

OBHS News

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OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 5:30 PM, at the Brule Town Hall

Old-Brule Heritage Society will begin its February General Meeting at the Town Hall in Brule with a covered dish luncheon. Members are asked to bring a dish or refreshments to share. This will be followed by our Program: OBHS Member, Jim Pellman, will give another talk on communities in Northern Douglas County lost to time, this time under the title: “**The Search for the Clevedon Colony at the Mouth of the Brule River.**” The public is invited to join us for our lunch and our program, and for our short business meeting which will follow. We thank the Town of Brule for use of their hall. Please bring along a neighbor or a friend.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Old-Brule Heritage Society is beginning its Twentieth Year in our work of gathering, preserving and sharing the history of our region. In this coming year we hope to see much of our Archives moved into its permanent and secure home in MSMA, and, with that, the crew that has been tending to our steadily growing collection will move too, finding a permanent home with it. As the weather warms and we move to the major roof work, the reality of what we are about to accomplish will begin to sink in. But to get there we have more fund raising ahead, and the fun that sometimes goes with it. The Valentine Week live music and spaghetti benefit at Krobar in Brule, which is coming up this Saturday, February 10th, is one of those times of celebration and fun. There will be many to thank when this third musical event is history: our membership, our volunteer musicians: Russ Darwin, Fran Miller, Ted Pellman, Brian Raivala, Tom Rich, Tina Souza & others, the many businesses that have donated items for our drawings, the planning committee, Dean Baillie and Krobar, and those who come to celebrate with us. Please let me do that in advance. Thank you everyone. Please come and celebrate with us!

-Jim Pellman

Our Third Old-Brule Heritage Society–Monticello School Museum & Archives Live Music & Spaghetti Dinner Benefit this time with a Valentines Week theme, will be held again at the Krobar in Brule, starting at Noon with live music starting at 1 p.m. Food will be served all afternoon until 4 p.m. and music will go on until about 5 p.m. There will be several large door prizes, among these overnight stays at **the Black Bear Lounge & Casino** in Cloquet, and at **Barker’s Island Inn** in Superior, a carved **wooden bear from Grizzworks** in Maple, a man’s leather coat from **Manions** in Superior, a hand sewn **table runner with a Wisconsin theme created by Dorothy Bergsten**, and a beautiful collector’s **doll from Trish Hursh**. The chances in the drawing for these will come with the \$10 admission ticket, along with the live music and the spaghetti dinner provided by **Dean Baillie**, served with homemade bars and treats by our members. On the half hour band breaks starting at 1:30 there will be more drawings for valuable prizes donated by other businesses and individuals. Tickets at \$1.00, and 6 for \$5.00, will be sold for these, and for a 50/50 drawing at 4:30 when drawings for the larger door prizes will take place, plus one children’s drawing for those who have purchased the \$5 admission ticket. Please come, enjoy the food and music, as you support your local history.

You need not be present to win in the drawings.

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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 continuing Archive storage space. If you enjoy exacting work and interesting conversation please join us, we hope soon, under the Monticello School. Next meeting is yet to be determined. We expect our old routines to change as we transition to our MSMA site over the next few months. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm our next Archives Committee meeting time and place. WELCOME!

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

Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 5:00 p.m., Maple Town Hall

The evening began with a delicious Holiday Buffet. Thanks to the Town of Maple for use of their Town Hall; to those who brought delicious food to share; and to the various workers who helped set-up the hall, serve the food, and clean up after the meeting. Forty-one attendees signed the roster.

PROGRAM: Brian Paulson presented our program. Using Power Point, he took us on a ride along the Northern Pacific and Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railroad as they existed in the late 1800s to early 1900s. We visited the settlements of those times through maps and photos and Brian's excellent "tour-guiding". These communities appeared almost overnight along the railroad lines and provided needed transportation for the lumber companies and the people that moved in. After the white pine industry left the area, many people stayed on to farm. As of today, most of the towns are no longer in existence. Thank you, Brian, for your excellent presentation.

