big issue with winter coming on soon.

MERCHANDISE/INVENTORY:

OBHS has two copies of *Looking Back at Lake Owen* available for purchase. (Normal retail price is \$70.00). The Board has supported selling them at a bargain price of \$49.99. Janine has listed them on E-Bay for us.

Jim and Nan are about 70% complete in the creation of the first volume of the Calendar Photo table top book. They have been working steadily and plan to meet again tomorrow. Old-Brule will gain identity from this book, which includes many very old maps of our area. They hope to complete the first volume in time for Christmas sales.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: Thanks to Janine & Nancy Moreland for their maintenance of this independent site with close to 600 members. It is critical that we obtain posted photo sources in order to extract info with needed resolution & to get permission for use.

PROPOSAL TO INVOLVE LOCAL STUDENTS IN A DRAWING /PAINTING COMPETITION OF THE DAVIDSON WINDMILL: Hope Swenson gave a report on progress with this project. This project is moving forward, but students would not be bussed from Northwestern High School to the Windmill site. NWHS art instructor, Charlie Hessel, has taken pictures of the mill, and also of Paul Hakkila's Windmill painting, which will be used in their classroom to complete artwork for the competition. A committee with Hope, Paul Hakkila, and Pat Hursh will select the winners. Dr. Sara Cronney, Superintendent of the Maple School District, supports the project. It was suggested that we get in touch with Maria Lockwood for a write up. We would possibly give a prize, certificate or plaque, book or clothing to the winner.

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

REFRIGERATOR DONATION: Shirley is donating a larger refrigerator for use at the Eskolin House. Jim volunteered to move the appliance when Shirley is again available. It was suggested that Lakeside Trucking may accept the old refrigerator.

ADDITIONAL ESKOLIN HOUSE KEYS NEEDED: Jim was directed by the Board to have Poplar Hardware make six keys for Board member use.

“SHOW AND TELL”: Shirley was contacted by Jane Dolter from Lake Nebagamon to see if OBHS might be interested in a program called “Show and Tell” which she and Mary Beth Frost offer to us for an upcoming meeting. The Board tabled this for further discussion. Dan Bergsten was to get in touch with Jane regarding the program.

2017 OLD-BRULE HISTORICAL CALENDAR: Jim Pellman moved that we authorized printing of the 2017 calendar, seconded by Paul Hakkila. Motion carried.

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: Sympathy to member William Ketola on the loss of Myra, his wife, to Doris Haukkala on the loss of daughter Sue.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, our Christmas Meeting. Dennis will try to get the Amnicon Town Hall. For a program Brian Paulson would be asked to speak on railroad or other topic.. We will hold our voluntary gift exchange, \$10 limit, wrapped gift marked W M or E..

Other future speakers suggested were Jim Brakken of Cable, or Rosa Horst on her war experiences.

FALL/WINTER AFTERNOON FUND RAISER FOR MSMA AT KRO-BAR THIS YEAR More discussion needed but not right away was the consensus. Perhaps by Valentine’s Day. This will go to the December meeting.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Hope S, moved, second by Doreen S to adjourn. Motion carried. We adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Acting Secretary,
Dorothy Bergsten

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.

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC

Unapproved MINUTES of the NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 9, 2016, Eskolin House, Town of Lakeside,

Attendance: Dan Bergsten, Mary Ann G, Audrey H, Dennis Hill, Jim P, Lila Ronn, and member Arlene Hill
BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 1st Vice-President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

MINUTES: Audrey moved to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2016 Board meeting which were published in the October 2016 *OBHS NEWS*. Mary Ann seconded the motion; the minutes were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Assistant Treasurer Matt Miller had a business meeting conflict, but expects no problems in the future. Treasurer Janine Seis submitted the following report for Nov.9, 2016 via email:

CURRENT BALANCE CHANGES SINCE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

