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OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:00 PM, at the Amnicon Town Hall

Old-Brule Heritage Society will begin its October General Meeting at the Town Hall in Amnicon with a covered dish luncheon. Members are asked to bring a dish or refreshments to share. This will be followed by our Program: OBHS's President, Dennis Hill, has agreed to share more lore of his collection of "Tools of the Trade." Our business meeting will follow. The public is invited to join us for our lunch and our program, and if inclined to watch our proceedings as we work to bring some of our local history together and try to make it secure for future generations. We thank the Town of Amnicon for use of their hall, and Dennis for making the reservation and for his talk. Please bring along a neighbor or a friend. It should be an interesting evening.

ANNUAL OBHS APPLE FESTIVAL WEEKEND DAVIDSON WINDMILL OPEN HOUSE TOURS ARE THIS WEEKEND OCT 6-8, 2017. BAKE SALE ON SATURDAY. TOUR HOURS: 3-6 PM ON FRIDAY, 9-5 ON SATURDAY & 11-3 ON SUNDAY. PLEASE CONTRIBUTE. YOUR HELP AND YOUR BAKED GOODS ARE NEEDED. FREE WILL DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

FROM THE EDITOR:

The Local with its own tragedies has had to give way to the National this past few days with the incredible scenes coming in from Las Vegas. Guns in the hands of a madman intent on killing as many as possible is a formula for massive fear, grief and deep soul searching. What laws could have been added to those already written that might have prevented this? Sadly I am one who thinks none. Each time each of us drives a car we are handling tons of metal that driven in the wrong place or the wrong way could take many lives, and much worse if we were intent on death, and dying in the process.

We assume that the drivers in approaching cars are licensed and sane. We have to trust to live. The crazed pilots of 9-11 are witness to how vulnerable our systems built for speed are. Think of the thousands dying and maimed each year on our highways in accidents, many avoidable if laws were respected. In our lust for speed, and in the systems we have devised to have it, we have brought death very close to ourselves. What laws could be added here? Sadly I am one who thinks none. A powerful remedy, though not perfect, has been "defensive driving." Maybe there is the equivalent in the cases of homicidal insanity. What should we look for in our circumstances, or in the people we meet? When should we have that uneasy feeling that something might be terribly wrong? That we and others around us might be in danger and that defensive measures need to be taken.

Felons are disarmed for this reason. But we've reached the heart of the problem. In a free country we have to assume a citizen is capable of living safely among us. It has taken the commission of a felonious act to bring sanctions against someone, and in every case some one or the public has been harmed. Freedom asks a lot of us as creatures. We are continuously taking our neighbors' good will for granted. We have to if we are to live and be free.

But if I am ever at a concert with thousands in the audience in a courtyard surrounded by buildings dozens of stories high I will look up and think about what happened this week, and I will doubt the perfect sanity of those acting freely around me and above me, just as I doubt the perfect sanity of the drivers in cars that I meet. We have learned from history what to look for in our circumstances and we will leave a path or enough room for escape.

Even here in the rural north we lock our doors so as not to tempt the honest man, and we keep guns out of the hands of felons, human nature being what it is. Strictly enforce, and obey the laws we already have, to live and to stay free.

-Jim Pellman, Free Citizen

1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2017 LOCAL HISTORY PHOTO CALENDARS FOR SALE.

The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, produced its eighth and final calendar in 2005 with pictures of Brule's past. Proceeds from these annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, are being used for the publication of the history of Brule, to be completed very soon. Limited numbers are available. Please contact Janet Follis, P.O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820, at (715) 372-4948. Our 2017 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are for sale at \$9.00 each. Earlier issues are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2014), 2015 at \$6.00, & 2016 at \$7.00 in limited numbers. An e-mail address for more info: musketeer6@cheqnet.net, and by phone: 218-260-0711, or please check our Website at www.oldbrule.org. Shipping & handling: \$3.50 each, less for each for larger orders. We thank our donor businesses whose cards we display in the back of each calendar, and to those local businesses that are selling them for us each year, this year at Twin Gables & Cenex in Brule, Poplar Hardware & the Village Market, Sharon's Lakeview Restaurant & Midland Cenex in Lake Nebagamon. Or check with Jim in Maple at 715-363-2549. Our 2018 Calendars is now in process. We seek more advertisers.

