

# OBHS News

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Jim Mattson, Poplar, President**  
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**THE 2020 OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE LAKE NEBAGAMON AUDITORIUM UPSTAIRS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020 at 6 P.M.** Due to the continued general restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic placed upon group activities and meetings throughout the State and Nation, we will again hold our meeting without a speaker or program or pot luck luncheon. We will require all attending to wear a face mask, and social distancing will have to be enforced. The Auditorium allows us the room to better protect those who attend. The event will be limited to a Business Meeting which will include continued nominations for two vacant positions on the Board and other essential matters. There has been a recent steady rise in Corona virus cases in Douglas County which have risen to 569, but fortunately we have seen no deaths. Attempts are being made to normalize life with school openings on a modified scale. A vaccine is still in the future. Much mail is arriving encouraging voting by absentee ballot. We hear less and less in the mainstream press about the rioting with more coverage on the hurricanes, election debates, and Supreme Court vacancies. Social media continues to find hot spots. OBHS will go forward with cautious steps for now.

## FROM THE EDITOR:

The Monticello School Museum and Archives is steadily moving forward now with a restored front porch and a new front platform which was designed with safety and handicap needs and standards in mind. A French Gothic cedar picket fence surrounds the perimeter of the platform. This brings to mind the same type of picket fence and platform that surrounded the front of the 1889 Maple School and next door Brule Town Hall that we see in old photographs. In one view we see the old platform covered with school children. That school building on the old Bayfield Road may have hosted a few early Town of Brule monthly meetings until the first Brule Town Hall was built the following year in 1890 in the days after 1887 when the Town stretched along the Northern Pacific Railroad from near the current State Weigh Station coming out of the City of Superior on US Highway 2 and State Highway 53, all the way to the Bayfield County line just east of the current village of Brule and the Brule River which gave the Town its name. The Monticello School was also a Town of Brule School having been built on land from the Isaac Rautio homestead farm on Section 6 Road one and a half miles north of the current Lakeside Town Hall and Garage. Old Brule had several school districts to serve students in these far flung parts of the Town which was run from the Town Hall in Maple until April of 1907 when the new town of Maple took over the building. The (first) Town of Amnicon including the Wentworth hamlet and the village of Poplar was formed the prior year. Poplar couldn't capitalize the "v" in village until 1917. Recently to help the project along Dale Erkkila and daughter Hannah donated the birch hardwood floor from their old summer kitchen which stood close to the last site of the school on their Lakeside farm, and Lois Pollari gave another generous donation to see that work reaches completion. Paul Colby has just offered his hands in the work, which will come in handy, lifting sheet rock, due later this winter. As I work installing the old siding from the Maple Finn Hall donated by Axel and Patsy Wiitala I can't help think of the people in that hall holding plays in the days when dramatic entertainment was self-service. Hopefully records in Finnish long hidden in a trunk will emerge to tell us this part of the story in detail. Thanks to all.

- Jim Pellman

## ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Archives/Collection Committee would welcome more volunteers to help in this important part of our OBHS mission. If you enjoy using computers, 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 despite the pandemic & now urban riots. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm our next Archives Committee meeting time and place. I will be contacting those who have offered to volunteer when it is safe. WE WELCOME YOUR HELP and historical donations.

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**OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY**  
**Unapproved MINUTES for the AUGUST ANNUAL MEETING**  
**AMNICON TOWN HALL**  
**AUGUST 12, 2020**

**Attendance:** Stripped of program, luncheon and any special reports of group activities and fund raising events, we had few takers for the annual meeting invitation. Eight gathered to review the past year's progress on our sites and doings, contrasted with the approval of Minutes of last year's achievements. We all wore face masks, and observed social distancing. Thanks to the Town of Amnicon for use of their Town Hall, and to Dennis Hill for making arrangements. Attending were Dennis and Arlene Hill, Jim Pellman, Audrey Hakkila, Shirley Deterling, Ron Hendrickson, Mary Ann Gronquist. Matt Miller. Bruce Carlson called unable to make it.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Dennis Hill called the Business Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Audrey Hakkila, seconded by Mary Ann Gronquist to approve the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting held at the Lake Nebagamon Village Auditorium on September 8, 2019 as published in the October 2019 issue of the *OBHS News*. The motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Arlene Hill will gave our Treasurer's Report showing current balances for our four checking accounts, our CD balance and Total Cash Assets:

<b>General:</b>	<b>\$658.97</b>
<b>MSMA:</b>	<b>\$8,581.89</b>
<b>Windmill:</b>	<b>\$4,791.42</b>
<b>Depot:</b>	<b>\$14,341.62</b>
<b>CD:</b>	<b><u>\$5,908.29</u></b>
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	<b><u>\$34,282.19</u></b>

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Mary Ann Gronquist, seconded by Ron Hendrickson. 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 archive materials this year. Thanks to all for used construction materials. We will have a vintage look when complete.

