

# OBHS News

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## OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY JUNE GENERAL MEETING & MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION PREP

### General Meeting: Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM, at the Lakeside Town Hall

Old-Brule Heritage Society will begin its June General Meeting at the Town Hall in Lakeside with a covered dish luncheon. Members are asked to bring a dish or refreshments to share. After a short break we will have a short business meeting.

This will be a work day in preparation for the 2018 OBHS *Juhannus Juhlat* "Midsummer Celebration" held with tours on the Davidson Windmill grounds on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 3-5 p.m., and Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with our Scandinavian Dinner held also on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Town Hall. The donation price has gone up a dollar to \$10.00 for adults. We thank the Town of Lakeside for use of their hall for our meeting, for our preparation work on Friday, and for Saturday's annual Windmill Midsummer Fund Raising Dinner. We ask our readers here to please spread the word, come for the tours, the food, and the visiting, and please bring along neighbors, family and friends, but especially pray for clear sky on Saturday.

## FROM THE EDITOR:

In this year of change and completions three buildings are getting the full attention of OBHS: Monticello School, the Erkkila Finnish Log Sauna, and the Northern Pacific Railway Blueberry Depot.

Speaking first of the oldest project, the Monticello School is covered in Tyvek, a special membrane designed for use under siding, replacing the ageless tar paper, topping the skillful work of the Woodhull team. Construction is halted now as we move to window replacement using period windows, of course. Once these are framed in and installed the siding can go up. These projects are directly in our hands with volunteer help. MSMA fund raising goes on which has us looking ahead to late August already and to our Annual Flea Market and Bazaar at the Maple Town Hall. At our June General Meeting we will firmly establish our planning committee which will meet almost immediately to confirm dates and to get publicity started. Different this year is our plan to hold our OBHS Annual Meeting on a separate day from the flea market. From experience we realize the hubbub of the event is distracting, and, besides that, we miss the public program we used to hold. It was suggested that I give a talk on the Monticello School and our project with a report of where we've been and where we are that day in bringing it on line. Also Obe Saari is checking his old window inventory for which we thank him.

Next we have the Erkkila Log Sauna. This is coming from the same location and family as the Monticello School house. Ruth and David Erkkila have offered the building to us, and this will fit in very well with the Finnish theme at the Davidson (Finnish) Windmill and Eskolin Finnish log house site. I placed "Finnish" in parentheses as there is really no windmill like it even in Finland. Its structure and machinery, although common in principle to wind powered grist mills, were totally the unique design of Jacob Tapola Davidson and constructed by himself or under his direction. The sauna should tuck into our very narrow lot close to the Eskolin House. Saunas were the first building constructed by Finns in a pioneer setting, as it was at the time Davidson arrived to claim his Federal Homestead in the late 1880s, and those in the area who have them still use and enjoy them.

Finally, the Blueberry Depot project is moving along with a special ad hoc team set up led by Brian Paulson who has written several grants for the project, one for five thousand dollars from the Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association already safely in hand. Money gifts have been coming in earmarked for the project and more will be needed to prepare a site in advance of the move. All of these projects will need financial help this year, so please contribute what you can, designating where you would like to see your donations go. Thank you all.

-Jim Pellman

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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 APRIL GENERAL MEETING  
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Amnicon Town Hall**

The evening began with a potluck buffet. Thanks to everyone who brought food to share; to those who set up and took down the tables and attractive decorations; and to Dennis Hill for making arrangements. Thanks also to the Town of Amnicon for use of their facility. Attendance: 29 persons signed the attendance roster.

**PROGRAM:** Teddie (Theodora) Meronek, Superior Librarian and Author, shared her wealth of information about Superiorite Lt. Henry Blomberg, who served in WWI, known as the Great War and the War to End all Wars. 2018 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice signed on 11/11/1918. Henry's father was an immigrant from Sweden and was paid to take someone else's place in the Civil War. The family moved to Superior in 1892, then to Minnesota, returning later to Superior. Henry attended the Superior Normal School, now known as the University of Wisconsin, Superior (UWS) where he was on the debate club, played football, and was editor of the *Gitchee Gume*. Upon graduation, he taught in Virginia, Minnesota, but as the United States became actively involved in WWI, he enlisted in the military. After spending some time in Texas and having attained the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, he left for France in 1918. His leadership ability was well-recognized. Sadly, he was killed in battle on October, 1918 and was buried in France along with 14,000 other Americans. 1st Lt. Blomberg was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and also received the Croix de Guerre from France for gallant action in war. The first VFW post in Superior was named in honor of Lt. Henry Blomberg. Teddie recently became aware of an unidentified portrait that some of Henry's fellow college debaters had done in his memory. That painting is now displayed in Old Main at UWS.

