

OBHS News

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AT THE DAVIDSON WINDMILL SITE THIS COMING WEEKEND, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, TOURS 3-5 PM, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH TOURS 9 AM--5 PM WITH ITS BAKESALE, AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, TOURS 11 AM-3 PM (AND BAKESALE LEFTOVERS) WILL BE OUR ANNUAL APPLE FESTIVAL WEEKEND WINDMILL OPEN HOUSE. THE TOURS ARE FREE BUT DONATIONS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED. WE HOPE FOR GOOD WEATHER.

ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH WE WILL HOLD OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING AT THE MAPLE TOWN HALL. BEGINNING AT 6 PM WITH OUR POT LUCK LUNCH, FOLLOWED BY A PROGRAM ON REGIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY LED BY JIM PELLMAN WHICH HE'S CALLING "ALONG THE SOUTH SHORE OF GLACIAL LAKE DULUTH." WE HOPE TO HAVE HELP ON THIS FROM THE NORTHERN LAKES ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY. WE ENCOURAGE THE LOCAL PUBLIC TO BRING IN ANY OLD ARTIFACTS TO SHARE AND POSSIBLY IDENTIFY. WE WELCOME EVERYONE, YOUNG AND OLD. SLIDES WILL BE SHOWN.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Your editor is wearing a second hat again as OBHS Secretary. I want to thank Lila Ronn for her sterling efforts in that job over the past four years, which I believe was her second four year stint in that role. I also want to thank Matt Miller for the time he has put into our Treasurer's job. With all that is going on right now in OBHS this job may be the most demanding. He is still assisting in a reduced but hardly a less important guiding role. I wish him well in his heavy work duties. Mary Ann Gronquist has become one of our Vice Presidents to go with all the other duties she performs month after month to keep us together. We need to thank her for her many years of service to our group. Welcome to new Board Members Shirley Deterling of Poplar and Arlene Hill of Amnicon. - Jim Pellman

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

ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Archives/Collection Committee would welcome more volunteers to help in this important part of our OBHS mission. If you enjoy exacting work, exhibit design, accessioning 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 considerably as we transition to our MSMA site once ready over the next few months. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm our next Archives Committee meeting time and place. WELCOME!

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY

**Unapproved MINUTES for the 2019 ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019, Lake Nebagamon Village Auditorium**

A picnic lunch was enjoyed by all beginning at 1:00 p.m. Thanks to those volunteers who set up the tables and decorated on Saturday; to everyone who brought food to share; and to Doug Seis who volunteered his grilling skills. Thanks, also, to the Village of Lake Nebagamon for use of their auditorium and to Shirley U. for making arrangements.

Program: Immediately following our picnic, Dennis Hill continued his talk on *The Good Old Days, Unsweetened*. He noted early societal situations and the mindset of nations, and described the conditions that used to exist in farming, logging, and mining. He also emphasized that history repeats itself, although with variations.

Attendance: 28 signed the attendance roster.

BUSINESS MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 2:42 p.m.

MINUTES: Doreen moved to approve the Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting held at the Maple Town Hall on August 24, 2018. These minutes were printed in the October 2018 issue of the *OBHS News*. Following a second by Janine, these minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Matt Miller submitted the following report effective 09/10/2019:

Current Balance	Notes
GENERAL FUND: \$ 4,905.18 (Cash on hand: \$21.44)	Last meeting: \$3,901.40 (\$1,003.78) Income: \$2,917.95 Expenses - \$1,914.17 (including -\$161.80 for Sauna site cleanup) Outstanding debt: Sauna fund--\$2,688.20 (is there a bill for moving it?) OBHS Scholarship--\$250 (sent) Balance after outstanding income & debt: \$1,966.98
WINDMILL FUND: \$ 4,521.36	Last meeting: \$5,933.79 (-1,412.43) Income: \$374.26 Expenses: -1,786.69 Outstanding Income: \$1,000 Outstanding expenses - \$367.65 Shirts Unlimited Balance after outstanding income & debt: 5,153.71
MSMA FUND: \$8,972.31	Last meeting: \$6,406.74 (\$2,565.37) Income: \$2,633.23 Expenses: \$56.33 Outstanding debt: Repayment to CD--\$1,200.00 Balance after outstanding income and debt: \$7,772.31
DEPOT FUND: \$18,260.28	Last meeting: \$18,185.28 (\$75.00) Income: \$5,050.00 Expenses--\$4,975.00 Outstanding income: (0) Balance after outstanding income & debt: \$18,260.28
CD: \$4,688.94	Last meeting \$4,684.91 (\$4.03) Income (\$4.03) Outstanding income: MSMA fund repayment--\$1,200.00 Balance after outstanding income & debt: \$5,888.94. -
TOTAL: \$41,348.07	Last meeting: \$39,112.12 (\$2,235.95)