**MEMBERSHIPS:** These remain steady, but membership drives are in order with the aging of our group. Memberships can now be paid for the coming year.

**MSMA PROJECT:** Our KroBar Fundraiser in March was a success and though we have not been able to hold fundraisers since our account balance remains over \$8,000 which should allow us to move the project forward through summer and fall and into this winter. Our front porch is nearly complete and window installation and the hanging of siding will follow. The heating system will follow together with a restroom on each floor. Jim's long-range plans will include more fundraising events for our septic system. In the past a sand-point served the schools and town halls, as did an over-flowing crock in the Bardon Creek headwaters stream. We will look for the best system for our time with very modest needs. A septic holding tank will be unavoidable in the setting. Estimates for that system are over \$6,000. (Chad at Superior Septic Systems).

**WINDMILL/GROUNDS:** Painting of the mill was put on hold. The Blueberry Depot was moved to the grounds as was the Erkkila/Heikkurainen Sauna after an extended permitting process. The biffy was pumped, paid for by Basil Edgette (\$50).

**BLUEBERRY DEPOT PROJECT:** The Depot is currently on its foundation and is now being brought back to original appearance. The Hendrickses held a private rummage sale which raised funds dedicated to the sauna and depot projects. They raised \$2,900, with generous donations of items from Bob K. Duane Colby will be sought for chimney work for the structures.

**SAUNA PROJECT:** The sauna is now on its foundation and assessments are being made as to log restoration. It should be an easier process to replace logs as they are not dove-tailed but straight cuts.

**MERCHANDISE & PUBLICATIONS:** All sales have been affected by the Virus Pandemic with tour and event cancellations. This remains an active problem to this moment and for the foreseeable future. We may need more intermediate shirt sizes eventually. 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. We wait to see MSMA brought on line with a stable year round presence and more routine public traffic which will call for a gift shop with all of the OBHS inventory on hand.

**FRIENDS OF OBHS:** Currently, there are 1172 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 2020-2021:** We have two open slots to fill this year: President Dennis Hill and Matt Miller will be leaving after four years (two full terms). We will need an Assistant Treasurer. We thank Dennis and Matt for their generous service to our group and to our local history. They were charged with seeking out replacements for themselves. Thus far they have not had success. We will bring this up at our next General Meeting.

**2020 Board Member Action List**

<u>Board Roster and terms:</u>	<u>Came on Board</u>	<u>Term-Rem.</u>	<u>Departure from Board</u>	<u>Action for 2020</u>
Matt Miller, Superior, (retiring as <b>Asst. Treas.</b> )	2016	2-0	Aug. 2020	Need Replacement
Dennis Hill, Amnicon (retiring as <b>President</b> )	2016	2-0	Aug. 2020	Need Replacement

Jim Mattson, Poplar	2017	2-1	Aug. 2021	None
Bruce Carlson, Parkland	2017	2-1	Aug. 2021	None
Jody Swanson, Brule	2017	2-1	Aug. 2021	None
Trish Hursh, Poplar,	2017	2-1	Aug. 2021	None
Jim Pellman-Maple, (again Active) <b>Secretary</b>	2019	1-1	Aug. 2023	Done
Joe Autio, Superior	2019	1-1	Aug. 2023	Done
Shirley Deterling, Poplar	2019	1-1	Aug. 2023	Done
Arlene Hill, Amnicon, <b>Treasurer</b>	2019	1-1	Aug. 2023	Done
Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland, <b>2nd VP</b>	2019	1-1	Aug 2023	Done
<b>OPEN</b> (Need two nominees)	2020	1-2	Aug 2024	<b>OPEN</b>
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A 1st VP had not been named in 2019.