BUSINESS MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

MINUTES: Matt Miller moved to accept the minutes of the last General Meeting held on Wednesday, October 11th, 2017, at the Amnicon Town Hall, and published in the December 2017 issue of *OBHS News*. Ron Hendrickson moved to second the motion; motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Matt Miller presented the following effective this date:

<u>Current Balance</u>	<u>Changes since November Board Meeting Balance</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u> \$ 1,637.32 (Includes \$28.94 cash on hand)	(Last Month: \$1,736.67) <u>Income:</u> \$70.00 from Poplar Hardware for 5 wholesale books; \$100.00 for 2018 calendar ads; \$90.00 in dues; \$85.00 donation from Paul Dennis <u>Expenses:</u> \$10.00 WI Sales & Use Tax certification; \$6.35 Certified mail; \$308.00 for t-shirts and hats to stock the Windmill; \$20.00 to Local History mini-grant program; \$100.00 to Cable Publishing for 10 wholesale books (Pending: \$20.00 to Finlandia 100)
<u>WINDMILL FUND:</u> \$ 2,812.82	(Last Month: \$2,882.92) <u>Expenses:</u> \$70.12 for Nov & Dec Electric Bills
<u>MSMA FUND:</u> \$ 1,221.49	(Last Month: \$3,173.06) <u>Expenses:</u> \$174.63 to Dennis Hill for site materials; \$100 to Raivala Electric of the meter-base installation; \$2,567.56 to Kevin Mackie Construction for basement Work. (Final Payment—Paid in Full.) <u>Outstanding debt:</u> \$1330.64 to Poplar Building Products for Site materials; \$125.72 to Dahlberg Electric for first 50 days of service and one-time setup fees; \$10.50 to Jim Pellman for site materials. <u>Outstanding Income:</u> \$71.16 MSMA site work material rebates.
<u>CD:</u> \$ 5,858.42	<u>No Change</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u> \$11,530.05	<u>Last Month: \$13,651.07</u>

Jim Mattson moved to approve the report as presented; Ron H. seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was accepted.

A payment will be made to Poplar Building Center out of the General Account.

Arrangements are complete to add Dennis Hill as an authorized 4th check signer. (Appr. Oct. 2017 Gen. Meeting).

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Numerous calendar donation responses with business cards for ad page
2. Letter of thanks forwarded from Paul Colby's address from Laura Ingersoll, Directory of Annual Giving, of the Wisconsin Council for Local History, Wisconsin Historical Foundation re: our \$20.00 Mini-grant donation.
3. Noyes' Camp digital images from Nan & Scott Wisherd for calendar use.
4. Call from Linda Scaccia at Round Up North confirming their calendar donation
5. Numerous membership renewals
6. Donation to MSMA in Ruth Pellman Beckman's memory from Jim Pellman
7. Note of thanks from Hans & Dorothy Vik for sending the OBHS News with their address change from Poplar to Fitch Ave., Lake Nebagamon
8. Card from Gloria Nelson Johnson, now living in Lake Nebagamon with her two sisters on South Cleveland Road. Address change needed (done) and she requests total dues due.
9. Letter and application forms from the American Alliance of Museums, Arlington, VA. Tier 1 includes membership (pay only what you can). Listing in online directory. Jim Mattson made a motion that we send \$5.00. Following a second by Ron, the motion passed.

10. Letter from ECE Project Round Up requesting a report on our progress on MSMA in support of their grant to us last year, by 01/01/18. We have replied with a letter & photos and a report that we are not yet done with our work with added restoration necessary, but are making major progress working now in the basement & with roof upstairs restoration work on the school in spring.

11. Phone conversation with John Tuura who will be visiting MSMA to assess installation of the Wirsbo system boiler now that Brian Raivala has installed the inside breaker panel.

12. Letter from Marian Schraufnagel of the host Bayfield County Historical Society inviting OBHS members to attend a Workshop on Historic Building at the NGLVC near Ashland. Jim attended this session. The Wisconsin Architecture & History Inventory list was the main topic; Jim learned about the web site and criteria for this digitally based listing of historic private properties.

13. Jim responds to Mr. Mackin's request for Brule "damm" info, and he thanked us via email.

14. Inquiry from NWHS regarding a 2018 senior scholarship. Response requested by January 8th. Doreen made a motion that we give a \$250.00 scholarship, seconded by Jim Pellman. Motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARCHIVES: This committee is on hold while MSMA basement is being completed. Earl is keeping our website active and Jon Winter remains the host.

DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE: The bridge repair is completed. Thanks to Ron H. for leading this effort and for mowing the grounds this summer. Thanks, also to Donald Anderson for septic pumping. His donated service is greatly appreciated.

Refrigeration: Thanks to Ron for securing and installing the "new" refrigerator at Eskolin House.

Nature trail: The trail is in the discussion and planning stage.

MSMA:

Construction: Kevin Mackie has completed his work and has been paid.

