

OBHS News

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THE OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH AT 6:00 PM AT THE BRULE TOWN HALL We will start with our potluck supper, followed by our Program: **LOCAL AUTHOR PEGGY TROJAN FROM BRULE WILL READ FROM HER LATEST BOOKS** about growing up in Brule in the 1940's. She and her husband David returned to retire in Brule in 1994. She published her first poem when she was seventy-seven, and has published three chapbooks*, (*Everyday Love*) and one full collection. (*Essence*) She will share poems from her latest two chapbooks: *Homefront: Childhood Memories of WWII*, and *Free Range Kids*. **Our Business Meeting will follow her presentation. Thanks to Peggy Trojan for sharing her work with us, to the Town of Brule for use of their Town Hall, to Lila Ronn and Mary Ann for organizing the program, and to all who will bring refreshments and food to share. Welcome All, and please bring a friend.**

*A chapbook is a small collection of poetry, generally no more than 40 pages, that often centers on a specific theme, such as exotic foods or wild animals, etc. It's typically saddle-stitched (like a pamphlet or magazine) and is a format well suited to smaller print-runs.

FROM THE EDITOR:

On Monday, October 1, 2018, at 6 p.m. a room-full of Northland locals with ties to area history preservation met at the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center in Superior with representatives of the Wisconsin Historical Society for the first stop in their tour of the State, seeking creative input for the new modern and digitally connected Wisconsin Historical Society Museum, which will be on the site of their current facility, a remodeled hardware store, across the street from the Capital in Madison. It is due for completion in 2024. Heading up the WHS group was the new Executive Director of the state society, Dr. Christian Overland, who has roots in the Duluth area and who spent time in our region when he was growing up. It was interesting to compare a project on this scale with the growing pains we are now feeling and seeing in our own transformation from a society without a home to the creation of a permanent working and archiving site at the Monticello School Museum & Archives near the Northwestern High School in Maple on the old Brule Town Hall site and the even earlier first Maple School site. It is the State Museum designer's hope to link the local heritage of places represented by groups like Old-Brule Heritage Society as a WHS affiliate more closely with the WHS Museum to improve the interpretation of the local communities' contribution to the cultural fabric and history of the full state. When we see how discursive the past has been even within our own region of concern, to create a unifying vision for the State as a whole seems daunting to me. Is there one story that fits the full state? Is there one story that truly fits the diversity of the rural, former dairying, towns, villages and neighborhoods here in this region now served by the Joint School District of Maple, struggling recently with declining enrollment? Will it be a story we will want and need to hear? I hope the best for all projects. -Jim Pellman

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ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Archives Committee would welcome more volunteers to help in this important part of our OBHS mission. Our continuing project is learning to use the computer in support of our work, scanning, interpreting and indexing documents and photos, storing clippings and records and creating databases. The future holds more work on temporary and permanent exhibits using items in our collection, which the MSMA school space will permit. Our thanks go to our loyal committee members and document and artifact donors, and to the Town of Maple for continuing Archive storage space. If you enjoy exacting work and interesting conversation please join us, we hope soon, under the Monticello School. Next meeting is yet to be determined. We expect our old routines to change as we transition to our MSMA site over the next few months. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm our next Archives Committee meeting time and place. WELCOME!

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
Unapproved MINUTES for the 2018 ANNUAL MEETING
August 24, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Maple Town Hall

Members spent the entire day setting up the Flea Market to be held on August 25 at the Maple Town Hall. At 5:00 p.m., a tour of the grounds of the Monticello School Museum and Archives Site was conducted by Jim Pellman. Following the

tour, members returned to the Maple Town Hall for the Annual Meeting scheduled to begin a 6:00 p.m. 13 members were in attendance.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Matt Miller presented the following Annual Treasurer's Report, effective through August 17, 2018:

2018-08-24 OBHS Treasurer's Report

Current Balance	Notes
GENERAL FUND: \$2,955.87 (Cash on hand: \$21.44)	Last meeting: \$7,969.11 (-\$5,013.24) Income: Alice Lahti memorial ¹ --\$540.00; Sauna donations ² --\$1,100.00; 2018 Calendars--\$9.00; Donations ³ --\$26.00 Expenses: Fundraising supplies ⁴ --\$39.24; Property insurance--\$252.19; Newsletters & stamps--\$276.81; MSMA site dumpster--\$225.00; Transfer depot earmarks to Depot fund--\$5,895; Outstanding debt: Sauna fund--\$1,350.00; WI Council for Local History donation--\$25.00; Outstanding income:
WINDMILL FUND: \$3,655.23	Last meeting: \$3,889.72 (-\$234.49) Income: Pavers--\$80.00; Retail sales--\$18.00; Donations--\$123.15 Expenses: Pavers--\$20; Midsummer meal newspaper advertising--\$51.60; Utilities (2 months)--\$68.29; Lawn mowing x4--\$300.00; Windmill site upkeep--\$15.75; Outstanding debt: Paver engraving--\$40.00
MSMA FUND: \$308.89	Last meeting: \$243.89 (\$65.00) Income: Alice Lahti memorial ¹ --\$25.00; Flea market table donations ⁵ --\$40.00; Outstanding debt: Repayment to CD--\$1,200.00;
DEPOT FUND: \$5,895.00	Last meeting: \$0.00 (\$5,895.00) Income: Transfer from General fund--\$5,895.00;
CD: \$4,672.80	Last meeting: \$4,668.50 (\$4.30 interest) Outstanding income: MSMA fund repayment--\$1200.00
TOTAL: \$17,487.79	Last meeting: \$16,771.22 (\$ 716.57)

¹ Alice Lahti memorial: Gayann Sandoval, Richard & Rebecca Bascio, Paul Colby, Axel & Patsy Wiitala, Delores & Paul Hakkila, Linda Soyring, Mary Ann & Julie Gronquist, Randy & Beth Severin, Edith Warner, LM Hermanson

² Sauna donations: Mark & Nancy Smith of Gordon--\$500, WI; Stack Brothers of Superior, WI--\$500; Lifetime Dental of Superior, WI--\$100

³ General fund donations: These were test donations through PayPal that Janine (\$25) and I made. I was able to transfer the funds from PayPal to our bank account without issue.

⁴ Reimbursement to Brian Paulson for costs incurred while writing grant proposals and other fundraising

⁵ 1 indoor and 1 outdoor table

Other items

1. I visited the bank to sign a new document for the Blueberry Depot account. This was in addition to the paperwork they had originally given us. That account now exists and has had the depot earmarked funds transferred to it.
2. The General Fund balance minus the Sauna earmarks (\$1,350.00) is \$1,605.87.
3. My last report noted a missing deposit from Finnworks. I found the mistake in my bookkeeping and verified that it was deposited. I had recorded the money as deposited when the check was cashed, but I had failed to zero out the amount of the check from the "pending deposits".
4. I visited our insurance agent and went over the finances. We had paid a bill of \$261.44 before their billing reflected the MSMA property. That first payment covered 6 months of insurance for the Windmill property. They followed up with a bill that was the difference after the MSMA property was added to the coverage. The difference was \$252.19. I paid that at the agent's office. The total bill for 6 months of coverage for both properties was \$513.63.
5. I need to follow up with Earl and Jon about the website's security certificate. Secure connections are not yet working.

Following a motion by Audrey and a second by Char for approval of the above report, it was accepted as presented. Dennis noted that he is seeking another quote for property insurance on the Monticello School for consideration in six months.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Secretary Lila Ronn read the minutes of last year’s Annual Meeting held on August 25, 2017. Char Harms moved to accept these minutes, followed by a second from Mary Ann. Motion approved.

**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.

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: Char Harms noted that she is pleased with the progress she observed at the MSMA site, but emphasized the priority needs of archives preservation. It is hoped that tomorrow’s Flea Market Fund Raiser brings in the needed \$2,000 to purchase the boiler and controls. The soffit needs to be painted and sealing of the rubber roof needs to be done before winter. Dennis noted there was no hurry to install windows. Char asked about the location of the metal shelving. Mary Ann thanked Jim and Dennis for all of their hard work and other contributions to bring this significant project along.