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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 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!

**OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY
Unapproved MINUTES for the 2017 ANNUAL MEETING
August 26, 2017, NOON, Maple Town Hall**

CALL TO ORDER: President Shirley Kankas-Umolac called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and made a motion to delay the start of the meeting until a later time when the hall was less crowded with customers, but no later than 4:00 p.m. Dennis seconded the motion; all in attendance were in favor.

Shirley re-called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of members and friends who we have lost this past year and over time.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Janine Seis submitted the following report effective August 26, 2017:

<u>Current Balance</u>	<u>Changes since July Board Meeting</u>
GENERAL FUND: \$ 904.67	(Last month-\$748.54) <u>Additions:</u> \$373.76-Laila Magnuson Memorials; \$10.00-Irene Brazill Memorial; \$90.00-Memberships; \$45.00-Calendar; \$20-Shirts; Cap-\$12.00; \$10.00-Mug; \$87.90-Retail Books; \$31- donations. <u>Subtractions:</u> \$147.00-3 rolls of stamps, 2 for Newsletter and 1 for memberships/donations mailings; \$112.58-Office Max Newsletter; \$146.58-book purchases from Cable Publishing; \$17.37 paper products purchased by Mary Ann Gronquist; \$100.00- cash for cash boxes to be returned after flea market.
WINDMILL FUND: \$ 2,972.13	(Last month-3,187.12) <u>Additions:</u> \$101.99-Donations from lock box and tours. \$31.50-T-shirts & engraved bottle; \$20-Memorial Paver; \$25.00-Irene Brazill Memorial; <u>Subtractions:</u> \$260.00 - 4 lawn mowings; \$75.00-used refrigerator purchase; \$10.00-recycling fee for old refrigerator; \$5.14-mouse traps & other supplies; \$10.00-Pat Hursh engraving; \$33.34 ECE Electric Bill. <u>NOTE:</u> \$88.25 still to be deposited-income from 3 rd Saturday Tours/Open House.
MSMA FUND: \$ 596.46	(Last month-\$2,684.79) <u>Additions:</u> \$500.00--Kevin Pollari Memorial; \$1,510.00-Laila Magnuson Memorials; \$105--Pre-Flea Mkt. Table Sales; \$100.00-Irene Brazill

		Memorial; and \$1.00 donation.
		<u>Subtractions:</u> \$33.15-Dennis Hill for supplies; \$4,000.00-to Kevin Mackie (\$2,567.56 still owed); \$72.21--Sam's Club for Flea Market supplies; \$141.00-brats from Hursh Meats; \$57.97-Kwik Trip for hot dog buns and cookies.
CD:	\$ 5,853.33	Last month- \$5,848.30)
		<u>Additions:</u> \$5.03 Interest added on 07/14/17.
Cash on Hand:	\$ 31.00	<u>NOTE:</u> CD matures in October, 2017. (No Change)
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 10,357.59	(Last month- \$12,499.)

Audrey moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Following a second by Doreen, the Treasurer's report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIPS: Membership renewals are now due. OBHS Membership has remained consistent over the years. The State Reports both individual and family memberships as one membership.

WINDMILL/GROUNDS: Bridge work remains to be completed. We need to remember to turn the spigot off when adding water to the Biffy.

MSMA PROJECT: Electricity service should be ordered this week. Jim and Dennis will put up poles. Once in, we need to enlist as many workers as possible to help in our restoration project. Dennis will describe in writing the roofing and soffit projects to be used to get more voluntary help. The Carpenter's Union could be contacted to see if our project might be used as new workers are trained.

Janine will call Matt Thoreson at State Farm Insurance to get quote for \$20,000 for our building. It is believed that our current liability insurance should also cover us at the Monticello School & Archives.

ARCHIVES/WEBSITE: This committee will postpone meeting until new building can be used for their purpose.

MERCHANDISE: Shirley will be ordering caps and books and will make further recommendations at the next Board Meeting. The Poplar Centennial Books will be ready soon.

PUBLICATIONS: The Wisherd project is going ahead. If needed, Lois Pollari has volunteered temporary use of her \$1,000 donation intended for the map project for other projects.