Restoration: The electrical pedestal is in operation; electrical service inside the building has been done by Brian Raivala who expects to return to install an outlet next to the panel. We have moved to installation of the electrical boiler unit with help from John Tuura, which will allow us to work all winter in comfort in the basement. Cost of this boiler was estimated at \$500, but that estimate may be too low. Dennis and Jim have the basement outside walls built and partly insulated and the ceiling has two inches of temporary foam sheathing. A small electric heater is operating to keep the area at 45 degrees. Upstairs walls have been stabilized, pending work on the roof, starting in the school areas in the spring. Most of the roof, which is tarped for the winter, will need to be replaced, both for safety and structure, but with restoration techniques. This is necessary to get access to the top plate which, because of its poor condition, will need to be totally replaced (found on the side walls only). As built, there is no plate on the gabled ends. Discrete wiring for lighting and outlets will be installed, serviced from the breaker panel in the basement. Jim and Dennis worked from staging on wheels inside, upstairs and downstairs, and will have to work quickly once the roof is opened in spring to avoid more water exposure. More help and funds will be needed to safely speed up the job. We had a surprise visit from Mr. Dick Ahola, President of Finlandia Foundation National based in Pasadena, CA, which gave us a generous grant in 2014. After his tour, he encouraged us to apply for more funds. He and his wife Janet were guests at Dick and Lila Ronn's and were on tour in the area before they headed to FinnFest in Minneapolis. We thank the Ahola's & Finlandia Foundation National for their interest in our MSMA. Our next grant application to them will require sponsorship of Finlandia Foundation Northland Chapter in Duluth, which organization did the planning & fund raising for the Finland 100 Gala at the Depot on which committee Jim P. served.

Fundraising Events: Discussion has moved to having another musical fund raiser at Kro Bar. Dean Baillie at Kro Bar has set aside February 10th or 11th for this Valentine's week event. Planning will start earlier than in the past with advance sales of tickets. Jim will call or appoint a chair of the committee for planning. Musicians must first confirm their availability for this round. Other future events might also include community plays, dinner theater, pie-ice cream socials, etc. To date, the latest round of contacts with businesses for donations has had some success, e.g. Lulich's, but as our requests are for larger gifts and support, the process is taking more time.

MERCHANDISE: Jim and Nan Wisherd, who is financing work on the calendar book, will resume work on the project as soon as schedules permit. When the MSMA project is complete, a small permanent gift shop can be set up there.

MEMBERSHIP:

Opt out of newsletter hard copy edition: Persons interested in accessing an online electronic copy of the OBHS News in lieu of or in addition to a hard copy should contact Jim.

Dates: Members are asked to verify their mailing address labels on OBHS News for correctness of membership expiration dates. Please contact Jim if you have questions. He also requests that members keep up with their volunteer hours on the "blue sheets".

Complimentary Memberships: We will be giving complimentary memberships, along with calendar business card ads, to the crews of the businesses that worked on the MSMA project.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: Thanks to Janine and Nancy Moreland for their creation and maintenance of this independent site that now has grown to over 730 users of all ages.

BLUEBERRY DEPOT OFFER: The old Northern Pacific Blueberry Depot has been offered to OBHS by owners, Greg and Janell Mussman. The Depot, built in 1901, measures 16' X 36'. Preliminary actions thus far include a tour of the structure by Dennis Hill, Brian Paulson, Ron Hendrickson, Jim Pellman, Jody Swanson, and Dan Bergsten. Ron Hendrickson has met with Steve Rannenberg, Douglas County Planning and Zoning Administrator. All that would be needed at the County level would be the purchase of a Land Use Permit at the cost of \$100.00, depending upon where the depot is situated on our lot.

Dennis, Brian, and Ron made a brief presentation of the plan to move this depot to the Davidson Windmill Site at the November 14, 2017 Town of Lakeside Board Meeting (Public Comment). The cost to move the Depot to this site would be approximately \$2,500.

Brian P. noted some grant possibilities that could be explored (i.e., the Burlington Foundation and the Northern Pacific Railway Historical Society).

Ron H. made a motion to accept the offer of the Blueberry Depot to be used as an attraction at the Davidson Windmill Site. Jody Swanson seconded the motion. After discussion of the motion, President Dennis Hill called for a show of hands. All present approved the motion with one vote against. Motion carried.

Dennis and Arlene Hill presented OBHS with two checks of \$100 each, one for the Monticello School Project, the other for the Depot Project.