WINDMILL/GROUNDS: Bridge work remains to be completed.

BLUEBERRY DEPOT PROJECT: Dennis reported that there was a delay on design work at the state level. Because the suggested model/plan was not ready for the WI-DOT meeting, this agenda item was moved to August. We expect to hear soon whether we will be able to obtain additional land from the State. Dennis reported that we have enough money to put footings in and about \$2,000 to move the depot to the mill site footings. Mary Ann noted that the contribution from Barbara H. should be coming in soon for Phase 1.

SAUNA PROJECT: While the sauna could be placed close to our toilet/shed, it could also be set on the river side of the sidewalk. If we make a green-treated floor to set the sauna on, we could jack it up a little as needed. Ruth E. asked when the sauna move might take place. Dennis thought it would be delayed until next year. He estimated the approximate cost of the move to be about \$1,000. Ron and Brian have been busy seeking additional funds.

MERCHANDISE: No report.

FRIENDS OF OBHS: This site of 816 members is independent of OBHS. Thanks to Janine Seis and Nancy Moreland for their work on this site.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OPENINGS FOR 2018-2019: All current members up for renewal have agreed to complete their current term or to be renewed for their second term of two years.

Only one member, Dorothy Bergsten, who has served two terms of two years, requires replacement for 2018-19. Mary Ann Gronquist agreed to be nominated for Board membership. President Dennis Hill called for further nominations from the floor with none being made. Audrey moved to approve Mary Ann for Board membership; Char seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2018 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 2018</u>
Dorothy Bergsten, Poplar	2014	2-0	Aug. 2018	Replace
Audrey Hakkila, Poplar, 2nd VP	2015	2-1	Aug. 2019	None
Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Lake Nebagamon	2015	2-1	Aug. 2019	None
Janine Seis, LN, AZ, Ass’t Treasurer	2015	2-1	Aug. 2019	None
Lila Ronn, Lakeside, Secretary	2015 (Dec.)	2-1	Aug. 2019	None
Matt Miller, Superior, Treasurer	2016	1-0	Aug. 2020	Renew for 2 nd Term
Dennis Hill, Amnicon, President	2016	2-1	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
Jodi Swanson, Brule	2017	1-2	Aug. 2021	None
Trish Hursh, Poplar, 1st VP	2017	1-2	Aug. 2021	None
Charlene Harms, Duluth, Alternate	2015	2-1	Aug. 2019	None
Lois Pollari, LN, AZ, Alternate	2015	2-1	Aug. 2019	None
Jim Pellman-Maple, Emeritus				

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

Many thanks to Dorothy for her fine service to OBHS. Welcome to “new” member Mary Ann Gronquist.

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

- Archives (including Web-site).....Audrey Hakkila, Poplar
- Membership.....Janine Seis, Lake Nebagamon
- Publications.....Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland (with Jim Pellman,)
- Davidson Windmill, Eskolin Hse., Taylor’s Bridge..Dennis Hill, Amnicon; Jim Pellman, Maple (with Brian Paulson & Ron Hendrickson)
- MSMA.....Dennis Hill, Jim Pellman & Jan Conley
- Merchandise.....Shirley Kankas-Umolac

All of these current chairs continue Board membership and do not require replacement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mary Ann reported that an employee of the Iron River Chamber of Commerce has inquired if OBHS was interested in joining their organization at the cost of \$80.00 per year. Because they are not located in our area, the invitation was not pursued.
2. It was suggested that OBHS schedule next year’s Annual Meeting at a time other than during Flea Market activities. Many in attendance agreed and asked the Board to keep that in mind when they schedule this meeting for 2019.

3. Dennis shared his concern that we make decisions at our meetings that are not acted upon later. There was general agreement that some motions are made and passed that are not acted upon. Matt noted that an organization he belongs to keeps a list of "action items". Lila will examine ways to track decisions and provide some suggestions for the Board to consider.
4. Updated job descriptions are needed along with OBHS by-laws. Jim will have a set of existing by-laws available by the next meeting which Lila will produce on-line.