FRIENDS of OBHS: This Facebook group site with over 700 members is independent of OBHS.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OPENINGS For 2017-18: All current members up for renewal have agreed to complete their current term or to be renewed for their second term of two years.

Four members currently on the Board, having served two terms of two years, require replacement for 2017-18, resulting in some Board officer changes: Danny Bergsten, Mary Ann Gronquist, Doreen Swanson, and Hope Swenson. Jody Swanson, Trish Hursh, Bruce Carlson, and Jim Mattson have agreed to be nominated for Board membership. President Shirley-Kankas-Umolac called for further nominations from the floor three times. There were no further nominations. Audrey moved to approve these four candidates for Board membership; Mary Ann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Many thanks to the outgoing board members (Danny, Mary Ann, Doreen, and Hope) for their service. Welcome to new members (Jim Mattson, Bruce Carlson, Jody Swanson, and Trish Hursh).

2018 Board Member List

<u>Board Roster and terms:</u>	<u>Came on Board</u>	<u>Term-Rem.</u>	<u>Departure from Board</u>	<u>Action for 2018</u>
Dorothy Bergsten, Poplar	2014	2-0	Aug. 2018	Replace
Audrey Hakkila, Poplar	2015	2-1	Aug. 2019	None
Shirley Kankas-Umolac	2015	2-1	Aug. 2019	None
Janine Seis, LN AZ	2015	2-1	Aug. 2019	None
Lila Ronn, Lakeside	2015 (Dec.)	2-1	Aug. 2019	None
Matt Miller, Superior	2016	1-0	Aug. 2020	Renew for 2 nd Term
Dennis Hill, Amnicon	2016	1-0	Aug. 2020	Renew for 2 nd Term
Jim Mattson, Superior	2017	1-2	Aug. 2021	None
Bruce Carlson, Poplar	2017	1-2	Aug. 2021	None
Jody Swanson, Brule	2017	1-2	Aug. 2021	None
Trish Hursh, Poplar	2017	1-2	Aug. 2021	None
Jim Pellman-Maple, Emeritus				

(Board Officers will be selected at the Board Meeting immediately following the General Meeting.)

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

- Archives (includes Web-site) ----- Audrey Hakkila, Poplar
- Membership ----- Janine Seis, Lake Nebagamon
- Publications ----- *Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland (with Jim Pellman, Vice Chair)

Davidson Windmill, Eskolin
House, Taylor's Bridge -----*Hope Swenson, Lakeside (with Brian Paulson,

Vice-Chair & Jim P.)
 MSMA -----*Dan Bergsten, Poplar (Vice-Chairs Jim P.,
 Dennis Hill, & Jan Conley
 Merchandise ----- Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Lake Nebagamon

*These three chairpersons will need to be replaced because chair positions require Board membership. This action will be addressed at the Board Meeting following the Annual Meeting.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: None.

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ADJOURNMENT: Doreen moved to adjourn the meeting. Following a second by Janine, Shirley Kankas-Umolac adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lila M. Ronn, Secretary

 A brief Board Meeting was called to order at 2:14 p.m. by exiting President Shirley Kankas-Umolac for the purpose of selecting officers for the 2017-18 year. The following members were nominated and approved for the positions below:

Dennis Hill----- President
 Matt Miller----- Treasurer
 Janine Seis----- Ass't Treasurer
 Trish Hursh----- 1st Vice President
 Audrey Hakkila----- 2nd Vice President
 Lila Ronn agreed to continue serving as Secretary.

We will investigate the possibility of four persons, rather than three, to be able to sign checks, allowing both the Treasurer and Ass't Treasurer to do so, in addition to Jim Pellman and the President. This possible change will be addressed at the September Board Meeting. Adjournment at 2:23 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 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 SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC. Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 5:00 p.m. Home of Jody & Doreen Swanson, Brule

In attendance: Bruce Carlson, Dennis Hill, Trish Hursh, Jim Pellman, Matt Miller, Lila Ronn, & Jody Swanson. Visitors: Arlene Hill and Doreen Swanson.

Many thanks to the Swansons for hosting this event and preparing supper for us. Thanks also to those who brought additional food to share.

BUSINESS MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A moment of silence followed in remembrance of those members and friends we have recently lost.