Bruce Carlson was mentioned as a possible 1<sup>st</sup> VP candidate as was Trish. Lila Ronn mentioned as someone who should be asked to take a Board seat once healed from surgery. The Bergstens should also be approached.

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

Archives (including Website) .....	Jim Pellman, Maple with Audrey Hakkila & Earl Granroth, Jim Mattson.
Membership.....	Arlene Hill with help of Jim Pellman.
Publications.....	Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland, Jim Pellman, Maple
Davidson Windmill, Eskolin House, Sauna, Depot Taylor's Bridge .....	Jim Pellman, Maple (with Brian Paulson & Ron Hendrickson, Dennis Hill)
MSMA.....	Jim Pellman, with Jan Conley and Dennis Hill
Merchandise.....	Mary Ann, Jim Pellman, Shirley Umolac

Only Committee Chairpersons have to be on the OBHS Board. We should formalize a Finance Committee with our Treasurer as Chair and his/her Assistants as Vice-Chairs.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS:**

**BYLAWS & JOB DESCRIPTIONS, BUDGET REVIEW:** Jim Pellman as ad hoc Committee chair has looked at our by-laws and finds them OK. Our Standing Committees and Board Officer Job descriptions still need a review. A routine Budget Review has been put off due to the virus and successful large grants in support of projects at the Windmill site, and at MSMA. We should revisit our budget as these accounts and projects wind down.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**OBHS BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 6:00 p.m. at the Eskolin House. Board Officers for 2020-21 are being sought.

**WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE TOURS:** Third Saturday Tours: Cancelled due to the Corona 19 virus pandemic.

**BAYFIELD APPLE FESTIVAL & OPEN HOUSE PLANNING:**

Cancelled due to cancellation of the Bayfield Apple Festival in 2020 due to the Corona 19 virus.

**FUNDRAISING PROSPECTS AND ONLINE PAYMENT PROSPECTS:** Matt M. suggested we investigate "Q Code" and Pulpal as means for allowing people to pay for goods, to donate, or to pay dues on line. He has already done some of this work. Tabled for now.

**KIOSK AT WINDMILL SITE:** Suggested by Jim P. More research needed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Ron H., second by Matt M. to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Motion carried, Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p, m.

**A brief New Board Meeting chaired by our Secretary Jim P. followed. Motion by Mary Ann G. to follow recommendations of the group in electing Board Officers. We will take up missing positions at our next Board meeting and NBC Bank signatures.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Pellman, Secretary

Due to the CORONA 19 Pandemic the Board Meeting was held observing virus protocol with face masks and social distancing. The following Board Members and one visiting Member signed the roster passed around: Jim Mattson, Jim Pellman, Arlene Hill, Shirley Deterling, Mary Ann Gronquist and retired President, Dennis Hill. There was no pot luck lunch. Our Business Meeting was as brief as possible.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** With Dennis Hill’s retirement and two Board positions still to fill, by acclamation of those present the Meeting was called to order by Jim Mattson who had been approved as President in absentia at our August Annual Meeting and who had in the interim agreed to accept that position. He called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Mary Ann G., with a second by Shirley D. to approve the Minutes of the Friday, July 10, 2020, Board Meeting held at Eskolin House as printed in the August *OBHS News*. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Treasurer Arlene Hill will submit her Report effective September 11, 2020:

<u>Current Balance</u>	<u>9-11-2020</u>	<u>At Annual Meeting 8-12-20</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>	<b>\$535.80</b>	<b>\$658.97</b>
<b>WINDMILL FUND:</b> (Cash on hand: \$81.38)	<b>\$4,844.06</b>	<b>\$4,791.92</b>
<b>MSMA FUND:</b>	<b>\$8,436.64</b>	<b>\$8,581.89</b>
<b>DEPOT/SAUNA FUND:</b> (Ron H. Sale \$2,566.00 included)	<b>\$16,907.62</b>	<b>\$14,341.62</b>
<b>CD</b>	<b>\$5,908.29</b>	<b>\$5,908.29</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,632.41</b>	<b>\$34,282.19</b>

Discussion commenced about change to Check Signers’ List at Poplar NBC with change of Board: Dennis Hill, Arlene Hill and Jim Pellman, all approved last year were left on the list leaving three signers.