NEW BUSINESS:

SYMPATHY AND ENCOURAGEMENT: Sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara Stanley, Ruth Pellman Kronlund Beckman, and Herb Beckman. Encouragement and support to Velma Doby who welcomes company at Villa Marina and Minerva Johnson who has moved to Stardust Hill in South Superior.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Merchandise Issues: Trish volunteered to help with merchandise. Ron offered \$25 to purchase a packet of old OBHS calendars. Doreen moved to accept this offer. After a second by Audrey, the motion passed.

Date for the Scandinavian Dinner and Related Activities: Ron made a motion to get the schedule on the Lakeside Town Hall Calendar now, selecting either June 16th or the 23rd as a date. Following a second by Doreen, the motion carried.

Sauna Available: Ruth Erkkila has offered the sauna on her family's farm site to OBHS. Ron has been working with Ruth to make final arrangements. A sauna would be consistent with our OBHS Finnish setting alongside the Eskolin House.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 6:00 p.m., site to be determined.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 14, 2018, site to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT: Jim Mattson moved for adjournment. Seconded by Doreen Swanson. Pres. Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 9:33 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. Popular has been our zipper front, hooded, *I've Been Through the Mill* sweatshirts and tee-shirts.

Our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's books, *Brule River Country* (HC \$25.95, SC \$18.95) and *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 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 for the JANUARY BOARD MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 6 p.m.
Dennis & Arlene Hill Residence, Amnicon**

Attendance: Bruce Carlson, Dennis Hill, Audrey Hakkila, Trish Hursh, James Mattson, Matt Miller, Jim Pellman, Lila Ronn, and Jody Swanson. Visitors: Ron Hendrickson, Arlene Hill, Brian Paulson, and Doreen Swanson.

The evening began with dinner; thanks again to the Hills for hosting and for the food they prepared and served. Thanks also to those who brought additional refreshments to share.

BUSINESS MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

MINUTES: Jim Mattson made a motion, seconded by Audrey, to accept the Minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at the Hill Residence. These minutes were published in the December 2017 issue of *OBHS News*. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Matt Miller presented the following report effective as of today:

<u>CURRENT BALANCE</u>	<u>CHANGES SINCE DECEMBER 13TH GENERAL MEETING</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND:</u> \$ 2,469.41	Last report: \$ 1,637.32 Income: Dues--\$375; Donations--\$100 (\$75 from John and Shirley Deterling); Sales--\$86.50; Calendar Business Donations--\$375; Depot Donation--\$100 from Dennis & Arlene Hill). Expenses: Newsletters-- \$179.41; Outgoing Donation-- \$25 (to Finlandia Foundation. Outstanding debt: Jim Pellman--\$4.86 (newsletters); School District of Maple--\$250 (scholarship); American Alliance of Museums: \$5 (membership) No Change
Cash on Hand: \$ 28.94	
<u>WINDMILL FUND:</u> \$ 2,852.82	Last report: \$2,812.82 Income: Pavers (\$40)
<u>MSMA:</u> \$ 3,286.47	Last report: \$ 1,221.49 Income: Donations—\$100 (from Dennis & Arlene Hill) \$10-Ruth Beckman Memorial; \$100-Helen Privette Memorial (from Ed Privette in Merrill; \$2,500-Lily Wisti Carvala Morris Memorial (from John Carvala in San Francisco). Expenses: Electric panel mounting supplies -- \$10.50; Poplar Building Products Invoices-- \$369.46; Dahlberg Light and Power-- \$265.06 (including \$ 1.11 past due charge) Outstanding Debt: Poplar Building Products--\$ 961.18 (check has been sent; Outstanding Income: \$ 71.16 Menard's in-store rebates
CD: \$ 5,858.42	No Change
TOTAL: \$ 14,467.12	Last report: \$ 11,530.05

Trish moved to approve the Treasurer's Report above; second made by Jody. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Arrangements to add Dennis Hill as an authorized 4th check signer have been finalized. Matt noted that he has contacted ECE and Dahlbergs to get the WI tax off our statements because of OBHS' non-profit status.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Call from Arrowhead Printing that calendars were ready for pickup (Jan. 2)
2. Membership renewals and new membership
3. Numerous calls and messages establishing the time and place and players at our third Kro Bar music benefit, scheduled for Saturday, February 10th, beginning with a spaghetti dinner at noon. Music begins at 1:00 p.m. More volunteers are needed for canvassing for prizes, preparation, and working on the day of this event.
4. Jim called NWHS Guidance Office to confirm OBHS will be sponsoring a \$250 Scholarship this spring.
5. Christmas card from Arrowhead Printing.
6. Annual Mini-grant notice from WHS.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARCHIVES: This committee is on hold until MSMA basement is completed for use. Earl continues to maintain our site and Jon Winter remains the host. We are still fielding archive requests and donations. Recently Sheila Mackie dropped off a folder with many valuable paper items.

DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE: Quiet now during the winter months. Misplaced key for lock box was found.

Nature trail: The trail is in the discussion and planning stage.

Sauna Available: Ruth Erkkila has offered the sauna on her family's farm site to OBHS. Ron has been working with her to make final arrangements. OBHS would acknowledge that we have accepted a donation of this building from the Erkkila family, effective December 13, 2017. Dennis made a motion, seconded by James M., that we also accept a donation from their family for the Monticello School, effective February 8, 2017. Motion approved. Further discussion involving need to create a letter to this effect and the need to use certified mail was also discussed. Jim P. noted that a sauna would be consistent with our OBHS Finnish setting alongside the Eskolin House and also argued that it would be best to slightly expand our property, if possible, for both this project and for the Depot.

MSMA:

Construction: Dennis and Jim have completed insulating the basement with foam sheeting and installation of 2 X 4 wall studs around the basement interior for wiring and more insulation later. The ceiling has two inches of temporary foam sheeting. An interior breaker panel has been installed and connected by Brian Raivala with volunteer help. A small electric heater is operating to keep the area at 45 degrees. With help from John Tuura, Dennis and Jim have moved to installation of the electrical boiler unit, allowing for an economical heating of the basement all winter, so that work can be done there. Cost of this boiler was estimated at \$500, but supporting pumps and hardware will double that figure.

Restoration: Upstairs walls have been stabilized, pending work on the roof, starting in the school areas in the spring. Most of the roof, which is tarped for the winter, necessitates replacement both for safety and structural reasons, using restoration techniques. This is necessary to get access to the top place which needs to be totally replaced (found on the side walls only). As built, there is no plate on the gabled ends. Discrete wiring for lighting and outlets will be installed, serviced from the breaker panel in the basement. Jim and Dennis worked from staging on wheels inside, upstairs and downstairs, and will need to work quickly once the roof is opened in spring to avoid more water exposure. More help and funds will be needed to safely speed up the job. Dick Ahola, President of Finlandia Foundation National based in Pasadena, CA, visited our site this fall. He and his wife Janet were on tour before they headed to Finnfest in Minneapolis. Jim reported that our next grant application is going out today to FFN with a sponsoring letter from Steve Leppala, the President of the Finlandia Foundation Northland Chapter in Duluth, which organization did the planning and fund raising for the Finland 100 Gala at the Depot. (Jim served on this committee.)

Fundraising Events: We are planning our 3rd Annual Musical MSMA Benefit on Valentine's week, to be held at Kro Bar on Saturday, February 10, 2018. Dean Baillie will host the event with a spaghetti lunch beginning at 12:00 p.m. Five local musicians and more have volunteered to perform beginning at 1:00 p.m. Mary Ann G. is chairperson for planning and organization. She and Jim are hoping for a good-sized work force to get everything ready in time and to handle tickets and prizes. **Volunteers are needed to come to the first committee meeting to be held on Monday, January 15th, at Aroma's in Maple, at 1 p.m. Plans will be finalized for the event including advance ticket sales, publicity, & canvassing for prizes.**

Future: Other future events might also include community plays, dinner theater, pie-ice cream socials, etc. To date, the latest round of contacts with businesses for donations has had some success, e.g. Lulich's, but as our requests are for larger gifts and support, the process is taking more time.

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BLUEBERRY DEPOT OFFER: At the December General Meeting, we voted, with one dissent, to accept the old **Northern Pacific Blueberry Depot as a gift from owners, Greg and Janell Mussman, and to move it from Blueberry to the Davidson Windmill site.** The Depot, built in 1901, measures 16' X 36'. Preliminary actions thus far include a tour of the structure by Dennis Hill, Brian Paulson, Ron Hendrickson, Jim Pellman, Jody Swanson, and Dan Bergsten. Ron Hendrickson has met with Steve Rannenber, Douglas County Planning and Zoning Administrator. A purchase of a Land Use Permit at the cost of \$100.00 would be needed at the County Level. Dennis, Brian, and Ron made a brief presentation of the plan to move this depot to the Windmill Site at the Town of Lakeside Board Meeting (Public Comment) on November 14, 2017. Brian P. is completing two grant applications: one from The Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association (due by March 1) and one from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Foundation. Ron passed around aerial maps of the Windmill site where the depot would be added. The site will be studied firsthand at the May Board Meeting to make further decisions about placement of the depot. If a variance is needed to move the Depot to its desired location, additional costs would be incurred.