Thank you, Teddie, for your interesting talk. Your dedication to remembering Lt. Blomberg, and all those persons who have, in one way or another, contributed to our lives today, was inspirational.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

**MINUTES:** Brian Paulson moved to approve the Minutes, published in the April 2018 issue of *OBHS News*, for the previous General Meeting held on February 14, 2018, at the Brule Town Hall. Following a second by Gary Garlie, the Minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Matt Miller submitted the following report effective 4/11/18:

<u>Current Balance</u>	<u>Changes since February Board Meeting</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b> \$1,877.71 (Cash on hand: \$28.94)	(Last month: \$2,028.21) <u>Income:</u> Dues--\$30; Donations--\$15; 2018; Calendar Sales--\$108. <u>Expenses:</u> Janine for stamps--\$50; Newsletters--\$253.50. <u>Outstanding debt:</u> Jane Grimsrud's books--\$68 (check sent); \$3.41--Jim Pellman for postage; State Farm Insurance--\$511 (auto-debit in May)
<b>WINDMILL FUND:</b> \$2,796.07	(Last month: \$2,793.60) <u>Income:</u> Pavers--\$40 <u>Expenses:</u> Utilities--\$37.53 <u>Outstanding Debt</u> —Pavers--\$20
<b>MSMA FUND:</b> \$4,246.79	<u>Expenses:</u> Benefit supplies: \$12.98; Shirts Unlimited-- \$90; Dahlberg Light & Power--\$118.09 <u>Outstanding Income:</u> \$71.16 Menard's in-store rebates <u>Outstanding debt:</u> Raivala Electric--202.50 (check sent)
<b>CD:</b> \$5,863.51	<u>No Change</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b> \$14,784.08	\$15,923.78 (- \$369.10)

Matt received a letter from the WI Historical Society about their move to electronic copies of Columns newsletter (<https://support.wisconsinhistory.org/ecolumns>). Matt has contacted both Jon Winter and Earl Granroth because the software we use should be switched by July so that we can receive these electronic copies. Matt has mailed paperwork for filing tax exempt status to East Central Energy.

Having received approval at the March Board meeting, Matt completed and sent in a form to the Salolampi Foundation, stating that OBHS is sponsoring the attendance of Anders Gilbertson to a Youth 1-week Finnish Language Camp in June. This involves no cost to OBHS, but Anders receives a \$100 deduction from his tuition. Matt also sent a letter to David Erkkila, correcting the size of the sauna which was donated by the Erkkila family.

Jim Mattson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, followed by a second from Ron H. The motion was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ARCHIVES:** This committee is on hold until the MSMA basement is ready for use. Thanks to Earl for maintaining our website; he continues to routinely relay messages coming in for timely review. Thanks also to Jon Winter who remains the host. OBHS continues to field archive requests and accepts donations. OBHS needs to review the sale items listed on our website.

**DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE:** As in previous years, tours will be held at the Davidson Windmill and at the Eskolin House on the 3rd Saturday of July, August, and September.

**Eskolin House:** Dennis noted that the Eskolin House is not on a solid foundation, and as a result, the front door has needed attention because of a chronic heaving problem during the winter.

**Nature Trail:** This trail remains in the discussion and planning stage.

**Sauna:** OBHA has accepted Ruth Erkkila's offer of the log sauna on her family's farm site. Jim P. has noted that it would be best if we were able to expand our property at the Windmill site slightly for both this project (which is consistent with our OBHS Finnish setting) and for the Depot. Jim has contacted the Roble-Bagleys by mail, but has not yet received a reply. Ron has developed a project list which summarizes actions which need to be taken to move and present the sauna to the Davidson Site. Jack Johnstad will donate a load of gravel for both the sauna and the depot projects. A verbal bid of \$1,000 has been made by Mike Woodhull to move it to the Windmill site; he is already planning a route for the move. A stove is in the building. This log sauna is of good quality.

**Taylor's Bridge Cover:** The OBHS Board voted at their January 2018 Meeting to pursue a project proposed by Ron H. to construct a protective cover over the Taylor's Bridge. Jack Pank has volunteered to assist and has offered trees from which to make timbers. Ron noted that Hank Wakefield has the saw mill to process these logs and has also volunteered his time to saw anything to do with OBHS. David Furtch will work on the structure design. Ron emphasized that we are not trying to create a classic covered bridge, but rather a bridge of its time that is covered for protection.

**MSMA:**

**Construction:** Jim has plowed and shoveled to allow access for Brian's latest wiring and for contractors to inspect the job site. Soon he will begin sorting unsalvageable interior boards in preparation for the new roof work. Sample shake duplicate, zero maintenance, 50 – 100 year rated, plastic-like shingles are prohibitively expensive at this time (samples secured by Basil Edgette)..

**Restoration:** Dennis emphasized the urgency to get the following work done before it is too late:

(1.) Deteriorated areas of the walls need to be strengthened with 2X6 construction; (2.) 2X8 ceiling joists need to be installed; and (3.) the roof needs to be replaced. Jim and Dennis have been trying to secure professional help for this purpose. The Amish Construction group did not wish to tackle the restoration project. However, Woodhull Construction in Poplar is willing and available to complete the work. They have presented a bid of \$5,500. The cost of materials from Poplar Building Products would be \$2,600 plus \$1,200 for roofing. Dennis noted that a 7% contractor's discount should apply. Dennis proposed that we use the OBHS's existing CD for this purpose. (The current balance in the MSMA fund is \$4,246.79. The current CD value is \$5,863.1.) Jim Mattson made a motion that we accept the recommendations to proceed with the proposal for the project as presented by the President to the membership on this date; to authorize the use of the funds in the CD to help pay for said project; and to restore the funds to the CD as soon as possible. Gary Garlie seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous AYE vote.

**Fundraising:** Our 3rd Annual Musical MSMA Benefit, held on February 10, 2018 at Dean Baillie's Kro Bar was the most successful so far. Planning for our annual Flea Market/Bazaar will have to start soon.