Other items:

1. \$1,000 of Sauna donations had been erroneously deposited into the Windmill account rather than the General account. The funds were moved between accounts to correct this and the resulting numbers are included in the Income and Expenses reported above for each account.
2. It was noted that the CD matures on October 16th. At that time, the repayment of \$1,200 from the MSMA fund can be added to the CD.

Audrey moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Alice. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

ARCHIVES/WEBSITE: This committee remains semi-dormant until working space is available at MSMA. Thanks to Earl who continues to update our Website from his home computer. Thanks to all who have donated materials this year.

MEMBERSHIPS: Membership renewals can now be paid for the upcoming year. Membership continues to remain constant. For reports on total membership, we sum all categories (individual, family, and business) by individual count.

MSMA PROJECT: Three fundraisers since the 2018 Annual Meeting have helped raise the MSMA Balance from \$308 to the current balance of \$4,000, including the net profit on our 2019 Flea Market, allowing us to repay our \$1200 loan from the CD, and to move forward with our heating system and other construction activities particularly in the basement, where heat is essential for continued work in the cold months, allowing us to get back to archiving. As funds permit we would like to see our front porch installed before snow. Jim's long-range plans include more fundraising events for our septic system. A sand-point served the schools and town halls, and an over-flowing crock in the Bardon Creek headwaters stream. Dennis stressed the importance of installing windows, completing the porch, and in general, minimizing deterioration of the building.

WINDMILL/GROUNDS: Ron H. reported that he has met with another potential painter who is recommending two-part paint, a paint that is best for sealing steel structures. His plan would include all prep work which would involve about half of the total labor cost. Ron will provide us with his final recommendation soon.

BLUEBERRY DEPOT PROJECT: The Depot is currently on blocks on the Windmill Site awaiting Douglas County decision on adjustment/variance.

SAUNA PROJECT: Before we can proceed further, we must determine the location of the sauna.

Jim P. recommended it be located to the west and right behind the Eskolin House. While this is a narrow site, it is a small building. Placing the sauna here would be historically true to traditional locations behind the farm home. This site would require additional fill, and it was also noted that it would be more difficult for some of our visitors to access.

Ron H. recommended that it be located on the west side of the Eskolin House, between the bridge and the storage site. This site is relatively flat and would be less expensive than placing it behind the Eskolin House.

Dennis showed the exact placement of these recommendations on maps he had purchased from the County.

Ron H. made a motion that we locate the sauna to the west side of the Eskolin House, between the bridge and the storage site. Second provided by Jim M. A hand count resulted in 18 votes in support of the motion, 1 vote against, and 5 abstentions. The motion passed.

MERCHANDISE & PUBLICATIONS: *Boys of the Brule* is proving popular and another order will be needed. Nan's Cable Publishing may be out of the first printing shortly. We may need more intermediate shirt sizes before our October Windmill Open House during Bayfield Applefest weekend. We need to examine our website to ensure our offers there are in line with what we have in stock; prices may have to be adjusted in some cases. One of the first things to go into our finished MSMA basement will be a very small gift shop with inventory, and a blurb to say it's open.