MIDSUMMER: Scandinavian Dinner and Related Activities: Planning for use of the Lakeside Town Hall has started early to avoid schedule conflict. Lila has checked with the Town Clerk and either June 16th or the 23rd are available at this time.

After checking with possible conflicts, the Dinner was scheduled for Saturday, June 16th, with the June meeting on the 14th, and the Windmill site open to tours on the 15th and 16th.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

Ron proposed that we construct a protective cover for the Taylor's Bridge. Jack Pank has volunteered to assist and has offered trees from which to make some timbers; Hank Wakefield has the saw mill to process these logs; and David Furtch would work on the structure design. Jim Mattson made a motion that OBHS pursue the project. Matt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Potential Donor: Lila noted that she has been working with Hope and Mary Ann to respond to a potential donor's interest in supporting historical projects in this area. Hope was originally contacted by phone. In response to this call, additional communication has included a letter from Hope; a telephone conversation from Mary Ann and an email from Lila. Hope, Mary Ann, and Lila will be meeting soon to develop a packet of information to be sent to this person who lives out-of-state.

OBHS Newsletter: Jim noted some recent equipment problems with Office Max, our current supplier. Currently we order 200 newsletters at a cost of \$79 - \$98 plus postage. The total cost equals about \$1.00 per mailing. He provided quotes from Silver-Tonsberg and Tri-State business which were comparable to that of Office Max. A decision was made to monitor the problem and reevaluate at the March meeting.

OBHS Calendars: Jim will be picking these calendars up tomorrow.

End-of-Year Reports: Matt noted that a few annual forms must be completed by OBHS to ensure that we remain in good standing at the state and federal level: the IRS 990 (exact form depending upon gross receipts); and, as an affiliate of the Wisconsin Historical Society, an annual report must be filed with the Field Services-Local History office.

Budget Development: Jim will print out our budget categories so that a committee can work on this task.

SYMPATHY AND ENCOURAGEMENT: Encouragement to Member Edith Warner with health issues. Encouragement and support to Velma Doby, who welcomes company at Villa Marina, and Minerva Johnson who has moved to Stardust Hill in South Superior.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Brule Town Hall. Jim will provide the program which will include the 2018 Calendar and the Clevedon Colony. Doreen will reserve the Town Hall.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Hill Residence.

ADJOURNMENT: Jim M. moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Audrey. Pres. Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila M. Ronn, Secretary

1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2018 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 2018 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are for sale at \$9.00 each. Earlier issues are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2015), 2016 at \$6.00, & 2017 at \$7.00 in limited numbers. An e-mail address for more info: musketeer6@cheqnet.net, and by phone: 715-363-2549, 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 display in the back of each calendar, and to those local businesses that are selling them for us each year, this year at Twin Gables & Round Up North in Brule, Poplar Hardware & the Poplar Village Market. Or check with Jim in Maple at 715-363-2549. We also seek more advertisers.

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This picture and text appear for the month of February in our 2018 OBHS Historical Calendar.

Pre-1919 Brule School, the Classroom of Miss Florence Hunker; Rows of her Grades 1-4 from Left to Right. This might be a good way to arrange seating in the restored OBHS Monticello School, now in Maple. The First Graders here look a little fidgety and timid. The Fourth Graders look a little bit blasé or bored as academic veterans. The Second and Third Graders look like well-dressed and behaved cherubs. Twenty-six students in all were in this young woman's charge. She later became Mrs. Art Buchanan from Superior. The first school in the Brule village was built around 1891 near the present town hall. With a growing population, the town determined a larger school was needed and it moved half of the school to the location of the present school building. In 1895, a second story was added to it. In 1906, when Joseph Lucius was elected clerk of the School District, he requested an audit so that the incoming board might have a tangible starting point. No audit had been done before this. When this school burned in 1919, a new building was erected at the same site, built inexplicably in a Spanish style, which still stands today in private ownership. *From a photograph in the Brule History Research Group's collection. The data is condensed from the text of the coming Brule History, this section written by Velma Doby.*



~ NOTICES ~

MEMBERS: Dues collection for 2018 began at our Annual Meeting in August & will continue into 2018. Please fill in your volunteer hours on your Blue Sheets for 2017-2018 for turn in next July 31st. This hour tally runs from Aug.1 (2017) to July 31, 2018. Please contact our Secretary or Jim for a new Blue Sheet or check our website for forms.