Motion by Mary Ann Gronquist, seconded by Shirley Deterling to accept the Treasurer’s Report and to make these changes to the Signer’s List. Motion carried.

Request was made to supply all Board Members with a full roster of our Group. The Secretary was instructed to supply either a digital or hard copy of the list to each. Jim will take care of this.

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**We need to take action to fill these vacancies. Motion needed to accept the list of nominees for installation. It was decided to wait until the next General Meeting to attempt to fill these Board positions. Suggested nominees: Lila Ronn if & when recovered, either one of the Bergstens, Dorothy or Dan. At this meeting all “Blue Cards” (volunteer hours forms) will be distributed and explained.**

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS for review:**

- Archives (including Website) ..... Jim Pellman (with Audrey H., Earl Granroth, Mary Ann, Jim Mattson and Shirley Deterling)
- Membership..... Treasurer Arlene Hill with help from Secretary Jim Pellman
- Publications..... Mary Ann Gronquist, Jim Pellman
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Taylor's Bridge.....	Jim Pellman, (with Dennis H. Brian Paulson & Ron Hendrickson)
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**MEMBERSHIPS:** Membership renewals can now be paid for the upcoming year. Membership continues to remain steady. For reports on total membership, we sum all categories (individual, family, and business) by count of individuals involved. We will try to better highlight our need for membership and funding growth in our newsletter and more prominently display our Board Members and Officers.

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**WINDMILL/GROUNDS:** Painting of the mill was put on hold. Dennis reported on closer inspection that the mill shingles can be repaired and should be good for ten years. Jim agreed to take on the job of sealing the holes. Dennis also mentioned the issue of the outer skin. He said there are two ways to address the issue, one to replace the skin, and two, to cover the skin with metal. Unspoken was the third way which is to continue with patching and painting with high quality paint which Jim has made appeals for. (see August *OBHS News*).

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**OTHER OLD BUSINESS: None.**

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### UPCOMING DATES:

**OBHS GENERAL MEETINGS:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 6 pm First proposed location is Lake Nebagamon Auditorium. Jim will check for availability.

Dennis will check for availability of the Amnicon Town Hall for the December 9, 6 p.m. General (Christmas) Meeting,

**OBHS BOARD MEETINGS:** To be held Wednesday, November 11, 2020, 6 p.m. Jim will check for availability of Maple Town Hall. Dennis will check for the availability of the Amnicon Town Hall for the January 2021 Board Meeting.

**WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE TOURS:** Third Saturday Tours: Cancelled due to the Corona 19 virus pandemic.

**BAYFIELD APPLE FESTIVAL & OPEN HOUSE PLANNING:** Cancelled due to cancellation of the Bayfield Apple Festival for 2020 due to the Corona 19 virus.

**SYMPATHY & ENCOURAGEMENT:** Ron H. with health issues, Lila R. after surgery. Family of Brady Van Hove, great-grandson of the late Member Laila Magnuson, and her late daughter Susie (Mike) Jahn, son of her daughter Missy. Brady died in a construction accident on the job at Kimmes Oil in Superior.

#### OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

**SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX:** Upon receiving the legal documents box from Dennis, President Jim M. felt the importance of getting them into a safe location. Shirley Deterling moved that we rent a Safety Deposit Box at Poplar's

NBC, seconded by Mary Ann G. Discussion followed with signers for access: Arlene Hill, Jim Pellman, and Jim Mattson. Arlene agreed to contact the bank and was authorized to establish the rental agreement as part of the Shirley/Mary Ann motion. Motion carried. The Secretary will provide Minutes with the requested authorizations.

**2021 OBHS ANNUAL HISTORICAL CALENDAR:** Jim will be working on this early, and will attempt to cut the numbers of copies printed down if possible. He will try to have it done in October, perhaps with less text.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Mary Ann G., second by Shirley Deterling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Pellman, Secretary

#### FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

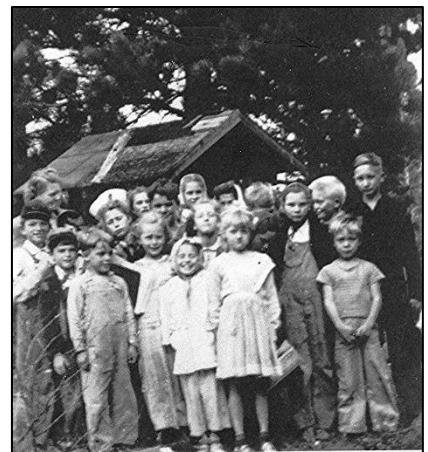
The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps, tee shirts, sweat shirts, key chains, buttons and photos for sale. Early issue magnets are going for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our General fund. Windmill mugs, caps & tee shirt proceeds go 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 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.