MINUTES: Matt moved to accept the Minutes, published in the August 2017 issue of *OBHS News*, of the Board Meeting held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at the Eskolin House. Trish seconded the motion; these minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Matt Miller presented the following report:

<u>CURRENT BALANCE</u>	<u>CHANGE SINCE LAST MONTH'S REPORT</u>
GENERAL: \$ 1,189.67	Last Report: \$ 904.67
	<u>Income:</u> \$185.00 memberships; \$100 cash from

		flea market cash box to replace withdrawal for same.
WINDMILL:	\$ 3,026.88	Last Report: \$ 3,217.68. <u>Income:</u> \$ 52.00 book sales; \$60.84 from lockbox and tours; \$ 25.00 Irene Brazill Memorial. <u>Expenses:</u> \$280.00 to Ron Hendrickson for mowing; \$ 5.14 to Mary Ann Gronquist for supplies reimbursement; \$ 10.00 to Trish Hursh for engraving; \$33.50 to East Central Energy for electric bill.
MSMA:	\$ 1,609.76	Last Report: \$ 596.46 <u>Income:</u> \$ 321.50 flea market food sales; \$ 814.29 flea market non-food sales; \$ 35.00 vendor tables; \$20 clothing merchandise; \$ 63.00 book sales; \$ 221.90 Laila Magnuson memorials; \$ 14.30 Sam's Club refund; \$.25 found quarter in treasurer's documentation box. <u>Expenses:</u> \$ 476.84 site work. Jim reported purchase of pedestal electrical boxes fittings pipes wires & breakers from Menard's & 2 4x4x8 foot poles and 12-2x4x10s for use as stud scabs. (An 11 % rebate will be available.)
CD:	\$ 5,853.33	No Change.
TOTAL:	\$ 11,679.64	Last Report: \$10,572.14 (Up \$1,107.50)

Lila moved to approve the above report adding to this motion that Matt will provide a brief explanation for the Board at their next meeting describing the change in method of reporting. Following a second by Jody, the motion was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

- (1.) Statement from ECE for August Windmill Electric Service (auto-paid)
- (2.) Bill of \$26 from Forum Communications Co. for Annual MSMA Flea Market ad at the Maple Town Hall.
- (3.) Forms from Dahlberg Light & Power to complete our application for electrical power at MSMA.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARCHIVES: While the committee has not been meeting regularly as a group while construction is underway at the MSMA, a meeting may be called to discuss profitable use of this down time. Individual work is always there to do. The OBHS website remains active as part of this committee; thanks to Earl for keeping our site active and to Jon Winter who hosts our site.

DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE: Thanks to Ron for mowing this summer and to Donald Anderson for septic pumping.

Ron H. Has located someone who will cut the timbers for the bridge repair for \$30/hr. Dennis moved that we authorize Ron to proceed with this project to get the timber cut and installed. Following a second by Matt, the motion passed.

The Nature Trail is still in the discussion and planning stage. Third Saturday Tour for September is scheduled for the 16th, from 10-3. Jim will be available for tours. Mary Ann will be in the Eskolin House. If possible, the green entry door should be painted prior to the Apple Festival.

Apple Festival Weekend: October 6-8. Mary Ann is heading the bake sale. Jim will be available for the Friday tours. Dennis and Arlene Hill will come on Saturday. Ron and Jack Pank will be contacted to see if they are available to help.

MSMA: Construction: Kevin Mackie has a few items to complete to be done with our work. We still owe him about \$2,500. **Restoration:** Dennis and Jim have placed the poles for the electrical pedestal; electrical service is top priority. They worked five hours on September 11th removing and salvaging interior car siding paneling to gain access to the stud work and upper plate on half the building. Bracing will follow. Plans include installing a new stud with each existing old stud. The spacing ranges from 24 to nearly 36 inches on these old studs so additional studs may be added. Most of the roof will need to be replaced, both for safety and structure, but with restoration techniques. This is necessary to get access to the top plate which, because of its poor condition, will need to be totally replaced. As built, there is no plate on the gabled ends. Jim and Dennis are working from staging on wheels and will have to work quickly when the roof is opened to avoid more water exposure. **MORE HELP IS NEEDED TO SAFELY SPEED THE JOB.** (Janine is making posters seeking volunteer help with this project.) Twenty foot stringers 2 X 8s will be on 24 inch centers. The rafters will also be replaced and roof and attic sheeting will be ship lap and square lumber rather than the 4 X 8 sheets common today. Dennis noted that the roof needs to be on before winter; he also noted that house wrap on the outside would be great. Discrete wiring for lighting and outlets will be installed.