ADJOURNMENT: Audrey moved to adjourn with second by Char. Pres. Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Lila M. Ronn, Secretary

President Dennis Hill called a brief Board Meeting at 7:06 p.m. for the purpose of selecting officers for the 2018-19 year. All of the standing officers have agreed to serve again for the 2018-19 year. Audrey made a motion that they be nominated and approved to continue in their current positions. Following a second by Trish, the motion was unanimously approved.

Officers for the 2018-29 Year:

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

Thanks to Dorothy Bergsten for her service on the Board the past four years.

Mary Ann passed a volunteer list for persons to work at the Bake Sale on October 7-8.

Next Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at the Eskolin House.

Adjournment: Audrey moved for adjournment; second by Trish. President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

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.

**Unapproved MINUTES of the SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING
 OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
 Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
 Eskolin House, Town of Lakeside**

In attendance: Bruce Carlson, Audrey Hakkila, Dennis Hill, Trish Hursh, Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Matt Miller, Jim Pellman, Lila Ronn, and Janine Seis.
 Visitors: Arlene Hill.

Thanks to all of the Board Members for the delicious food they brought to share.

BUSINESS MEETING:

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

MINUTES: Audrey moved to approve the minutes of the Previous Board Meeting held on July 11, 2018, at the residence of Jody and Doreen Swanson, Brule, WI. These minutes were published in the August issue of the *OBHS News*. Following a second by Shirley, these minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Matt Miller reported the following balances effective September 12, 2018.

<u>CURRENT BALANCE</u>	<u>CHANGE SINCE AUGUST ANNUAL MEETING</u>
GENERAL FUND: \$3,195.07 (Includes \$1,350.00 debit to Sauna Fund)	Last Meeting -- \$2,955.87 (+ 239.20)
WINDMILL FUND: \$3,617.42	Last Meeting -- \$3,655.23 (-37.81)
MSMA FUND: \$3,637.68 (Includes \$1,200 debit to CD Fund)	Last Meeting -- \$308.89 (+3,328.79)
DEPOT FUND: \$5,895.00	No Change
CD: \$4,672.80	No Change
TOTAL: \$ 21,017.97	Last Meeting.-- \$17,487.79 (+3,530.18)

Trish made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Motion seconded by Janine. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS: Regarding obtaining another quote on our insurance coverage: Jim Pellman and Jody & Doreen Swanson met with Myron Ollanketo of Northern Finnish Mutual Insurance at the MSMA site last week to familiarize him with the site in its current condition, and our possible insurance needs. Myron returned with an approximate quote of \$480.00/year for the MSMA coverage alone which would include \$500,000 liability, \$50,000 property and \$10,000 contents. The Windmill property and needs were mentioned but not included at this time in this estimate. This compares with our current semi-annual premium from State Farm of \$252.19 with its different terms and sites including liability of \$1 million. Further discussion included several issues: (1.) Importance of getting all quotes in writing; (2.) Need to carry \$1,000,000 in liability coverage; and (3.) Suggestion to call Century Agency in Superior. Janine volunteered to make this call.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARCHIVES/WEBSITE: This committee remains semi-dormant until working space is available at MSMA. Thanks to Earl for updating our Website from his home computer.

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: Our Third Annual MSMA Flea Market Fund Raiser brought in approximately \$1,700 of the needed \$2,000 to purchase the electric boiler, manifold and controls. A significant anonymous donation of \$ 1,500 arrived shortly after. This contribution and other gifts enable us to go further in restoration than at first anticipated. Concern that the building is not water tight should be eliminated by construction of the 4' x 8' front porch, and window restoration and installation so that a more complete heating system can be finalized before winter, enabling work on the basement throughout the winter, and upstairs as time and funds permit. The soffit needs to be painted and sealing of the seam over the vault and basement north wall with rubber roofing needs to be done before winter and the porch construction. Our 14 metal shelf units can be moved into the basement once walls are completed. A careful cost estimate can now be done to know how far we can proceed. John Tuura's help will be important.