### Area History: No. 135

*This photograph and text was taken from the month of October in the 2020 issue of the OBHS Annual Historical Calendar.*

**10.20 A Class Taught in Cloverland by Teacher Emily Mackey, c. 1945-46.** These are believed to be Cloverland's King School students from sometime before the school was abandoned in 1947. The later King School had formerly been a Brule School located in what then became an east Cloverland school in 1921 when the town formed. It was a joined structure which brought together under one roof the original one room King School and the Harvey School. A fire in 1932 took down the large new social hall constructed by the East Cloverland Improvement and Co-operative Fair Association which had formed in 1926. After several efforts, a depression and a World War, finally in 1947 this group reorganized and the King School became the site of the Cloverland Community Club whose records are preserved in the OBHS Archives. This photo was found amidst those records which gives a thorough listing of those pictured but no date. For those I could find I have added rough dates for students' births. Teacher, Emily Mackey, Helen Burhans, Bobby Garz (born 1936), Marlene Wilgren, Jean Moreau (born 1935), Dean Nyquist (born 1935), Caroline Perry, Peter Mackey, Clayton Beckman (born December 30, 1933 in Brule, son of William and Ailie [Kangas] Beckman), Patsy Remer (born 1937), Beverly O'Berg, Alice Remer (born 1938), Dicky Garz (born 1934), Josephine Burhans, Beverly Remer (born 1939), Dicky Peterson (born 1939), ??, Betty Oberg, Bernice Oberg, Donald Perry, Bobby Burl, Ray Korhonen (born 1935), Clarence Peterson (born 1934). If the youngest children pictured here are six, we can guess 1946 is a good one for the date, thus likely this being the last class held in the King School, except for those who were taught there after the Cloverland School burned in the 1950s, Larry Luostari among those students. *Cloverland Community Club photo, OBHS Collection.*



## ~ NOTICES ~

**MEMBERS:** Thanks to all who have started paying their Dues for the 2021 year. Please turn in your volunteer hours on your Blue Sheets for August 2019 thru July 2020 if you haven't yet. Please contact Jim P., our Secretary, for new Blue sheet forms for next year.

**THANK YOU'S & RECOGNITIONS:** To all who are trying to make it safer for all of us to function in these tough days.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To OBHS Family Members **Lee & Lora Olson's granddaughter Hanna Hovland** who, just becoming a Junior at Denfeld, helped carry her softball team in 8 straight wins to take a Peoria, IL trophy. She plays center field & is a good hitter.

**OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY:** To all of us, but especially to the many whose health and livelihood has been directly impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Also to family & friends of the many, listed here, whom we have recently lost:

**Jani Jo (Carlsgaard) Dalbec**, 48, Superior, who died at home October 5, 2020, born in 1971, daughter of Jean & Robert Carlsgaard of Superior, graduated in 1989 from Superior Senior HS, in childhood spent summers at the family cabin at Lake Minnesuing, married Shawn Dalbec, preceded in death by her father, survived by her mother, Shawn, daughters, Ali & Keily, son, Luke (Tabitha), stepson, Terence (Niki Clug), grandsons, sister Chery (Paul), brothers, Randy, Tim, Terry and Thomas (Dawn).

**Joanne Caroline (Lohse) Pitt**, 68, Superior, who passed away September 30, 2020 at Essentia Health-St. Mary's in Duluth, after a brief illness, born in 1952 in Duluth to Alfred & Barbara Lohse, graduated from Superior Senior HS in 1970 & WITC- Superior's LPN training program in 1971, married Marvin Pitt in 1981 in Superior, had a 50 year career in nursing, spending 15 years as a school nurse, adopted two children, preceded in death by her parents, brother, Paul, survived by husband, Marvin, her children, two sisters, OBHS Member Patricia (Gerald) Anderson, Brule, Robin (Richard) Schuenemann, Twin Cities, brother, John (Darleen) Lohse, Superior.