**MERCHANDISE:** Jim and Nan Wisherd, who is financing work on the calendar book, will resume work as soon as their busy schedules permit. When the MSMA project is complete, a small permanent gift shop can be set up there to help with sales. Mary Ann will put calendar packets together for sale with a tentative price of \$3.00/book. (\$30 total). The website inventory needs updating.

#### MEMBERSHIP:

**Opt Out of Newsletter Hard Copy Edition:** Contact Jim if interested in an online electronic copy.

**Dates:** Members are asked to verify their mailing address labels on OBHS News for correctness of membership dates. Contact Jim with any questions. Jim also requests that members keep up with their volunteer hours on the "blue sheets".

**Complimentary Memberships:** Complimentary memberships, along with calendar business card ads, are being given to the crews of the businesses who worked on the MSMA project: Olson Brothers, Kevin Mackie, Brian Raivala, John Tuura, and the Woodhulls.

**FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE:** Thanks to Janine and Nancy Moreland for the creation and maintenance of this independent site with 768 members to date.

**BLUEBERRY DEPOT PROJECT:** At the December General Meeting, OBHS accepted 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. Brian Paulson has dedicated many hours to complete four separate grant applications for this project and is waiting for responses from these organizations. The project was recently highlighted in the *Superior Telegram* and described in the *Duluth News Tribune*. Ken Buehler, Executive Director of the Lake Superior Railroad Museum, supported this project in the *Junction* periodical. Ron and Brian have worked at the current Depot site to remove the chimney and to begin work removing the porches. The building, which is in sound structural condition, has two rooms: the larger freight room and a depot office. OBHS previously agreed to give Greg Mussman a total of 850 square feet of rough sawn siding from the Depot. Rather than remove siding from the Depot, Jack Pank has donated logs which will be sawn into 1" planks. 850 square feet of these planks will eventually be delivered to Greg Mussman. A separate OBHS Blueberry Depot bank account was authorized at the last Board meeting. We will be needing fundraisers, publicity, donations, and artifacts for the Depot.

**MIDSUMMER: Scandinavian Dinner and Related Activities:** The Lakeside Town Hall has been reserved for our General Meeting on Thursday evening, June 14<sup>th</sup>; for a workday on Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup>; and for our Midsummer Dinner, set for Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Price of donation for the meal will be \$10.00. Windmill site tours will take place on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, from 3-6 p.m. and on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Bergsten's will be available to head the Dinner preparation and a planning meeting will be held. Mary Ann passed around a sign-up sheet for workers and tour guides.

**POTENTIAL DONOR:** No recent communication has been received.

**BUDGET DEVELOPMENT:** Matt will bring the Xcel form up to date with last year's numbers to work with. The Budget Committee will then be able to set a meeting time.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS:** None.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### ENCOURAGEMENT AND SYMPATHY:

Encouragement to 18-year old Bailey Eich, granddaughter of Marcia Ahola Chess and great-granddaughter of Helvie TePoel, as she courageously continues to battle Ewing sarcoma. Sympathy to the family of Lorraine Walman Autio who passed away on April 2 and to the family of Lorraine Mikkola.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Town Hall. Following the meeting, the site will be set up for the dinner on Saturday.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 6 p.m. at the Eskolin House.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS:** Lila noted that the American Red Cross will install smoke alarms in private residences in the area at no cost. If you want further information, call 218-722-0071.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Basil Edgette moved to adjourn the meeting; Jody seconded the motion. President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:38 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](http://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 MAY BOARD MEETING  
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at the Eskolin House, Town of Lakeside**

The evening began with a potluck buffet; thanks to all the members who brought the delicious food to share.

**Attendance:** Dorothy Bergsten, Bruce Carlson, Dennis Hill, Trish Hursh, James Mattson, Jim Pellman, and Lila Ronn. Visitors: Ron Hendrickson, Arlene Hill, and Brian Paulson.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2018 Board Meeting was made by Bruce Carlson and seconded by Dorothy Bergsten. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Submitted by Matt Miller on May 9, 2018 (absent on business trip).

Current Balance	Notes
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b> \$7,547.30 (Cash on hand: \$53.94)	Last meeting: \$1,877.71 (+\$5,669.59) Income: Dues--\$120; Donations <sup>1</sup> --\$208.50; Depot donations <sup>2</sup> --\$295; Wholesale revenue <sup>3</sup> --\$106; 2018 calendar + S&H--\$12.50; Depot grant <sup>4</sup> --\$5,000 Expenses: Postage--\$3.41; Jane Grimsrud books--\$68 Outstanding debt: Depot fund--\$5,395; Matt Miller <sup>5</sup> --\$7.50
<b>WINDMILL FUND:</b> \$2,776.07	Last meeting: \$2,796.07 (-\$20.00) Expenses: Pavers--\$20
<b>MSMA FUND:</b> \$3,458.56	Last meeting: \$4,246.79 (-\$788.23) Income: Finlandia Foundation grant--\$5,000 Expenses: Woodhull Concrete--\$5,500; Dahlberg Light & Power--\$85.73; Raivala Electric--\$202.50 Outstanding income: Menard's in-store rebates--\$71.16 Outstanding debt: Poplar Building Products--\$4,872.42
<b>CD:</b> \$5,868.50	Last meeting: \$5,863.51 (+\$4.99) Income: Interest
<b>TOTAL:</b> \$19,650.43	Last meeting: \$14,784.08 (+\$4,866.35)

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Joyce Luedke (Rothschild, WI)

<sup>2</sup> Dan Kangas (Ironwood, MI), James & Jeanne Perala (Turtle Lake, WI), Milton & Gloria Olson and Erik & Nina Olson (Poplar, WI), Gary Luoma (Superior, WI), Donna Brevig (Superior, WI), Betty J Ronkainen (Lake Nebagamon, WI), Vicky Harding (Grand Rapids, MN). Gary Luoma designated his depot donation as a memorial for Lorraine Autio.