FRIENDS OF OBHS: Currently, there are 1037 members on this Facebook group site which is independent of OBHS. Thanks to Janine Seis and Nancy Moreland for their continuing work on this site on our behalf.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OPENINGS FOR 2019-2020: We have five open slots to fill this year. Only our alternates on the list of those who are leaving in that role are eligible. We will need a full time treasurer and possibly two assistants. **We thank those retiring for their generous service to our group and to our local history.** Audrey Hakkila, Shirley-Kankas-Umolac, Janine Seis, and Lila Ronn will be departing, taking lots of experience with them, at least for one year. They were charged with seeking out replacements for themselves. (Matt Miller is remaining on the Board for the following year, but is resigning the position of Treasurer.) **See Board Action List TABLE with September Board Minutes below.**

Alternates that have accepted nominations to the Board include Shirley Deterling and Arlene Hill. Other possible nominees were suggested, but their acceptance is pending. Jody moved to accept the list of nominees for installation. Second by Mary Ann. Motion passed to install these nominees.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Thanks to the current Committee Chairs for their fine service:

Archives (including Website)	(OPEN) Audrey Hakkila, Poplar
Membership	(OPEN) Janine Seis, Lake Nebagamon
Publications	Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland (with Jim Pellman)
Davidson Windmill, Eskolin House, Taylor's Bridge	Dennis Hill, Amnicon; Jim Pellman, Maple (with Brian Paulsen & Ron Hendrickson)
MSMA	Jim Pellman, Dennis Hill, & Committee member Jan Conley
Merchandise	(OPEN) Shirley Kankas-Umolac

New faces will have to fill several of these positions. Only Committee Chairs have to be on the Board. Those marked OPEN will continue on the committee shown as they wish as members. We should formalize a Finance Committee with our Treasurer as Chair and his/her Assistants as Vice-Chairs.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

BYLAWS & JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Jim Pellman will head the committee looking at the currency of our by-laws and of our Standing Committees and Board Officer Job descriptions. The responsibilities of each of the Chairperson's responsibilities need to be well defined. Jim Mattson has offered to help in this review, especially as it relates to the Office of Treasurer and the responsibilities this position entails. This will be a winter job, but anyone interested in helping would be very welcome. The Works files used in 1998 to produce the by-laws documents do not open well, so part of the process will be to re-digitize them. Chairs may be interviewed to get their "takes" on their responsibilities.

BUDGET REVIEW: This review needs to be worked on promptly in light of the loss of our Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR BIFFY: It was noted that the biffy that has arrived does not appear to be new. Basil will look into the matter.

UPCOMING DATES:

OBHS BOARD MEETING -- Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at the Eskolin House. Board Officers for 2019-2020 will be elected.

WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE TOURS—Third Saturday, September 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Dennis & Arlene will be in the Eskolin House; Jim, Bruce, Brian, & Ron plan to be at the site and available for Windmill tours.

BAYFIELD APPLE FESTIVAL & OPEN HOUSE PLANNING:

Fri., October 4th -Tours from 3-5 p.m.: Sat. October 5th—Tours from 9:00 a.m. --5:00 p.m.: Bake Sale from 9 a.m. --5:00 p.m.
(Deliver Baked Goods Need by 9:00 a.m. Saturday); Sunday, October 6th-- Tours from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Bake Sale (left overs) from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Jim M. moved to adjourn. Second by Alice. President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila 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 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. Nan's new title from Cable Publishing, *Boys of the Brule*, is now available.

**Unapproved MINUTES for the SEPTEMBER 2019 OBHS BOARD MEETING
ESKOLIN HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 11 2019, 6:00 PM.**

Attendance: Dennis Hill, Mary Ann Gronquist, Shirley Deterling, Bruce Carlson, Arlene Hill, Jim Pellman, Matt Miller, Basil Edgette, Patricia Hursh, Jim Mattson. **Supper:** We shared an excellent light supper, and thanks to all who brought food to share. In light of the few days since our Annual Meeting its agenda and Treasurer's Report were updated and used here as an outline.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: As we finished our meal President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Election and Installation of final Board Member if available. No added nominees were present (see Board action chart below for reference) so we proceeded to **Election of Board Officers for 2019-2020 year.** All installations were by acclamation after Dennis repeated the call for more nominees three times. Dennis Hill agreed to serve again as President. Our 1st Vice President position remained vacant, but Mary Ann Gronquist agreed to serve as 2nd Vice President. Jim Pellman having come out of retirement at the Annual Meeting, agreed to serve as Secretary, Patricia Hursh shifted from 1st Vice President to Treasurer, being elevated from Assistant Treasurer. Jim was to contact Gary and Sandy Garlie regarding possible service on the Board.