MSMS Fundraising Events: The MSMA Flea Market/Bazaar on Saturday, August 26th, on the Maple Town Hall grounds was a success, although the weather failed to cooperate with rain all day. Food sales were only a wash with diminished traffic. We hope to have better conditions to reach full potential in a future sale. Thanks to all of the hard workers, to everyone who donated items including our membership, and the Amnicon Fire Department volunteers. Thanks, also, to the Town of Maple for the generous use of their hall and grounds. Other future events might also include community plays, dinner theater, pie-ice cream socials, etc...

To date, the latest round of contacts with businesses for donations and support have yet to show results as our requests have been for larger gifts and supports which take more time to process.

MERCHANDISE: Jim and Nan Wisherd, who is financing work on the calendar book, will resume work on the project as soon as their schedules permit. Jim is still in the process of moving.

Nan's new book, *Brule River Country*, has been selling well at Poplar Hardware, as our other books there.

Some merchandise was sold at the Flea Market, which funds went into the General Fund. We need to conduct a thorough inventory and update of items for sale on our posted form on our website. When the MSMA project is completed, a small gift shop can be set up.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: Thanks to Janine and Nancy Moreland for their maintenance of this independent site, that continues to grow and is currently appreciated by 700 users of all ages. The trick is permanent capture and documentation of what is appearing. Organization and preservation of the materials being shared is critical. We must obtain posted photo sources in order to extract information with needed resolution and to get permission for their use. This will be an ongoing process.

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

REFRIGERATION DONATION: Ron has secured and installed the "new" refrigerator at the Eskolin House with some work left on the door frame as it was a tight squeeze.

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

OTHER OLD BUSINESS;

At the brief Board meeting on August 26th, the Board decided to investigate if we could add a 4th person (in addition to our Ass't Treasurer) to be a check signer. No action has been taken yet.

Matt Miller has been looking to set a GoFundMe account set up for OBHS. He wasn't able to use the security associated with our website. Matt established a secure email address under our own name to use.

NEW BUSINESS:

SYMPATHY AND ENCOURAGEMENT: Sympathy to the friends and family of Toivo Rinnet; to the friends and family of Elsie Kiiski; and to the friends and family of Laila Magnuson who have been so generous to OBHS in her memory.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 5:00 p.m. On Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at the residence of Dennis and Arlene Hill.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: This meeting will be held beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the Amnicon Town Hall. Dennis Hill is planning the program; more information will be announced later.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Matt Miller requested authorization of mobile banking to make financial transactions for OBHS. Lila made a motion to approve this request; Trish seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

A motion was made by Dennis to give two-year memberships to Kevin Mackie and his crew; to Olson Brothers (Myron, Jr., and Keith); and Mike Woodhull and crew for their work on our MSMA project. Matt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Dennis moved to adjourn the meeting. Following a second by Bruce, the motion was approved. President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:08

Respectfully submitted,
Lila Ronn, Secretary

**Area History:
No. 118**

This picture and text appear for the month of September in our 2017 OBHS Historical Calendar.

18.17-09. Chippewa Canoe Builders at Jack's Lake, near the Winneboujou Club on the Brule River, 1891.