CD: \$ 5,838.25 (Last report: \$5,833.18) \$5.07 interest added 10/14/16

MSMA:	\$18,393.17	(Last report: \$18,303.16) Addition—\$200.00 donation from Earl and Barbra Granroth. Subtraction--\$109.99 Archive Computer repair. 2 outstanding checks #1021 in the amount of \$1,746.00 for windows and door & check #1024 for \$30.00 for electricity application..
WINDMILL:	\$ 2,507.96	(Last report: \$2,497.96) Addition-- \$40 for 2 pavers. Subtraction: \$30.00 to Pat Hursh for 3 paver engravings.
GENERAL:	\$ 956.38	(Last report: \$758.39) Additions--\$165.00 memberships and \$109.99 reimbursement from the MSMA fund for computer repair that was erroneously deducted from the General Account on last month's Treasurer's report . Subtractions --\$30.00 cash to keep on hand for cash drawers kept with Matt Miller; \$47.00 for postage stamp roll for Janine.
CASH:	\$ 30.00	See "General Fund" above for cash needs.
TOTAL CASH		
ASSETS:	\$27,725.76	Last Report: \$27,392.69

Jim noted that he has exactly \$1,000.00 in cash/checks which we have recently received from memberships and donations. This income will be included in next month's report (General Fund).

Dan moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; motion seconded by Audrey. The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS: Statement received from ECE (auto-paid). Numerous calendar donations and memberships totaling \$1,000 received to be deposited today in the General Account.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Davidson Windmill/Eskolin House/Taylor's Bridge:

Jim has finished painting the windmill blades. Bridge timbers await cutting and installation. Thanks to Patricia Hursh for donating her time to complete the barrel project (painting).

Thanks to Kathy Colby for keeping the lawn cut and looking neat all summer. Her family, however, will not be available for this service next year. Ron Hendrickson mowed the grass recently. The Apple Festival weekend tours and the bake sale were a success. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

MSMA Construction:

Jim reported that our contractor could not get to our project by this week and, therefore, it is too late to be a safe project for this fall, as far as the strength of the concrete is concerned. It should be a fast start next spring. Olson Brothers will do the digging. Thanks to Dennis for working with Kevin Maki. A written bid will need to be obtained, with a starting date by approximately May 15th (determined when road limits are lifted) and a specific date of completion by July 1st, 2017.

Electricity installation is on hold,, some paperwork done, more to be done when we have firm dates.

Dennis noted there have been some changes made to the plans, including a longer vault, & limiting the wall Styrofoam to the interior of the building only. These changes should reflect a small decrease in total cost.

MERCHANDISE:

OBHS has two copies of *Looking Back at Lake Owen* for purchase. Nan Wisherd has provided these books at \$40.00 each (retail price is \$70.00). The Board has supported selling them at a bargain price of \$49.99. Janine will explore the possibility of selling them on E-Bay.

Jim and Nan have decided to put additional effort into the calendar book, perfecting the text with further research and work. Laila Magnuson recently discovered some valuable information from an 1893 Annual Edition of the *Ashland Daily Press* that needs to be included. Jim said that the Old-Brule region and group will gain identity from their calendar book and also noted the inclusion of many maps. Nan and Jim will continue this work after Nan's tax season commitment is completed in May. Independent research will continue in the meantime.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: Thanks to Janine and Nancy Moreland for their maintenance of this independent site with 607 members to date. It is critical that we obtain posted photo sources in order to extract information with needed resolution and to get permission for their use.

PROPOSAL TO INVOLVE LOCAL STUDENTS IN A DRAWING/PAINTING OF THE DAVIDSON WINDMILL COMPETITION: The project is now in the hands of the Maple School District's Art Department and Charlie Hessel, Art Teacher, who will respond to our committee.

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

REFRIGERATOR DONATION: Shirley is donating a newer and larger refrigerator for use at the Eskolin House. Jim volunteered to move the appliance, but a larger crew is needed to get it out of her basement. It is possible that Lakeside Trucking may accept the old refrigerator.