MINUTES: Motion by Jim Mattson to approve the July 2019 OBHS Board Meeting Minutes which was held at the Eskolin House on July 10, 2019 as printed in the August 2019 issue of the *OBHS News*, second by Trish. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: submitted at the 2019 Annual Meeting, September 8, 2019 by Treasurer Matt Miller who agreed to read the report:

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Motion made by Mary Ann to accept the Treasurer's 2019 Annual Report as presented and approved there with updates included here above for this September Board Meeting. Seconded by Jim M. Motion carried.

The need for new signature cards was addressed as an addendum to this report. Trish Hursh, now Treasurer was automatically added to the signature list. The number of signers was to stay at four. Janine Seis and Shirley Kankas-Rouleau having retired from the Board were to be removed as signers. Dennis & Matt, would be retained, one other not yet named would be added. The issue of renewing our CD with the addition to it of the repayment of \$1,200 from the MSMA account was addressed. Matt moved that after October 16th the Treasurer would close the current CD and a new CD would be purchased with the MSMA debt restored (approximate total \$5,888.94) from National Bank of Commerce. Seconded by Jim P. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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MEMBERSHIPS: Membership renewals can now be paid for the upcoming year. Membership continues to remain constant. For reports on total membership, we sum all categories (individual, family, and business) by individual count.

MSMA PROJECT: Three fundraisers since the 2018 Annual Meeting and a large anonymous donation for the MSMA heating system have helped raise the MSMA Balance from \$308 to the current balance of **\$8,972.31**, including the net profit on our 2019 Flea Market, allowing us to repay our \$1,200 loan from the CD, leaving a net **\$7,772.31**, and to move forward with our heating system and other construction activities, front porch, windows & siding, and particularly in the basement and vault, where heat is essential for continued work in the cold months, allowing our archivists to get back to the serious business of archiving. Funds permit us to see our front porch installed before snow. Longer term will be more fundraising events for our septic system. A sand-point well once served the schools and town halls, and an over-flowing crock in the Bardon Creek headwaters stream served the local people at a Maple Town Park cooking pit at the edge of the stream. Times change but we need to look fully into our options. Discussed was the need for access to the funds now held in the MSMA account to facilitate coming projects. Motion by Jim M. saying that it is the consensus of the Board that the MSMA facility be completed enough that by December 31, 2019, the Archives Committee will be able to begin using the heated Archiving area in the MSMA facility basement. Seconded by Jim P. and others. The motion carried. The Treasurer was to apply for a Menard's charge card and to make that available to MSMA Chair Jim Pellman. It was understood that \$5,000 was now available in the MSMA account for construction use.

WINDMILL/GROUNDS: Revisited Windmill Committee Structure, members and Chair. Windmill Painting Project ahead? At annual meeting Ron H. mentioned 2 part paint formula. The discussion went to historically appropriate repairs to the Windmill and restrictions under National Register standards.

BLUEBERRY DEPOT PROJECT: Revisited Blueberry Depot Committee Structure, Members & Chair. On Windmill site on blocks. Awaiting Douglas County decision on variance. Ron H. and Brian P. will still be working on the project.

SAUNA PROJECT: Revisited Sauna Committee Structure, Members & Chair. The pioneering Heikkurainens are believed to be the builders of the sauna. It might be reasonable to name the sauna for them. On Windmill site on blocks. At the 2019 Annual Meeting a vote of 18 to 1 with 5 abstaining relocated the sauna more west, clearing the view of Eskolin House. Rejected was the location Jim P. continues to favor west of the Eskolin House. Jim P. would like to raise questions about the accuracy of the map used to explain the vote. Based upon prior surveys, before the Eskolin House was moved in, the house was within setback limits. Somehow it is now 10 feet into that space. Are our maps correct along the south line?