<sup>3</sup> Poplar Hardware Company - Breakdown of the \$106 not available.

<sup>4</sup> Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association (with their compliments on the quality of the grant proposal that Brian Paulson submitted)

<sup>5</sup> Windmill lockbox key copies were purchased from Home Depot. It was the only place with the right key type.

**Additional information:**

- Paperwork from bank to create a checking account for a Depot Fund is in hand but needs Dennis & Janine's signatures on it.
- The General Fund balance minus the Depot earmarks is \$2,152.30.
- Cash on hand noted above (\$53.94) includes a \$25.00 donation which needs to be deposited to the Depot Fund.
- The Outstanding Debt to Poplar Building products noted above will be eligible for a 10% discount if paid promptly. Matt will contact them again to clarify the latest invoice.
- The \$5,500 Woodhull check was written from the General Fund 1) to get the check to Woodhull ASAP by avoiding breaking the CD and the timeline that would require and 2) with knowledge that the Finlandia check would be deposited soon. \$3,900 was transferred from the MSMA Fund to the General Fund on 4/27. That same day the check was written and given to Woodhull. Woodhull cashed it May 1 - the same day we deposited the Finlandia check in the MSMA Fund. The remaining \$1,600 was transferred from the MSMA Fund to the General Fund on 5/7 to cover the rest of the \$5,500. All of these transactions have been left off the report above as the net result is that no money was taken from the General Fund.
- We may now need to break the CD to cover the Poplar Building Products invoice.

Discussion regarding the above report followed. It was noted that the approximate \$1,100 needed to pay Poplar Building Products in full could be temporarily taken from the General Account. Trish Hursh moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Following a second by Dorothy, the Report was accepted as presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Poster from DCHS on Jessica Michna as *Golda Meir – The Journey*. Tickets available now for the Sunday, July 29, 2018, 2:00 p.m. performance at DCHS (\$15).
- Copies of photos and family documents sent by Carol Jarvinen Coda for the archives on the Maple Jarvinen/Forsi family.
- Exchange of correspondence between Jim Pellman for OBHS and Mike & Patricia Roble-Bagley re: possibility of purchasing an acre or two of land adjacent to Windmill site. They appreciated the letter but did not want to "alter their acreage for any additional potential projects" and felt the windmill "has a powerful heritage all its own."
- Jim P. has sent a letter to Attorney Steve Ledin re: feasibility of acquiring "excess State right of way" along the Tri-County Corridor near the site of the old NP Maple Depot. No reply yet.

5. Fulfillment of latest order by Poplar Hardware still needs three books to complete, and two from a *Sisu & Sauna* reprint. Sales of \$106.00 and \$126.00 so far in this order, with 28 books needed to have enough inventory for Midsummer.
6. Nan Wisherd e-mailed a request for a Finnish translation from a family Bible. Done by Jim P.
7. Jim P. gave a talk on the Davidson Windmill to residents at the Villa Marina at request of DCHS.
8. Letter from the Northern Pacific Railroad Historical Society informing us that the Blueberry Depot grant application was accepted in the amount of \$5,000. Thank you, Brian Paulson, for your many hours and hard work in obtaining this grant.
9. Several donations have come in from private parties for the Depot Project (see Treasurer's report).
10. The Finlandia Foundation National, Pasadena CA for \$5,000 came in the mail. Thanks, Jim, for your work in completing this successful grant application.
11. Jim P. picked up re-order of MSMA fund raiser T-shirts and delivered to those who had not received one, and to those who had them on order, and for future sale. Price: \$10.00.

## OLD BUSINESS:

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### MSMA:

**Restoration:** Dennis made contacts with Amish workers but after visiting the site they declined to take on the restoration project. Woodhull Construction Company was interested in the project with a bid of \$5,500 for the labor which OBHS accepted. With a busy schedule ahead, the Woodhull's made good progress and had all the work done in one week. They strengthened the walls throughout with 2 x 6 studs. They installed new plates on the east and west sides, and installed 2 x 8 ceiling joists on top of them at 16 inches on center, preventing a sagging ceiling and creating prospects for an attic useful for storage. They rebuilt the entire roof using 2 x 6 rafters, sheeted it, and shingled it with asphalt architectural shingles. They closed up the soffits, re-nailed the existing sheathing throughout and covered the walls with Tyvek. Material costs from Poplar Building Products were estimated at \$3,800, but came in at \$4,400 including a 10% discount for prompt payment.

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**Current Membership:** Jim reported that our membership totals, including both single and family, have remained stable.

**FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE:** This group site has over 800 members. Thanks to Janine and Nancy Moreland for their creation and maintenance of this independent site.