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

ADDITIONAL KEYS: We have an extra Eskolin House key for Board Members or others as needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

SYMPATHY AND ENCOURAGEMENT: Encouragement to Doris Perala.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 11th, 2017. Time to be determined. Lila will contact Hope Swenson if it would work for her to have this meeting at her house.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 p.m. at the Amnicon Town Hall, beginning with a pot luck dinner. Please bring a food item to share. Jim will share the photos and information on the Annual Calendar, as well as other interesting old photos he has recently obtained. Members who are interested in a holiday gift exchange should bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift, indicating for F, M, or E.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING POTENTIAL MSMA FUND RAISERS:

(1.) **Music/Food/Entertainment at the Kro Bar:** Feedback from last year's event at the Kro Bar was very positive. The Board discussed potential dates for another similar event, and decided that the earliest we could hold one would be in February. Two potential dates were suggested: Friday, February 17, 2017 and Friday, February 24, 2017. Arrangements would need to be made with Kro Bar and with the musicians. While last year's Chinese Auction was successful, it took much time and effort from members to set up. A 50-50 Raffle Fundraiser (proceeds being split between the winner and OBHS) was also discussed. This event will be on the December General Meeting agenda.

(2.) **Flea Market/Bazaar:** August 26, 2017 would be a similar date (4th weekend in August) to that of our August 2016 event. The Flea Market will also be on the December General Meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: Audrey moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Dan. 1st Vice-President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila Ronn, Secretary

**Area History:
No. 113**

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

16.11. Willard Dalbec in front of the old Blueberry School, 1902, Located South of State Highway 10 (now US Highway 2) and East of Blueberry Store. Our region of northern Douglas County, Wisconsin, especially Maple and Blueberry on the Northern Pacific Railroad, were "Little Canadas" with the Maple station/stop actually carrying that name on early Northern Pacific maps. Démas Neveu (Thomas Nephew) ran a hotel near the Little Canada/Maple station in the logging days before 1900. Ethel Jondreau later ran the store of Mr. Genereaux in Blueberry, coming from the same stock. Both the Maple and Blueberry villages had Roman Catholic mission churches, the one in Maple on land donated by Frederick Weyerhaeuser. Not all Canadians here were Roman Catholic as the four Protestant Irish "Roundhead" descendants from New Brunswick, Canada, the Doherty brothers, and later their aged father, were first settled near the Poplar Northern Pacific Railroad Station, and were instrumental in the founding of the Town of Old-Brule in 1887 and the Towns of Amnicon and Maple later. An ME (Methodist Episcopal) Church was near the John & Sarah Doherty Store and Post Office just east of the Poplar River, probably on what had been Doherty's land. Other names like Dennis, Dalbec, Chopin, Valade and many others will always be connected with Old-Brule history. *Picture contributed by Agnes Dalbec to the Maple Volunteer Fire Department Photo History of the Town of Maple, to which firefighter Liane Dalbec's work was key.*



~ NOTICES ~

MEMBERS: Dues collection for 2017 began at our Annual Meeting in August & continues into 2017. Please keep filling in your volunteer hours on your Blue Sheets. Our next hour tally runs annually from August 1 (2016) to turn-in-date July 31 (2017). Please contact our Secretary or Jim for a new Blue Sheet, or check for blank forms on our website.

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: Thanks to **Larry Luostari** and the **Town of Cloverland** for the generous use of their Town Hall for our October General Meeting; to **Danette Krosko** & **Susan Hobbman** of Lino Lakes MN, and **Randi Edquist** in the Maple PO, **Nan Wisherd** and **Mary Ann Gronquist** for contributing to & tracking down old school desks.