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2020 Calendar? Map? (These two issues were not addressed at the Annual Meeting.) Motion by Matt Miller, seconded by Bruce Carlson to allow Jim to produce the 2020 Calendar. Motion carried. The Pollari memorial map is still moving. Jim reported he will have to add some railroad features by hand.

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2019 Board Member Action List

Board Roster and terms:	Came on Board	Term-Rem.	Departure from Board	Action for 2019
Audrey Hakkila, Poplar, 2nd VP	2015	2-0	Aug. 2019	Replaced
Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Lake Nebagamon	2015	2-0	Aug. 2019	Replaced
Janine Seis, LN, AZ, Ass't Treasurer	2015	2-0	Aug. 2019	Replaced
Lila Ronn, Lakeside, retiring Secretary	2015 (Dec.)	2-0	Aug. 2019	Replaced
Matt Miller, Superior, (retiring as Treas.)	2016	2-0	Aug.2020	Replaced as Treas. Only
Dennis Hill, Amnicon, President	2016	2-1	Aug. 2020	None
Jim Mattson, Poplar	2017	2-2	Aug. 2021	Renewed
Bruce Carlson, Parkland	2017	2-2	Aug. 2021	Renewed
Jodi Swanson, Brule	2017	2-2	Aug. 2021	Renewed
Trish Hursh, Poplar, (retiring 1st VP. Treasurer)	2017	2-2	Aug. 2021	Renewed
Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland	2018	1-1	Aug. 2022	None
Charlene Harms, Duluth, Alternate	2015	2-0	Aug. 2019	Retired
Lois Pollari, LN, AZ, Alternate	2015	2-0	Aug. 2019	Retired
Jim Pellman-Maple, again Active., Secretary	2019	1-2	Aug. 2023	Done
Shirley Deterling, Poplar	2019	1-2	Aug. 2023	Done
Arlene Hill, Amnicon	2019	1-2	Aug. 2023	Done
OPEN (Need one more board candidate)				Not done

Shirley Deterling, Arlene Hill, and Jim Pellman were nominated and elected by acclamation to the Board.

Motion remains to elect/install one added nominee. Members Sandy and Gary Garlie were brought up as possible nominees. Jim will contact them. Brian Paulson has firmly declined nomination.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Thanks to the outgoing Committee Chairs for their fine service:

- Archives (including Web-site).....Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland Jim Pellman, Maple, (Earl Granroth, Lakeside Committee member Audrey Hakkila, Poplar)
- Membership.....Jim Pellman (Committee member Janine Seis, Lake Nebagamon, & Arizona)
- Publications.....Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland (with Jim Pellman,)

Davidson Windmill, Eskolin House,
Taylor's Bridge...(Windmill Grounds).... Dennis Hill, Amnicon; Jim Pellman, Maple (with
Brian Paulson & Ron Hendrickson, "Project managers")
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BUDGET REVIEW: We need to work on this promptly in light of the loss of our old Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS:

SYMPATHY & ENCOURAGEMENT Family and friends of the late Betty (Sorenson) Eliason, Superior, and of David James Deck, 64, of Poplar.

COMING MEETINGS: General Meeting: October 9, 2019, Maple Town Hall (confirmed).6 p.m. Program. To be determined. NLAS Archaeology? Board Meeting: November 13, 2019. Location: TBA.

COUNTY VARIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Schedule has arrived with OBHS on top of the agenda. 28 September 2019.

BAYFIELD APPLE FESTIVAL WINDMILL OPEN HOUSE PLANNING: Baked goods are needed for our bake sale on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Mary Ann has found volunteers to cover all slots for Friday to Sunday.