**BLUEBERRY DEPOT PROJECT:** At the December General Meeting, OBHS accepted the Old Northern Pacific Blueberry Depot as a gift from owners, Greg and Janell Mussman, which is to be moved from Blueberry to the Davidson Windmill Site. Brian Paulson has dedicated many hours to complete four separate grant applications for this project with one returned successfully to date (see Correspondence above). The project was recently highlighted in the *Superior Telegram* and described in the *Duluth News Tribune*. Ken Buehler, Executive Director of the Lake Superior Railroad Museum, supported this project in the *Junction* periodical. Ron and Brian have worked at the current Depot site to remove the chimney and to begin work removing the porches. The building, which is in sound structural condition, has two rooms: the larger freight room and a depot office an office depot. OBHS previously agreed to give Greg Mussman a total of 850 square feet of rough sawn siding from the Depot. Rather than remove siding from the Depot, Jack Pank has donated logs which will be sawed into 1" planks. 850 square feet of these planks will eventually be delivered to Greg Mussman. A Blueberry Depot account was authorized at the last Board meeting. We will be needing fundraisers, publicity, donations, and artifacts for the Depot.

**Fund-raising:** Having recently received \$5,000 from the Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association, OBHS awaits feedback from the additional organizations to which Brian has previously made grant applications. He recently completed an additional one to the Thomas E. Daly Foundation. Brian and Ron have developed a three-page letter explaining the project and are using it to educate and solicit potential contributors in the area. Thus far, Amsoil and the National Bank of Commerce have declined support.

**Potential Donor:** While no recent communications have been received from a potential out-of-state donor, we expect an update sometime next month.

**Contact with WI State Highway Department:** Dennis has been in contact with WI DOT personnel, seeking to buy or be gifted state land north and east of our Mill site up to 66 feet of center to WI State Hwy. 13 and up to 33 feet of center to Town of Lakeside Old Hwy 13. He has sent in necessary maps and OBHS brochures and recent newspaper article from the *Superior Telegram*. Dennis reported that a decision will be made at a monthly June

meeting. It is expected that the DOT will complete a survey, at which time Dennis and Brian plan to be present.

**Project Manager:** Lila made a motion to officially recognize Brian Paulson as Project Manager of the Blueberry Depot project. In this capacity, he would manage the project schedule; resources and resource forecasting; and budget. He would also be expected to communicate regularly to the OBHS Board. Following a second by James Mattson, the motion was approved. Brian accepted the responsibilities, but indicated that he would work in tandem with Ron Hendrickson.

**MIDSUMMER: Scandinavian Dinner and Related Activities:** The Lakeside Town Hall has been reserved for our General Meeting on Thursday evening, June 14<sup>th</sup>, for a workday on Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, and for our Midsummer Dinner, set for Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. – 2 :00 p.m. Prices for the meal will be \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 6-12. No charge for children under six. Windmill site tours will take place on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, from 3-5 p.m. and on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 – 5:00 p.m. The Bergsten's will head the Dinner preparation and a planning meeting will be held tomorrow at 12:00 noon at Alice Christensen's. Mary Ann passed around a sign-up sheet for workers and tour guides at the April General Meeting, but

**MORE WORKERS ARE NEEDED.**

**BUDGET DEVELOPMENT:** Matt will bring the Excel form up to date with last year's numbers to work with. The Budget Committee will then be able to set a meeting time.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS:** None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**ANNUAL MEETING: LOCATION/SPEAKER:** Holding the Annual Meeting during the Flea Market the past two years has proved to be distracting. It was decided that we schedule the 2018 Annual Meeting the Friday night before the Sale. It was also suggested that the program consist of a tour of the Monticello School. Exact time for the Annual Meeting will be determined at the June General Meeting. A Nominating Committee also needs to be formed.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Town Hall. Following the meeting, the site will set up for the dinner on Saturday.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Eskolin House.

**ENCOURAGEMENT AND SYMPATHY:** Sympathy to the family & friends of Virginia Kinney Niemi who passed away in San Diego. Sympathy to the family & friends of Norma Fechtelkötter, longtime Poplar resident. Sympathy to Earl and Barbra Granroth at the loss of Barbra's twin sister.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS:** Jim has heard that the owners of the house and land next door to the Monticello School may be putting it up for sale.

**ADJOURNMENT:** James Mattson moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Bruce Carlson. Motion carried. President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lila Ronn, Secretary

#### 1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2018 LOCAL HISTORY PHOTO CALENDARS FOR SALE.

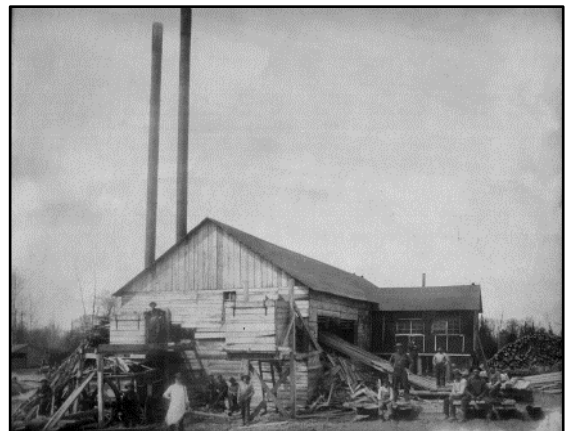
The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, produced its eighth and final calendar in 2005 with pictures of Brule's past. Proceeds from these annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, are being used for the publication of the history of Brule, to be completed very soon. 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](mailto:musketeer6@cheqnet.net), and by phone: 715-363-2549, or please check our Website at [www.oldbrule.org](http://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, now closed permanently. 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 June in our 2018 OBHS Historical Calendar.*