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

David A. Anttila, 91, Brule, who died Dec. 2, 2016 at the Oaks Assisted Living Center in Washburn, Wis., born in Maple to John and Pauline (Saari) Anttila, youngest of 12 children, attended Corner School, served in the Navy in WWII in New Guinea & the Philippines, custodian at NWHS for 28 years, married Vivian Johnson in 1951, preceded in death by his wife, parents and 10 siblings, survived by three sons, Jim, Jerry, and Tom, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Alvar "Oliver" W. Heikkila, 98, Oulu, who died Nov. 30, 2016 at the Golden Living Center in Superior, born in Oulu to William A. and Lillian (Suni) Heikkila, owned and operated the family dairy farm in Oulu for his whole life, survived by four nieces, Barbara (Jerry) Tapani, Oulu, Suzie (Ray) Dean, North Branch, Minn., Lynn (Mike) Kastern, Spooner, Wis. and Kari (Troy) Amorde, South Range; one nephew, Albert (Mary) Heikkila, Superior.

Dr. Roger Daniels Forseth, 89, Superior who passed away Dec. 3, 2016, taught English at UWS for many years.

Douglas Botten, Sr., 87, Superior, who died Nov. 29, 2016 at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth, born in Superior to Peter and Hannah (Johnson) Botten, was owner/operator of Botten's Green Acres Golf Course in Lake Nebagamon from 1975 to 1982, was a self-employed plumber for many years, survived by 4 daughters, Louanne (Mick) Budnick & Laureen Botten, both of Lake Nebagamon, Lynn (John) Skandel, Barnes, & Callie Salvesson, Lake Nebagamon; 3 sons, Douglas (Debbie) Botten, Jr., Silsbee, Texas, Bradley (Jody) Botten, Lake Nebagamon and Orville (Amy) Botten, Poplar; 10 grandchildren.

James Paul Anderson, 75, Poplar, who died Nov. 26, 2016 (Parkinson's victim) at Villa Marina Nursing Home in Superior, born in Superior to Leslie & Linnea Anderson, graduated from NWHS in 1959, earned a degree in math & physics from UWS in 1965, worked the family farm in Poplar for most of his life, worked for US Steel in Duluth as an Industrial Engineer, as Operations Manager for Century Trucking & for the US Postal Service retiring in 2006, spent many years on the Maple School Board, married Carolyn Johnson in 1963, survived by her, their 4 sons, 2 daughters, & 13 grandchildren.

Nancy J. (Brannan) Bergstrom, 80, Superior, who died Nov. 21, 2016 at Solvay Hospice House, born in Superior to Robert J. and Elizabeth (Barker) Brannan, graduate of East High School in Superior, raised 6 children, owned and ran Dreamland Supper Club for many years, survived by her two sons, four daughters; 17 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, sister Margaret "Peggy" Sislo, South Range; & brother Charles "Chuck" (Sue) Brannan.

Robert J. Zach, 86, Oakland, Burnett County, who passed away Nov. 20, 2016, at Golden Living Center in Superior, born in Burnett County, the son of Henry and Mary Zach, graduate of Webster HS, served in the US Navy 1950-1954, in 1956 married Ann Konstant in Webster, where he worked at Badger Telephone Company, then moved to Maple in 1962 where he was with the State Patrol, retiring in 1989, preceded in death by wife, parents; 2 brothers; & 6 sisters, survived by son, Robert J. Zach; & daughter, Kimberly Ann Zach.

Henry John Berthiaume, 15, Wentworth, sixth of 9 children born to Jeff & Sandee Berthiaume, died Nov. 14, 2016.

Loyd O. Swenson, 92, Superior, who died Nov. 13, 2016 at Villa Marina Health and Rehab Center in Superior, born in Poplar to Swen and Edla (Nelson) Swenson, graduated from Superior Central HS in 1942, worked on his farm in Poplar, in 1965, and then for the state in Lancaster, Wis. retiring after 23 years in 1988, married Edna Tyykila in 1956, she passing in 2014, survived by one son Keith, & 1 daughter, LuAnn Webster; 4 grandchildren, preceded in death by parents, brothers, Hjalmer "Jim" & Clifford "Cliff" Swenson.