MISSION COVENANT CHURCH WINDMILL TOUR: Dennis announced that a group led by Floyd Peters of his Poplar church would like a routine special tour of the Windmill Grounds. This would be on Thursday, October 17th from 10 a.m. until about Noon. Our tour guides and house hosts will be contacted.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Jim Mattson to adjourn. Motion carried. Dennis adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Pellman, Secretary

1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2019 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 soon, slowed by the loss of Laila Magnuson. Limited numbers are available. Please contact Janet Follis, P.O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820, at (715) 372-4948. Our 2019 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are for sale at \$9.00 each. Earlier individual issues are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2016), 2017 at \$6.00, & 2018 at \$7.00 in limited numbers, & ~~\$30~~ \$15 on sale for a packet of all of the first 12 years. 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, this year yet, at Round Up North in Brule, Poplar Hardware, Aroma's Restaurant in Maple but sadly, with the Poplar Village Market, now closed permanently. Or check with Jim in Maple at 715-363-2549. We also seek more advertisers. The 2020 issue has been approved and priced again at \$9.00

Area History: No. 130

This photo is from the month of December in the 2019 edition of the OBHS Calendar.

Uptown Maple Kids, c. 1930. In 1930 Wisconsin State Highway 10 had been displaced in the construction of US Highway 2 both of which ran over the bed of the old Superior-Bayfield Road built about 1870. This main east-west route ran right in front of the combined Maple School and Town Hall of Maple building, constructed in 1921, replacing the first Maple School and the Brule, later, Maple Town Hall, in 1907, built in 1889 and 1890 respectively. This group of neighborhood children attended school in the structure and are sitting in the snow in the front yard of the building. The OBHS Monticello School Museum and Archives now occupies the old school and town hall lot. Tentatively identified here are young daughters of Ed & Hulda Niemi, who owned the Red and White Store next door, and possibly one of the Rinnet boys, probably Toivo, second from the left. Seen behind is the new Edward George Doherty house, built of salvaged materials from E. G. Doherty's old house and general store. His fruit and apple orchard was just west or left of the house here in this picture, which always presented a temptation in the fall to kids walking home to their farm homes clustered near the village. *Photo in the OBHS Archives from the collection of Aune Pollari, wife of Charlie.*



~ NOTICES ~

MEMBERS: Dues collection for 2020 began at our Annual Meeting on September 8, 2019 at the Lake Nebagamon Auditorium. Please fill in your volunteer hours on your hours Blue Sheets for August 2018-July 2019 and for the 2019-2020 for turn in at the end of July 2020 if you haven't yet. Please contact Jim P., our Secretary, for a new Blue Sheet or see our website for forms. **You can also turn in your forms by scanning them and shipping them to Jim as an image via email to musketeer6@cheqnet.net, or to Jim on Facebook messenger.**

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: To **Maureen (Hermanson) Young** of La Mesa, California, for her second recent generous gift to the MSMA Fund. To **Ernest Pellman** for donation of a store ledger for we believe the Autio-Olson Store across from the Corner School in Maple with entries from northern Maple from around 1905. Tucked in the book was a ballot ticket for the Town of Maple from its first town election in April 1907.

CONGRATULATIONS to Member **Lois Pollari** of Lake Nebagamon on her 90th Birthday, celebrated last week with family and friends at the home of Janine & Doug Seis.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY: Encouragement and Sympathy to family & friends of the many, listed here, whom we have lost recently: **Melvin L. Maki**, 87, Superior & Lake Minnesuing, who died September 30, 2019 at Villa Marina in Superior, born in a sauna in Superior in 1931, son of Emil and Maymie (Maijala) Maki, graduated from East High School in Superior, served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict, married Marian Siekkinen in Superior in 1955 who passed away this June, family members of OBHS, worked in farming, on the railroad and owned and operated a gas station in Duluth with his brother, James, owned and operated ServiceMaster in Superior and Duluth, from 1960 until retirement in 1996, survived by children Tod, Dannette, Kevin & Kate, 5 grandchildren & 5 great-grandchildren & brother James, & besides wife Marian preceded in death by brother William, services in Superior Zion Lutheran on October 5, 2019.