#### **The Northern Hardwood Lumber Company Sawmill at the Tail End of the Line in Maple, c 1910.**

In the 2017 OBHS Calendar we showed two different scenes of this hardwood mill site in Maple. This view brings us around to the south side of the plant, looking slightly northwest, with 16 crew members including the cook and the boss posing for this historical record. The log pile they are bringing in logs from to saw can be seen in the distance on the right. Standing up on the ground in front of the building to the left is a large idle flywheel. The two high stacks might indicate two wood fired steam operated motors were at work. The flywheel may be a remnant of steam equipment from the fire that destroyed the facility when first erected in 1906. Photograph in the Old-Brule Archives donated to OBHS by the Stratford Historical Society, in a community where another Herman Langer supervised hardwood mill had been in operation, which was owned by his friend and longtime employer, W.D. Connor from Marshfield, Wisconsin. *OBHS Archives courtesy of Stratford Historical Society.*



## ~ NOTICES ~

**MEMBERS:** Dues collection for 2019 begins at our Annual Meeting in August & continues into 2019. Please fill in your volunteer hours on your Blue Sheets for 2017-2018 for turn in on July 31st. This new hour tally runs from Aug.1 (2018) to July 31, 2019. Please contact our Secretary or Jim for a new Blue Sheet or see our website for forms. *Late word: Alice Lahti, mother of member Gordon Lahti, has died at St Luke's in Duluth. Sympathy to all.*

**THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS:** 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 the Woodhulls for their professional work on the Monticello School & to Brian Raivala & John Tuura for their help there too.

**OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY:** Encouragement to Viola Palo who is resident at Villa Marina in Superior, and to JoAnne (Fran) Miller now resident at the Willow Manor in Iron River. Sympathy to family & friends of the many, listed here, whom we have lost recently:

**Hulda "Anna" Esther "Honey" (Niemi) Bong**, 91, San Diego, CA, Maple & Osseo WI, who died March 23, 2018 in San Diego, CA, born in 1926 in Maple to Hulda (Sorvari-Mattson) & Edward Niemi, married Carl "Bud" Bong & after college taught in Osseo with Bud, was preceded in death by her parents, husband "Bud" in 2014, their daughter Deborah "Jill" in 2013 after a long fight with brain cancer, survived by their sons Wade & Richard & daughter Jody still in southern California, & grandchildren.

**Norma Leone (Thorson) Fechtelkötter**, 88, Poplar, who died May 7, 2018 at New Perspective in Superior, born in Duluth in 1929, daughter of Stener & Mabel (Ottun) Thorson, graduated, then trained as a nurse & practiced with Dr. Levine in Superior until married to LeRoy Fechtelkötter in Superior in 1955, owned & operated their farm in Poplar until his passing in 2005, survived by sons Gregg Le (Amy) Fechtelkötter, Maple Grove, MN, & Paul LeRoy (Caroline) Fechtelkötter, Medfield, MA; daughters, Joan Marie Fechtelkötter, & Peggy Jo (James Bittner) Fechtelkötter, Poplar, WI, & Susan Jean (Jeffrey) Johnson, Maryville, TN; brother, Donald (Joyce) Thorson, Brookfield, WI; sister-in-law, Geraldine Fechtelkötter, active in 4H and Cub Scout leadership.

**John Michael Tollas**, 61, Poplar, who died May 6, 2018 in his residence, born in Anoka, MN in 1957, son of Edward C. and Frances Mae (Davids) Tollas, graduated from Anoka High School and went on to serve in the US Navy, survived by brother, James "Edward" (Susan Kay) Tollas, Poplar

**Virginia Mae "Ginny" (Houghton) Culhane**, 89, Tucson AZ & Lake Nebagamon who died November 15, 2017 in daughter's home, preceded in death by husband, Frank Robert Culhane; father, Neal Doyle Houghton PhD (UofA Political Science Professor), mother, Esther Mae (Steele) Houghton & stepmother, Katherine Houghton, survived by children, Kathie (Tim), Diane, Bob (Melissa) & 7 grandchildren, service June 10, in Lake Nebagamon.

**Anna Mae (DeRosia) Routh**, 88, Superior & Blueberry, WI, who died May 23, 2018 at home in Oulu, born in 1929 in Blueberry, daughter of William & Myrtle (Sharp) DeRosia, graduated from Superior Central HS in 1947, married Bruce Routh in 1948 in Superior, survived by Bruce; five daughters, Karen (Darryl) Helenius, Carol (Mike) Thomson, Dana (Dan) Olson, Rhonda (Tom) Miller & Jane (Peter) Moe; a son, Dean Routh; many grandchildren & descendants, four sisters, Helen Wolfe, Lois Langfitt, Dorothy Scott & Rose Marie Ranthum; two brothers, William & James (Carrie) DeRosia.

**John Warren Longtine**, 90, Lake Nebagamon, who passed away May 18, 2018, born to Percy & Edna Longtine, WWII Vet, taught for 30 years, preceded in death by parents, brother Robert, son Jerome, daughter Judith, sisters Joyce, sons James (Pamela) & Jeffrey (Kerry) & many descendants.