**David J. Trojan**, 87, Chicago and Brule, who died September 27, 2020 from complications of Lewy Body Dementia, grew up in Chicago, only child of Louis & Betty Trojan, with wife, Peggy (Lundeen), raised one son and five daughters, was a 21 year decorated Marine Corps aviator, had a doctorate in Sociology and taught at UWS and at several universities globally, preceded in death by his parents, survived by wife & OBHS speaker, Betty, & by their children & their children.

**Diane K. (Johnson) Larson**, 71, Superior and Lake Nebagamon, who passed away September 21, 2020, born in Superior in 1949, the daughter of Warren and Rita Johnson, graduated from Cathedral High School, went on to earn a Bachelor of Education degree from UWS, become a full-time teacher at Cathedral School, retiring there, preceded in death by her parents., husband Larry A. Larson, survived by family including her three children, eight grandchildren: three sisters, & four brothers, Mark, Michael, Dean & Brian Johnson.

**Brian Androski**, 65, Superior & Iron River, who died September 21, 2020, at home with wife & son by his side, born in Superior in 1955, son of James & Gladys (Anderson) Androski, married Leana Basley in 1980, graduated from Superior Senior HS in 1974 & went on to Indianhead Tech. Col., was in real estate & was an Ironworker, preceded in death by parents; son, Brian, 3 siblings, survived by wife Leana 'Pete' & son, Dustin, grandchildren, siblings, Janet Gozanski, Bruce, Brad (Loree) Androski & Mary (Gary) Peterson.

**Delores E. (Bong) Heidemann**, 88, Superior, who died September 15, 2020 at Twin Ports Health Services in Superior, born in 1932 in Superior to Arvid & Agnes (Anderson) Bong, married Eugene Heidemann in 1951, survived by three daughters, among them Jody (Paul) Hansen, Iron River, 4 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, preceded in death by parents, husband Eugene & brother George Bong.

**Marit Karin (Grestad) Johnson**, 81, passed away August 9, 2020 at Lake Minnetonka Shores in Spring Park, MN, was born and grew up in Norway, in 1960 married Arvid Johnson of Lake Nebagamon, lived many years in Wheaton, IL, survived by three sons, Kent, Scott and Dean Johnson & two siblings in Norway, Øivind (Brith Unni) Grestad and Astri Grestad.

**Joyce L. (Lintula) Darker**, 82, South Range, WI, who died September 11, 2020 at Solvay Hospice House in Duluth, born in Superior in 1938, daughter of William and Alice (Christianson) Lintula, a graduate of Northwestern High School, class of 1956, with husband, Bill owned and operated the Silver Star in the 1980s, worked as Secretary and Supervisor for the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, retiring in 1995, survived by daughter, Kimberly (David) Pioro, sister Shirley Johnson, preceded in death by her parents.; husband, William Darker; son, William Darker Jr., & sister, Bette (Gerald) Nollet.

**Brady Paul VanHove**, 21, Solon Springs, WI, who died from injuries sustained in an industrial accident September 8, 2020 in Superior, born in Duluth in 1999, the son of Melissa "Missy" Jahn and Kevin VanHove, graduated from Northwestern HS, class of 2017, received his CDL certification and worked as an operator and truck driver for Kimmes Oil, survived by his mother and father, Melissa (Ryan) Haworth, Solon Springs, WI, biological father, Kevin (Louisa) VanHove, Centuria, WI, sisters, Peyton Jahn and Emily Cahill, brothers, Wesley Banks and Michael (Jasmine) Haworth, his girlfriend, Brianna Behm, maternal grandfather, Michael Jahn and his friend, Linda, paternal grandparents, Dennis (Cheryl) VanHove, uncle, Matthew (Stephanie) Jahn, grandmother, Mary Newman, and her friend, Harry Berg, grandfather, Scott (Cheryl) Haworth, grandmother, Ayrol VanHove, great-grandmothers, Audrey Haworth, and Lynette Glaus, preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Susanne "Susie" Jahn, paternal grandfather, Chuck Newman, great-grandparents, Laila (Ken) Magnuson, and paternal great-grandfather, Calvin Haworth, with burial in Pine Ridge Cemetery in Brule.