Lowell W. Banks, 91, Superior, who died September 29, 2019, born in 1928 to Clara and Louis Banks of Bennett, WI, grew up in the depression with 7 siblings, Dallas, Eva, Ray, Richmond, Marvel, Bea and Marvin, was the UW-Registrar since 1975, retiring in 1991, earlier served as student teaching supervisor and coordinator of professional experience, received a Master's degree at UW-Superior & his BS degree from UW Madison, taught at St Croix and Northwestern High schools from 1953 to 1959, when he was appointed assistant superintendent of schools for the Maple School District, served in the US Navy during World War II as Navy Seaman 1st Class, was preceded in death by his wives, Phyllis Marie and Mary Ellen; daughter, Julie Ann; his parents; and 5 siblings, survived by son Larry Banks & daughter, Cheri (Terry) Olson; step daughter, Jane Howard; 8 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, service October 7, 2019, at Faith United Methodist Church,

Betty (Sorenson) Eliason, 98, Superior, Mesa AZ, Lake Minnesuing, who passed away September 18, 2019, born in 1921 in Superior to James and Minnie (Bonde) Sorenson, attended Peter Cooper School and various Detroit, Michigan Schools while her father worked on the Great Lakes, returned to Superior where she graduated from Central High School, married LeRoy (Roy) Eliason in 1949 who passed in 2016, owned and operated Ideal Drug Store on 5th street & Ogden Avenue and later People's Drug Store, was active in her communities, survived by children & grandchildren, preceded in death by her husband Roy; parents; siblings James and Irene, services at Trinity Lutheran in Lake Nebagamon on October 12, 2019.

David James Deck, 64, Poplar, WI, who passed away unexpectedly on September 5, 2019, with family at his side, born in Duluth in 1954, son of Richard and Ellen (Levanpa) Deck, married to Debbie Minarfe for over 43 years, worked as a furniture refinisher with the Dayton-Hudson Corporation for over 25 years, where he was appreciated for his exceptional work, teaching abilities and great sense of humor survived by wife Debbie; brothers, Dan (Cindy) and Richard Deck, both of Superior, WI; brother-in-law, Al Minar, Minnetonka, MN; sister-in-law, Cindy Neby, Duluth, preceded in death by his parents & brother Mike Deck.

Susan J (Zacny) Perala, 63, Maple, who died August 26, 2019, was born in 1955 to Joseph and Mary Zacny, married Randy Perala in 1977, worked for Menards as a greeter, was artistic, followed the Chicago Cubs, her favorite team, preceded in death by husband Randy, and her parents, survived by a half sister Mary June Ruikis, & friends Julie & Mariah Studinski & Marlene Makela, with a remembrance at the Maple Town Hall on September 14, 2019.

Althea M. (Bloom) Parsons, 83, Poplar, who died August 26, 2019 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, born in Superior in 1936, daughter of Aaron & Edith (Paulson) Bloom, a graduate of NWHS class of 1954, united in marriage to Robert Parsons in Poplar in 1964, who died in 2015, worked as a secretary at Minnesota Power & L, survived by her sister, Janice Halli, Duluth, preceded in death by husband Robert & her parents.

Roy J. Erickson, 91, Superior, who died August 26, 2019 at Twin Ports Health and Rehab Center, born in 1928 son of Matt and Freda Erickson, worked for the BNSF and as a longshoreman, enjoyed when they lived on the farm in Poplar and raised animals, preceded in death by his parents, son, Michael, sister Evelyn Gella, and brothers, William Erickson and Matt Erickson, survived by wife Eleanor, children, Ann (Gary) Trelstad of Dodge Center, MN, Ellen (David) Balarabe of Laurel, MD, David Erickson of Superior; Steve Erickson of Superior, James (Amy) Erickson of Clayton, WI; and Paula (Stan) Heuer of Esko; 9 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jane Holm of Portland, OR.

Georgia (Lane) Nord, 103, Superior, who died August 20, 2019 at Villa Marina Health and Rehab Center, born in 1916 in Bemidji, MN, the daughter of George and Josephine Lane, preceded in death by her husband Edward, son, Thomas Nord, 15 brothers and sisters, survived by her children, Edward Nord of Superior, Joy Smith of Superior, (Tom) Reil of Big Lake, MN and Susan (Gary Johnson) Olson of Duluth; sisters, Dorothy Aubut of Duluth and Jean Hoglund of California; 17 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren & 62 great-great grandchildren. The Nord's were descended from Chief Joseph Osaugie.