Dennis provided costs of materials from Menard: \$198.00 for two pieces of rubber roofing material and \$197.00 for a 5-gallon bucket of glue. He also noted that treated plywood should be placed over the rubber roofing. While the cheapest heating unit at Menard's cost \$500.00, it may not be what we need. We will have to go directly to NIBCO PEX Radiant Systems to get specifications.

WINDMILL/GROUNDS: Bridge work remains to be completed. Painting of the Windmill is scheduled on an alternating three-year cycle and is due to be done in the spring of 2019. The windmill body in 2019, the blades next in 2021.

BLUEBERRY DEPOT PROJECT: Dennis reported that WIDot has not yet made any decisions regarding the availability of their land by the Mill property. Dennis also said that Greg Mussman has a contractor ready to do some demolition work and needs the Depot to be moved promptly. Dennis said that he agreed that OBHS will have the Depot moved no later than June 1, 2019. In the meantime, Dennis will contact Woodhulls to schedule a move in May. We have sufficient money to put footings in and about \$2,000 to move the depot to the mill site footings.

SAUNA PROJECT: One option for placement of the sauna is that it be set on the river side of the sidewalk. If we have a green-treated floor and footings to set it on, we could jack it up as needed. Placing the sauna close to our toilet/shed is another option. It is likely that the move will be delayed until next year with the approximate cost of about \$1,000.

MERCHANDISE:

Book sales have been heavy at Poplar Hardware. Most titles need to be reordered for our inventory with *Sisu and Sauna* at the top of our list. It was noted that during our Board Meeting in June, 2017, a decision was made to "purchase 20 copies from the original publisher, if possible. These copies would include an addendum of corrections". To date, no action has been taken. Lila volunteered to get all corrections and organize them for incorporation into the existing text. Jim will locate what he has and will also get a contact number for Paul Colby. Lila will contact Earl G. for other addendums/corrections he may have.

Shirley will complete an inventory of all merchandise.

Jim will order additional flyers.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: This site with about 816 members is independent of *OBHS*. Because the presence of social media is growing steadily, Jim suggested that linkages to this site or a supplemental site under our own name *OBHS* needs to be examined carefully. It could be used for more formal functions such as unapproved Minutes, with shorter summaries placed in our *OBHS News*, or the reverse, allowing more historical articles and more developed historical reports, discussions, and vigorous fund raising efforts, acknowledgements, and reports, etc.

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

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NEW BUSINESS:

ANNUAL MEETING ITEMS:

1. A recommendation was made to the Board that next year's Annual Meeting be scheduled at a time other than during the Flea Market. Shirley and Lila volunteered to produce an annual calendar for 2019 with dates for all meetings and activities. Lila will ask Mary Ann to join them in this effort. This proposed calendar will be presented to the Board for their approval at their

November meeting.

- There was general agreement that some decisions are made at our meetings that are not acted upon later. Lila will provide some suggestions for the Board to consider.
- Updated job descriptions are needed along with OBHS By-Laws. Jim provided a set of existing by-laws for all Board Members. These By-laws will need further examination for potential changes before they are placed on-line.

ENCOURAGEMENT AND SYMPATHY: Sympathy to the family and friends of John H. Kallinen of Maple; Mike Lukkarila of Maple; Pastor Duane (Aho) Westfield, formerly of Brule; Duane Savage, Amnicon; and Ruth Waldin Lintelmann, Poplar.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at the Brule Town Hall. Resident Peggy Trojan will present the program based on her experiences as a child living in Brule during WWII.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, November 14, 2018. Tentative location: Eskolin House, depending upon weather conditions.