**Herman Eugene Karich**, 88, Lake Nebagamon, who passed away at home September 2, 2020, born in 1931 in Chicago to Herman & Viola (Sparks) Karich, served in the US Army at the time of the Korean War, earned his electrical engineering degree from the U of IL at Urbana-Champaign, worked as an electrical engineer at MP&L for 34 years until 1994 when he retired, met his wife, Clara Rose Falk, while visiting his grandparents who lived next door to her in Lake Nebagamon, eventually marrying and had four children, survived by wife Clara, daughter, Linda (Bill) Blust, Brule, sons Steve (Janell), and James (Janet Tokar) & daughter, Kathy Hickerson, all of Lake Nebagamon, 6 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, brothers, Russell & Earl, and sister-in-law, Ina Falk.

**Mary E. (Hammersborg) Peterson**, 71, Summit, WI, who drowned in Amnicon Lake September 3, 2020, born in Little Fork, MN, in 1949, the daughter of Goodwin and Esther (Hogfeldt) Hammersborg, graduate of South Shore HS in Port Wing, class of 1967 and went on to earn her LPN degree at WITC.

**Joanne (Stensland) Johnson**, 91, Superior, who passed away September 5, 2020, born in 1929 to Esther (Swanson) & John Stensland, Sr., in 1956 married Jay Johnson, had three children with him (deceased), taught in the Superior School System, enjoyed many beautiful summers at Lake Nebagamon.

**James L. Jim Foote**, 96, Douglas County resident, who died July 1, 2020 at New Perspectives Senior Living in Superior, Military Honors will be accorded by the Bong American Legion Post #435 Honor Guard with burial in Lake Nebagamon Cemetery, memorials to Bong Center or Poplar-Wentworth Lions.

**Phil Rasmussen**, 60, Superior, who died August 29, 2020 at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth after 17 year battle with brain cancer, son of grew up in Hawthorne, graduated from NWHHS Class of 1978, became an OTR truck driver, preceded in death by his parents, Eugene & Connie Rasmussen Johnson.

**Kaye Hope (Knoderer Phillips) Tenerelli**, 83, Superior, who passed away August 30, 2020 due to cancer, active in DCHS, leaves a large family with four children and many friends, survived by her latest husband Louis Donald Tenerelli, and had a long history of social service.

**Bradley Kent Lagro**, 54, formerly of Superior, who passed away August 18, 2020 at his residence in Las Vegas, born in 1966, son of Kent and Bonnie Lagro, grew up in the Pattison Park and Superior area, a US Army vet, with a large family surviving including mother Bonnie Cox & father Kent Lagro.

**Suzanne M. (Swanson) Salo**, 67, Superior, who died August 27, 2020 at Superior Rehab. Center, born in 1952 in Superior, daughter of the late Melvin & Helen (Maki) Swanson, survived by children Stacy (Brian) Mackie, Superior, Rhonda Salo, Green Bay & Scott (Joy Daly) Salo, Lake Nebagamon.

**Lowell W Johnson**, 71, formerly of Poplar, who died August 20, 2020, born in 1948 to Carroll & Phyllis Johnson of Poplar, wife Barbara survives.

**Mark S. O'Brien**, 68, Superior, who died August 18, 2020, a noted local athlete, goalie for the 1971 SSSHS State Champion Hockey Team.

**Herman J. Hammerbeck**, 101, Superior, who died August 14, 2020, at New Perspective, ran Silver Tonsberg Printing 40 years, a great kids coach.

**Robert L. Lehto**, 74, Superior, who died August 11, 2020 at REM House, born in Superior in 1946, son of Axel & Tyne (Marjamaki) Lehto, burial at Hillcrest Cemetery in Oulu, WI.

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

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**CALENDAR.**

**October 12**, Monday. Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day.

**October 14**, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS General Meeting. Lake Nebagamon Auditorium. Social distancing.

**October 31**, Saturday. Halloween.

**November 1**, Sunday. Daylight Savings Time ends.

**November 3**, Tuesday. Election Day.

**November 11**, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS Board Meeting, Maple Town Hall. (tentative). Veterans Day.

**November 21**, Saturday. Deadline for submissions to *OBHS News* for December.

**November 26**, Thursday. Thanksgiving Day.

**December 9**, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS General Meeting (Christmas Meeting). Amnicon Town Hall. (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.**