John Moran, 72, Iron River, WI, who died August 19, 2019 in Ashland, born in 1946,

Richard "Dick" L. Miner, 76, Superior, who died August 16, 2019 at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth, born in 1943 in Superior, son of Jack and Evelyn Miner, in 1964 in Superior married Jeanette Rixman, worked many years as an operator for Continental Grain Elevators in Superior, loved music, sang and played lead guitar, preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jack, Norman, Charles and Warren; and sisters, Jean and Joyce, survived by his wife, sons, Jerry (Stacey) Miner, Superior, Tom Miner, Superior, and Tony (Suzy) Miner, Danbury, WI, 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, sister, Sharon (Jerry) Colton, Poplar.

Mark R. Brown, 59, Superior, who passed away August 11, 2019 at the Rem Facility in Superior, born in 1960 in Toledo, OH, son of Richard & Jane (Beeksma) Brown, graduated from NWHS in 1979, was on the football team and wrestling team, runner-up in his weight class in WIAA wrestling in 1978, worked for Feradyne Outdoors, enjoyed steelhead fishing, fishing on Lake Superior, and hunting, survived by his father, Richard Brown, Washburn, 4 siblings, Susan (Gary) Pearson, Lake Nebagamon, Michael (Crystal) Brown, Maple, Brian (Angie) Brown, South Range, and Jodi (Owen) Walker, Iron River, preceded in death by his mother, maternal grandparents, Opie and Lillian Beeksma, and paternal grandparents, Baldie and Harriet Brown.

Lovey "Rockie" L. Odberg, 78, Lake Nebagamon, who died August 7, 2019, in Solvay Hospice House, Duluth, born in 1940 in Grand Rapids, MN, daughter of Gordon and Love (Hicks) Johnson, was united in marriage to Odell Odberg in 1961, was the executive secretary of the Education & Research Department at the Essentia Health - Duluth Clinic, was an artist and enjoyed painting, golfing, fishing and gardening, survived by her husband, Odell; daughters, Kathleen Hope, Fountain Hills, AZ, and Diane (Kyle) Gustafson, Esko, MN; sons, Michael (Annabelle) Odberg, Cradon, WI, & Kevin (Jane) Odberg, Midlothian, VA; 7 grandchildren, 5 brothers & 1 sister, preceded in death by her father, Gordon and his wife, the mother who raised her, Dorothy Johnson; and mother, Love Rocha.

And who have we missed or forgotten? May all those mentioned Rest in Peace.

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All interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society are encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may also contact any member of the Board at the return address above, or our Treasurer, at the same address. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, \$50 for businesses, payable after each Annual Meeting in August for the twelve months of the following calendar year. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

CALENDAR.

October 4-6, Friday through Sunday. Annual OBHS Davidson Windmill Apple Festival Weekend Open House and Saturday Bake Sale. Hours: Friday: 3-5 p.m. Saturday: 9-5 p.m. and Sunday 11-3 p.m.

October 9, Wednesday 6 p.m. OBHS October General Meeting. 6 p.m. Pot luck lunch, Program: "Along the South Shore of Glacial Lake Duluth". Maple Town Hall. Jim Pellman with slides and help from No. Lakes Arch. Soc.

October 14, Monday. Columbus Day.

October 31, Thursday. Halloween.

November 3, Sunday. Daylight Saving Time Ends.

November 5, Tuesday. Election Day.

November 13. Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS November Board Meeting. Location TBA.

November 20, Wednesday. Materials due for the December issue of the *OBHS News*.

November 28, Thursday. Thanksgiving Day.

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY WEB SITE ON LINE

The Website Committee has been maintaining our Web site (www.oldbrule.org). **Earl Granroth** continues to make regular updates, and **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** in **Superior** is our Web host at no charge to us.

Thanks again to Earl G. and Jon W.