**Delores H. Hanson**, 85, Poplar, who passed away on May 19, 2018 at the Timbers Edge Assisted Living facility in Ashland, born in 1932 in Poplar, lived in Poplar and Superior for most of her life, the daughter of Walter & Viola (Peumala) Hanson, friends of David and Patti Lindelof of Iron River,

**Maxine P. (Lindholm) Bong**, 87, Superior, who died May 20, 2018 at Villa Marina Health & Rehabilitation Center in Superior, born in 1930 in Hayward, daughter of Herman & Effie (Christ) Lindholm, married Harvey Bong in 1951, he the son of Henning Gust and Dagnar (Peterson) Bong, he son of Gust Bong from Poplar, preceded in death by husband, Harvey in 2014; brother, Wilber Lindholm & sister Joyce Scott, survived by sons, Greg (Lucy) Bong, Athabasca, Alberta Canada, Jeff (Shari) Bong, & Kevin (Wendy) Bong, both of Superior.

**Shirley A. (DeRosier) Hagberg**, 94, Fresno area California & Superior, who passed away May 12, 2018, born to Queen Kelly DeRosier & Robert C. DeRosier in Grand Rapids, MN in 1923, when young moved to Superior, became a nurse & served at Percy Jones Army Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan where they treated amputee soldiers during WWII, & when the war ended married a Navy pilot, Gene (Clarence Eugene) Hagberg, had three children in Superior & moved to Fremont in 1959 & later, Fort Ord area in central California where Gene was an air traffic controller, & family grew up there, preceded in death by husband, Gene in 2010, brothers Robert C. DeRosier Jr. & Richard K. DeRosier, survived by sons Clarence Jr. "Skip" (Jackie), Steve (Anne), Christopher (Shirley M.), & daughter Sue (Bill) Hedman, grandchildren & many descendants.

**Roberta J. (Anderson) Fraser**, 85, Lincoln, Nebraska, who passed away October 11, 2017, born in 1932, preceded in death by parents, Alfred and Clara Anderson, & husband, William Fraser, survived by brothers, Ernest (Kayo) Anderson (Mary Lou), Omaha, NE; and Bruce (Pete) Anderson, Marion, Iowa; aunt Irene Gigliotti, Superior, and many relatives; a graveside service held May 19 in the Lake Nebagamon (Wis.) Cemetery.

**Elizabeth (Betty) Wiesner**, 105, Superior, who passed away April 13, 2018 at Lake Meadows Comfort Care in Osage Beach, Missouri, preceded in death by her husbands Thomas J Walsh, Richard Rockwood, Alwin Wiesner, active in many Superior civic groups.

**Bob Matalik**, 72, Shell Lake, who died March 21, 2018 in his home, born in 1945, a graveside service was held May 19, 2018 in Lake Nebagamon.

**Ray Charles Edgette**, 71, St. Michael, MN, who passed away April 23, 2018, born in 1946 in Topeka, KS to Ray Lyle & Ruth Edgette, with first wife, Robyn (McCann) had three children, Wendy, Heidi, & Mark, preceded in death by parents, & first wife, Robyn (McCann) Kucera, survived by his companion, Jacqueline Scherber; children, Wendy Edgette, Heidi Edgette-Downs (David), Mark Edgette (Abby Seachrist); siblings, Carol Hosfield (Bob), Gordy Edgette (Jill), Connie Edgette, & many descendants, memorial service April 27, 2018 at St. Michael Catholic Church, St. Michael MN, & a celebration of life at the First Presbyterian Church in Lk Nebag, this summer with interment in LN.

**Edwin "Ed" E. Hall**, 96, Lake Nebagamon, who passed away April 22, 2018 at Cedar Ridge Assisted Living and Memory Care Center in Superior, born in 1921 in Hibbing to Judd and Ruth (Golden) Hall, served in the Navy during World War II, was employed as a typesetter in Chicago for many years, married Margaret Eldridge in 1946 in Younkers, NY, she passing in 2008, survived by a sister, Roberta Burgess, Fox Lake, IL, preceded in death by his wife, his parents, a sister Elaine Patallo and two brothers Wayne and Merlyn Hall, burial in Lake Nebagamon with military honors.

**Lorraine Edith (Nurmi) Mikkola**, 88, Superior and formerly of Oliver and Brule, who died April 3, 2018 at Villa Marina Health and Rehabilitation Center in Superior, born in 1930 in Superior to Werner and Anna (Saari) Nurmi, lived with Eino & Marie Aho in Maple after her mother's death in 1933,

married Alexander Mikkola in 1949 & lived in Brule, preceded in death by husband Alex, her parents, and sons Dale and Dennis Mikkola, survived by granddaughters, Melissa (Ryan) Toonen, Fairlawn, OH and Lindsay (Jon) Koschoreck, Baltimore, MD.

**Jeanne (Jack sino) McKenzie**, 74, passed away on April 16, 2018 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born June 1, 1943 in Superior, WI and grew up in Hawthorne and Poplar. Jeanne graduated from Northwestern High School and the University of Wisconsin Superior with a degree in education. She worked as an elementary school teacher in the Duluth School District for 30 years and especially loved teaching children to read. Jeanne retired from Rockridge Elementary School in 2008, preceded in death by parents Anthony and Lucille Jacksino, survived by daughters Michelle McKenzie (Jason Gillem) and Kristine McKenzie, her sister Bette Rooney

**Wesley William Willoughby**, 91, Iron River, who passed away April 16, 2018, born in Ashland in 1926, to Charles & Marion Willoughby, educated & lived in Iron River until serving in the Army in WWII in the South Pacific with the 77th Infantry division, married Beverly Wedenoja in 1948 who survives, a member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, preceded in death by 8 brothers and 4 sisters, & survived by four children and grandchildren.