THANK YOU'S & RECOGNITIONS: Thanks to newly retired Northern Finnish Mutual Agent Paul Dennis for his membership renewal and for his generous donation at the time of our calendar publication. To Linda Scaccia for her generous donation at calendar time and for selling them for us. To Larry & Sheri Hendrickson for selling calendars for us at Twin Gables. Also to Darlene Nevin at Poplar's Village Market and to Joyce Orłowski at Aroma's in Maple who are carrying them. To our local towns and villages which continue to offer their halls for our meetings at no charge except for a clean kitchen and floor when we depart. To Brian Raivala, and John Tuura for their help at Monticello School. To Dean Baillie for hosting our Music Benefit and to the many band members listed on page 1.

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

Beverly J. (Tapani) Raes, 74, Mounds View, Minnesota, who passed away January 29, 2018, born in May 1943, preceded in death by parents Elmer and Viola (Granlund) Tapani & brother, Duane Tapani, of Brule, survived by husband of 53 years, Denny; sons, Steve (Shelli) Raes, Scott (Kim) Raes; grandchildren, Alex, Sam, Emily, Becca; siblings, Joyce (Geoff) Caron, & Cathy (Mark) Wuollet.

Roderic Rod' J. Campbell, 92, Superior, who died February 1, 2018, at St. Luke's Hospice in Duluth, born in 1925, the son of Bruce and Myra Campbell, the grandson of Joseph A. Campbell, a lumber pioneer in Duluth and Superior, President of Campbell Lumber for many years, and was previous chairman and director of National Bank of Commerce for over 30 years.

Mark Saunders Frodesen, 68, Superior, who was born in 1949 in Superior Wisconsin, and died at Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul, on December 28, 2017, survived by his mother Jeanne Frodesen of Superior, with his father, Brule fisherman, George Frodesen, preceding him in death, long time holder of the Men's Outdoor Track & Field records he set 48 years ago in 1969 for the long jump and triple jump.

Carl "Bryan" Nelson, 64, Hawthorne, who died January 3, 2018 due to cancer, born in 1953 in Ashland to C. Franklin "Bud" and Virginia (Lentz) Nelson, graduated from the South Shore High School in 1971, a Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala, a retired carpenter, survived by his wife, Evelyn, and a large extended family.

Paul R. Smith, 53, Iron River, who died January 2, 2018 in Iron River, born in Duluth in 1964, son of Wayne and Betty Smith, graduated from Northwestern High School with the class of 1982, worked at the Iron River Building and Home Center with his dad, went on to a career in law enforcement with the Wisconsin State Patrol serving in Central and Northern Wisconsin, retiring in 2013.

George R. (Bob) Pohjonen, 75, Chicago, oldest son of George and Sigrid (Mattson) Pohjonen, who passed away January 21, 2018 from cancer, attended school in Iron River, graduating in 1960, survived by brothers Bruce (Judy), Scott (Jackie), nieces Jill Pohjonen, Lisa (Jason) Trask, granddaughters of Irene Parenteau.

Jean (Levine) Herbert, 77, East End Superior, who died January 29, 2018 at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth, born in 1940 in Superior to Russell & Mae (Easty) Levine, married Merlin Herbert in 1967, survived by him & many family members in the LaCrosse, Hawthorne & Lake Nebagamon area, with burial in Hawthorne.

Robert Rones, 64, Bennett, who passed away at home January 31, 2018 from pancreatic cancer, married to Marie for 40 years & together raised sons, Jeffrey and Scott, an Army & National Guard veteran, a welder who worked at Superwood/Georgia Pacific and Amsoil.

Clarence (Sonny) David Jones, 91, who passed away at home January 29, 2018 in Bozeman, Montana, was born in 1926 to Clarence & Gladys Jones in Superior, was a Navy WW II veteran of the South Pacific, in 1948 married Helen McDowell in Duluth & had 4 children, became Post Office supervisor in Duluth, survived by Helen & family, among them daughter Sharon (Byron) Nelson of Lake Nebagamon.

Walter W. Gyllander, 73, Iron River, who died January 29, 2018, at St. Luke's Hospice in Duluth, born in 1944, in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, the son of Reino and Edna Gyllander, worked for the Wisconsin DNR for 33 years retiring as an Area Forestry Supervisor, a member of the Brule Lions Club and the Brule Volunteer Fire Department, survived by his wife, Carol, two sons & step-children.