Photographer Truman Ward Ingersoll (1862-1922) of St. Paul and Buffalo, Minnesota, was widely known for his vivid stereophotographs taken in his home state but also from the wider Frontier American West and from around the world. He was friends with the young elite of St. Paul and these connections helped bring him to the early Winneboujou Club on the upper Brule River, and to the "frontier" Old-Brule region. In the years 1889 to 1891 he spent much time on the river capturing the experience of life there in what were then seen as hunting and fishing clubs. These images he gathered into three volumes now held by the Minnesota Historical Society entitled *Brule Chronicles, 1889-1891*, described in their listing as "Fanciful tales of annual outings taken by members of the Winneboujou Club, a hunting and fishing club associated with the Brule River, Wisconsin." (A trip to the society is in order.) Art Holbrook in his 1949 book *From the Log of a Trout Fisherman* describes this scene as a witness as part of a group that included his father, and C.D. O'Brien, and Ingersoll. In the winter 1980 issue of *Minnesota History* Patricia Condon Johnston well summarized Ingersoll's fascinating life but included a similar picture and put the same crew in their hats building in identical fashion in northern Minnesota with no mention of Jack's Lake or the Brule River in her work. The same young girl appears. *From the collection of Dey Clemons, long time Brule postmaster, courtesy of the Brule History Research Group.*



~ NOTICES ~

MEMBERS: Dues collection for 2018 began at our Annual Meeting in August & will continue into 2018. Please fill in your volunteer hours on your Blue Sheets for 2016-2017 and turn them in immediately. This hour tally runs from Aug. 1 (2016) to July 31, 2017 when they should be turned in to Jim. Please contact our Secretary or Jim for a new Blue Sheet.

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: Thanks to Maureen (Hermanson) Young who has donated \$1000 in her and her mother, Elna Niemi Hermanson's names to OBHS in support of the MSMA project. Congratulations to the many OBHS members who turn 70 this year. To Maple & to all who helped make 2nd Annual MSMA Flea Market in Maple a success.

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

Fred Luostari, 52, Town of Cloverland, whose body was found in woods one-half mile from his home after his car became stuck on lands owned by his family on September 28, 2017. A broad search followed when he did not come home. The County Sheriff's Department does not suspect foul play. Reported by the *Duluth News Tribune* October 5, 2017. More later.

Paul E. Cordts, 75, Lake Minnesuing, WI, who died unexpectedly September 29, 2017 after an accident in the woods, born in Washburn in 1942, son of Fred and Edna Cordts, married Joan Beckwell in 1967 who survives and three children.

Steven C. Rydberg, 62, Brule, who died September 7, 2017, at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth, born in Rice Lake, WI, in 1954, son of Charles (Neal) and Maxine Rydberg, survived by wife of 39 years, Marion, two sons, Jeremy (Carrie) Rydberg of Brule and Christopher (Sara) Rydberg of Lake Nebagamon, his mother, and three brothers.

Ernest L. Pittsley, 65, Iron River, WI resident, who died September 25, 2017 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, born in 1951 in Superior to Ralph and Gladys (Springer) Pittsley, married Faith Ford in 1978 in Superior, member of Bayfield County Historical Society, survived by his wife, one daughter, one son, one sister, Carol (Charles) Tyykila, Iron River, WI; one brother, Alan (Jodie) Pittsley.

Duane Elmer Tapani, 78, Brule, who died September 11, 2017 at Middle River Health and Rehabilitation Center in South Range, WI, 1958 graduate of Northwestern High School, married Amy Johnson in 1964 in Minneapolis where he worked for Xcel Energy, survived by wife, Amy Jo, one daughter, Tami Jo (Mark Umholtz) Tapani; one son, Gregory Duane Tapani; two grandchildren, Nate and Luke Tapani Umholtz, all of Minneapolis, MN, and three sisters.

Marvin Eino Perala, passed away August 21, 2017 at the age of 79 after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease.

Irma Jarvi Maki, 91, San Jose, CA, who passed away on August 21, 2017, at the Evergreen Regency Senior Living Center in San Jose, born in 1926 in Maple, preceded in death by Walter, her husband of 64 years, in 2010, survived by her sister Anna Mae Gemmill and family.

Shirley Ann (Tapani) Johnson, 79, Oulu, who died peacefully September 13, 2017 in St. Luke's Hospice, born in 1938 in Chicago, IL to Emil and Ailie (Aho) Tapani, married Oliver "Clayton" Johnson in 1956 in Maple, WI and they celebrated forty years of marriage before his passing in 1996, member of the Independent Apostolic Lutheran Church in Maple, survived by 3 sons; a daughter, preceded in death by parents, husband Clayton, son Jeffrey Michael & brother Jerry Tapani.