**William "Bill" E. Johnson**, 73, Superior, who died April 12, 2018 in Villa Marina Health & Rehabilitation in Superior, born in San Francisco, CA, in 1944, son of William E. and Anna (Bjork) Johnson, and soon relocated to Superior, graduated from the former East High School, Class of 1963, and went on to serve in the US Army National Guard, united with Janet (Frederick) in marriage in 1971, survived by wife, Janet, Superior, special cousins Mike (Carol) Nelson, preceded in death by his parents and brother Dick Johnson, burial in Poplar Cemetery.

**Elmer Raymond "Butch" Lewan**, 88, Brule, who passed away April 7, 2018 at Twin Ports Health Services in Superior, WI, born in 1929 in Hamtramck, MI to the late Stanley & Frances (Szenraj) Lewan and raised in Lublin, WI on the family farm, moved after school to Chicago and was employed there for several years, before returning to central Wisconsin, beginning employment as a road inspector for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, then becoming a Conservation Officer (Game Warden) with the Wis DNR, upon retirement was active in work on the Tri-County Corridor, was musical & played the concertina, & was a great cook, a loyal friend to many, burial from the St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church in Lublin.

**Helen St. Onge**, 94, Superior, who died April 11, 2018 at St. Luke's Hospice in Duluth, MN, was born in 1923 in Superior & lived in East End, preceded in death by her husband Edmund St. Onge whom she married in 1946, by her parents, eight brothers and sisters and one grandchild, Danielle St Onge, survived by her two children, Lynette Boyles and Greg St. Onge; one granddaughter and three great grandchildren.

**Alice Virginia (Niemi) Erickson**, 96, San Diego CA, from Maple, WI who passed away May 25, 2018 in San Diego, born to Edward & Hulda (Sorvari-Mattson) Niemi, Maple, in 1921, their last surviving child & spouse, preceded in death by her parents, her husband Kenneth in 2011; two brothers, William (Shirley) Niemi and Paul (Virginia) Niemi; three sisters, Helen (Charles) Privette; Elna (Gunnard) Hermanson, Hulda "Anna" Esther "Honey" (Carl) Bong, Osseo, WI, and San Diego, CA, moved with Ken & family in 1960 to San Diego, where she taught in public schools & where she retired with many family in the region, survived by son Steven (Okcha), son Randall in France, & daughter Kristine in Australia, her much loved grandson, Kori, & his wife Ebony.

**Virginia G. (Kinney) Niemi**, 94, Prosper TX, San Diego, CA, from Maple, who died May 9, 2018 in San Diego, CA, born in Minnesota (Duluth?) to George and Grace Kinney in 1924 who moved to Maple about 1938 with Virginia starting then at Maple Corner School in the Eighth Grade, the year of the closure of the Maple School (Maple Town Hall), married Paul A. Niemi from Maple, and with their family became part of an exodus from Maple to the San Diego CA area in the late 1950s, parents by then of Pamela and Rebecca; had nurses training, worked in industry & management, remained in San Diego after Paul's death in 1997, and after retirement eventually moved to Texas to be close to family in her last years, preceded in death by her parents, husband & sister, Vivian L.(Paul) Ranta, survived by their daughters, and their families.

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

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**New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!**

**CALENDAR.**

- June 10**, Sunday. Trinity Luth. Church LN holds a pig roast welcoming Pastor Kyle back from Afghanistan. All invited.
- June 13**, Wednesday. 10:30 a.m. Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland. Wisconsin Hist. Soc. meeting of local historical societies. Open House & Reception: Christian W. Overland, new Exec. Director of the Wis. Hist. Soc. will be introduced & give a talk at 11:00. Jim P. is going & reserved 2 added spaces for OBHS. If interested give him a call.
- June 14**, Thursday, 6:00 p.m. Flag Day. OBHS General Meeting, Lakeside Town Hall. Pot luck, then Business Meeting. Midsummer set-up, tables and Town and Village exhibits. Nominating Committee begins work.
- June 15**, Friday. All day, Lakeside Town Hall. Midsummer meal prep & work day, windmill clean up. Tours at Windmill & Eskolin House 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- June 16**, Saturday. Midsummer (*Juhannus Juhlat*) Celebration, Windmill Grounds & Lakeside Town Hall. Dinner served 11-2 p.m. \$10 donation Adults, \$5 Children 6-12, 5 and under are free. Windmill Tours 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- June 17**, Sunday. Father's Day.
- June 21**, Thursday. First day of Summer.
- July 4**, Wednesday. Independence Day.
- July 11**, Wednesday. OBHS Board Meeting.
- July 21**, Saturday. Submissions due for *OBHS News*, August 2018 issue.
- August 24**, Friday. OBHS Annual Meeting. Maple Town Hall. Prep day for Bazaar Flea Market. (Tentative)
- August 25**, Saturday. OBHS Annual MSMA Benefit Bazaar Flea Market. Maple Town Hall Grounds. (Tentative)

**OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY WEB SITE ON LINE**

The Website Committee has been maintaining our Web site ([www.oldbrule.org](http://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.**