Ruth M. (Gehling) Baillie, 89, Brule, who died January 25, 2018 at Superior Rehab. Center, was born in 1928 in Milwaukee to Paul & Marie (Hansen) Gehling, married Don Baillie in 1960 in West Allis, Wisconsin, & worked with him at Baillie Oil Co. & was the bookkeeper for many years, was her church's organist, survived by Don; two sons, Ron Steuck, West Bend, WI and Bruce (Cathy) Baillie, Brule, 3 daughters, Roxanne Steuck & Rita Ray, both of Eagan & Pam (Mark) Johnson, Brule. 17 grandchildren & 15 great-grandchildren.

Mark A. Sclavi, 64, Barnes, who passed away January 13, 2018 at St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth, born in Superior in 1953 to Jean "Gino" and Jean (Legard) Sclavi, owned Sclavi Building and built many homes in the area, survived by daughter Jennifer (Marc) Makela & their children Halie (Nathan Van Meter) and Jake, his son Joe (Amanda Olson) and his daughters Carmen and Ella.

Arthur J. Amys, 83, who died January 13, 2018, at Superior Rehab & Nursing Center, born in Superior in 1934, son of Caesar & Cecelia (Archambeault) Amys, graduated from Cathedral High School in 1952, married Betty Johnson in 1953, lived in both Superior and Poplar and owned several trucking companies, worked in the fisheries industry in Alaska, traveled often including Japan, Norway, & Sweden for various fishery companies, also helped run a beef cattle operation and loved farming, survived by his wife, Betty, & a large family.

Irene E. Burfield, 93, Bennett, who passed away December 16, 2017, was born in 1924, at home, the youngest of seven children of John & Karine Theien of Bennett, married Milton Burfield in 1942, who preceded her in death, survived by her 4 children: Linda (Bryan) Boroo, Leonard (Susan) Burfield, Thomas (Joni) Burfield, all of Bennett, and daughter Kristine (Dennis) Draper of Wisconsin Dells.

Carl Solberg, 83, longtime area resident, who died December 20, 2017 at Villa Marina Health and Rehab in Superior of COPD, born in Superior in 1934, the son of Carl L. and Helen (Routh) Solberg, was employed as a painter and interior designer, married Mary Ann Johnson in 1954, member of Hope Lutheran Church in Oulu, Waino River Snowmobile Club, and the Brule River Sportsmen's Club, survived by his wife, a daughter & four sons.

Diane C. Hietala, 83, South Range, who died December 7, 2017 at St. Luke's Hospice in Duluth, born in 1934 in Superior to Ariel and Josette (Durfee) McCauley, married William Hietala in 1952, a descendant of Chief Osagee, survived by three daughters & one son, preceded in death by her husband, four sons, and her parents.

Herbert Lindelof, 88, Marion, Indiana and formerly of Superior. who died December 10, 2017 at Marion General Hospital in Marion Indiana, was born in 1929 in Oulu, the son of Peter and Sina Lindelof, owned and operated Lindelof Trucking and then Lindelof Garbage and Recycling Services, was a farmer raising Elk, liked to go strawberry picking on Johnson Berry Farm, preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Carolyn, a son, Phillip Lindelof, & survived by his children, Shirley (Garry) North of Marion, Indiana, Richard Lindelof of Superior and Donald (Patricia) Lindelof of Superior.

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, Matt Miller, 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.

February 10, Saturday. Noon–5 p.m. Valentine’s Live Music & Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for MSMA, Krobar in Brule.

February 12, Monday. Lincoln’s Birthday.

February 14, Wednesday 5:30 pm. OBHS General Meeting at Brule Town Hall. Pot luck lunch. Program: Jim Pellman
“The Search for the Clevedon Colony at the Mouth of the Brule River”, Business Meeting. Ash Wednesday.
Valentine’s Day.

February 19, Monday. Presidents’ Day.

February 22, Thursday. Washington’s Birthday.

March 11, Sunday. Daylight Saving Time begins.

March 14, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. OBHS Board Meeting.

March 16, Friday. St. Urho’s Day

March 17, Saturday, St. Patrick’s Day.

March 20, Tuesday, First Day of Spring. Submissions for the April OBHS News due.

March 25, Sunday, Palm Sunday; **March 30**, Good Friday, **March 31**, Passover; **April 1**, 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.