Elsie Irene (Lintula) Kiiski, 94, Lakeside, Maple resident, who passed away September 5, 2017 in St. Luke's with family by her side, born in 1923 in the Town of Lakeside, WI to John and Olga (Rautio) Lintula, married Uno Kiiski in 1942 who served with Gen Patton, farmed in Maple and had three children, survived by daughter, Patsy (Axel) Wiitala, Maple, WI; sons, Tim (Peggy) Kiiski, and Tom (Rosie) Kiiski, all of Superior, preceded in death by husband, Uno; parents, John and Olga; brothers George, William and Elmer; sisters, Marian Orville and Martha Ellis.

Toivo I. Rinnet, 99, Poplar, Maple and Superior area resident, who died Monday, August 28, 2017 at Twin Ports Health Services, Superior, WI, born in 1918 in Oulu, WI, the son of Edward and Hilda Rinnet, married Julia Burke in 1945 in Maple who survives, served his country in the United States Army Air Force and was stationed in Africa, Sicily, Italy and France, was an excellent tenor singer in several languages and after college taught music in various places throughout his teaching career, was a member of the Jarvenpaa Finnish Choir in Duluth, MN, which sang at many Finnests throughout the country and Canada, survived by several nieces and nephews, preceded in death by his parents; 5 brothers and six sisters.

Elizabeth "Beth" Harvey, 50, Superior, who died August 20, 2017 at Superior Rehab and Nursing Center in Superior following a battle with cancer, born in 1966 in Superior, WI to Thomas and Judy (Soyring) Hilger, survived by three daughters, Shea, Saija and Sofia Harvey, all of Cambridge, MN; her father, Thomas Hilger; former husband and father of her children, Charles "Chuck" Harvey, one brother, Robert Hilger, Robinsdale, MN and one sister, Linda Hilger, Brule, WI.

George E. Nykanen, 97, Poplar, who died Aug. 19, 2017, in his home, born in 1920, son of the late Matt and Mary (Orava) Nykanen, was preceded in death by his 13 siblings, the latest Hilda Falk in 2009, a Maple Koukkari relation.

Catherine Ann "Kate" Sclavi, 64, Lake Nebagamon, who passed away suddenly August 13, 2017 in her home of natural causes, born in 1953 in Superior to James and Donna (McGillis) Engberg, survived by daughter & son-in-law, Jennifer and Marc Makela of Lake Nebagamon, WI and their children; her son, Joe (Amanda Olson) Sclavi of Maple, WI; her sisters, Janice Engberg, Mary Walters, preceded in death by her parents and her mother-in-law, Jean Sclavi.

Raymond "Ray" Elmer Copp, 84, Brule, who died August 15, 2017 at Villa Marina Health & Rehab Center in Superior after a short stay, born in Brule in 1932 to Armas & Helen (Hakkila) Copp, enjoyed many years performing with Ernie Ronn & the band "White Lightening", being weekend regulars at The Green Top in Iron River, drummed in jam sessions with local musicians & family, with his last "gig" in February of 2017, married Jean Beaudry in 1949 in Carlton MN, farmed and trucked throughout his life, & loved stock cars, survived by 2 daughters & four sons with families.

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

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Anyone interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society is encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may also contact any member or the Board at the return address above, or our Treasurer, Matt Miller, at the same address. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable after our annual meeting in August. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

CALENDAR.

October 6-8, Friday to Sunday. Apple Festival Weekend Open House, Tours and Bake Sale, Davidson Windmill Grounds. Tour Hours: Friday 3-6 PM, Saturday 9 AM-5 PM with Bake Sale all day, Sunday 11 AM-3 PM.

October 9, Monday. Columbus Day observed. (Thursday, Oct 12 is actual day.)

October 11, Wednesday, 6 PM, OBHS General Meeting. Pot luck luncheon followed by Program: Dennis Hill speaking on "Tools of the Trade." Amnicon Town Hall. Business Meeting follows.

October 31, Tuesday. Halloween Day.

November 1, Wednesday. All Saints Day.

November 5, Sunday. Daylight Saving Time Ends.

November 7, Tuesday. Election Day.

November 8, Wednesday. 5:30 PM, OBHS Board Meeting. Dennis Hill Residence, Town of Amnicon.

November 11, Saturday, Veterans' Day.

November 23, 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.