Edward "Gene" DeRosia, 88, Superior, Iron River, Hayward, who died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, born in Maple, the son of William & Mytle (Sharp) DeRosia, second oldest of 16 children, married Joan Sunderland in 1951, and had 8 children.

Carol Jean Lisdahl, 70, Lake Nebagamon, who passed away Nov. 1, 2016 at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. with family by her side, born in Superior to Tony & Esther (Anderson) Yaworski, graduated from Superior Central HS, class of 1964, received a Bachelor's degree from the UWS & spent 34 years as a teacher, including 30 years with the New Berlin, Wis. public school system as a physical education teacher, partner to husband of 50 years, Alan Lisdahl; one daughter.

Warner Wellman, 86, of Brule, Wis. passed away peacefully at St Luke's Hospital in Duluth on Oct. 26, 2016, born in Superior, retired from Conagra as Director of Milling, preceded in death by his wife, Janice. His family was associated with Twin Gables in Brule.

Paul R. Maki, 94, Superior, who died Oct. 25, 2016 at Middle River Health and Rehab., was born in Poplar to the late Nilo and Lizzy Maki, worked on his family's farm & later drove fuel truck until his retirement, preceded in death by wife Patricia. (Parenteau) Maki.

Clarice H. Brygger, 82, Lake Nebagamon, who died peacefully with her daughter Rebecca by her side, on Oct. 22, 2016 at the Solvay Hospice House in Duluth, was born in Duluth, the daughter of Axel and Ruth (Edquist) Rask, widow of Pastor Joseph D. Brygger.

Wendy L. Gruebele, 67, Iron River, who passed away Oct 18, 2016 at Ashland Health & Rehab Center in Ashland, born in Superior, daughter of Nels and Agnes (Jensen) Wallin, graduated in the last class from the Iron River High School in 1967, survived by two sons, and her sister, Nancy (Lyle) Sauve of Amery, WI.

Margaret E. A. Waldin, 98, Superior, who died Oct. 16, 2016 at Golden Living Center, Superior, born in Plaza, N.D., daughter of Andrew & Ragna (Staurseth) Waldin, served Christian missions in China & Japan, survived by sister & OBHS member Ruth Lintelmann. She was born March 1, 1918, in Plaza, N.D., daughter of Andrew and Ragna (Staurseth) Waldin.

Thomas Richard Taipale, 62, Iron River, who passed away Oct. 13 at University Hospital, Minneapolis, MN of liver disease, NWHS grad, attended UW River Falls, owned Mr. T's Hardware in Iron River, survived by his mother Bernice Taipale, 3 daughters & 5 siblings.

Allan "Al" Behning, 64, Duluth, who died at his residence on Oct. 8, 2016 surrounded by his family, born in Duluth, the son of Earl and Joan (Ryan) Behning, married Cindy Nykanen in 1996, a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Superior, survived by his wife, Cindy; three sons, Dan, Matt and Isaac, and one daughter, Amber, 3 grandchildren; one sister, Diane (Gene) DeMars, Hibbing, MN.

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

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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 after our annual meeting in August. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

CALENDAR.

December 12, Monday 1 PM. Next OBHS Archives Committee Meeting at Pellmans'. Please call to confirm.

December 14, Wednesday 6 PM. OBHS Christmas General Meeting. Amnicon Town Hall. Pot luck lunch followed by Jim Pellman slide talk showing the 2017 OBHS Historical Calendar. Business meeting to follow. Christmas gift exchange last, voluntary, \$10 limit, wrapped gift marked W M or E.

December 21, Wednesday. Winter Begins.

December 24, Saturday. Christmas Eve.

December 25, Sunday. Christmas Day.

December 31, Saturday. New Year's Eve.

January 1, Sunday. New Year's Day.

January 11, Wednesday. OBHS Board Meeting.

January 16, Monday. Martin Luther King Day.

January 20, Friday. Inauguration Day. Deadline for submissions to the February *OBHS News*.

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.