ADJOURNMENT: Trish moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Janine. Pres. Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila Ronn, Secretary

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

The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, produced its eighth and final calendar in 2005 with pictures of Brule's past. Proceeds from these annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, are being used for the publication of the history of Brule, to be completed very soon, 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 2018 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are for sale at \$9.00 each. Earlier individual issues are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2015), 2016 at \$6.00, & 2017 at \$7.00 in limited numbers, & \$30 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 each year, this year at Twin Gables & Round Up North in Brule, Poplar Hardware & the Poplar Village Market, now closed permanently, & Aroma Restaurant in Maple. Or check with Jim in Maple at 715-363-2549. We also seek more advertisers. The 2019 issue is now in progress.

**Area History:
No. 124**

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

The Lee School, Standing within the Town of Brule, 1917-1937 (Pre-addition view). The Lee School, in Joint School District No. 5 when it closed in 1937, served parts of the Towns of Brule and Highland, and the Village of Lake Nebagamon. It was built in the summer and fall of 1917 on property near the Modena Farm located inside the southwest corner of the post-Village of Lake Nebagamon-boundaries of the modern Town of Brule on the south side of what is now Douglas County Road B. Count Bolognesi's cheese enterprise owned several



adjacent sections of land being farmed for milk in their local operations which ended as the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railroad ceased operations in the area in 1934. A grove of trees, foundations and concrete steps are all that remain to mark where it overlooked Mattes and later Meller's Pond to the west which Highway B jogs around before coming to the Village of Lake Nebagamon. On June 27, 1981 former students from the school held a reunion at the Lake Nebagamon Auditorium. Thirty-seven students and one teacher attended coming from numerous states, as far away as California and Oregon. Lee School's first eighth grade graduates in May of 1918, Art Lee and Frieda Hill Archambault, were present and recalled that graduation exercises that first year were shared with the Lake Nebagamon School as students had started the first months of the school year there. Lillian Carlson was the teacher and she boarded at the Amon Lee home. At the end of the 1936-1937 school year when the Lee School was closed it became the property of Brule's District No. 1. For a bid of \$250 the School Board sold the building and furnace to Mr. Stuckey. Its bell went to District No. 1 which liked its tone better than the one they had in Brule School. *Photograph and added data from material gathered by the Brule History Research Group.*

~ NOTICES ~

MEMBERS: Dues collection for 2019 began at our Annual Meeting & continues into 2019. Please fill in your volunteer hours on your Blue Sheets for 2017-2018 for turn in now. The new hour tally runs from Aug.1 (2018) to July 31, 2019. Please contact our Secretary or Jim for a new Blue Sheet or see our website for forms.

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: Thanks to all who made the MSMA Benefit Flea Market a success. Nice weather helped make it the best yet, and several generous donations, including one that came later which was anonymous. This will definitely help to get us inside sooner. The Town of Maple needs a tip of the cap for their generosity in the use of the Town Hall and the grounds. Barbara H. just donated to the Blueberry Depot Project..Thanks!

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY: Encouragement to our Assistant Treasurer Janine Seis who mails out all of our thankyou's, membership cards, and donation acknowledgements who just came back from Oktoberfest activities in Munich with a bad European chest cold. Her husband Doug is recovering from a number of snags in their enjoyment including a slip in a bathtub that bruised some ribs. They eventually did have fun when they met up with family who were also there on holiday. Finally our sympathy to family & friends of the many, listed here, whom we have lost recently:

Pepper R. Craft, 45, Lake Nebagamon and Poplar, who died September 28, 2018, from injuries sustained in a car accident, born in Superior in 1973, son of Pepper R. Rassmussen and Mary (Craft) Pitt, graduated from Northwestern High School and later worked for Keith Lind Well Drilling, more recently owned Gary Lind Well Drilling in Lake Nebagamon, married Kate James in 2005, survived by his wife, Kate Craft, Poplar, son, Payton; daughter, Kenley, sisters, Buffy Fitzpatrick, of Arizona, and Tammy Craft, brother, Scott Craft, St. Michael, MN, preceded in death by his parents.

Anne M. (Opatik) Sznajder, 95, Iron River who passed away Sept 25, 2018 at Northern Lights Health Care Center in Washburn, WI, born in 1923 in Moquah, WI, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Michuda) Opatik, during WWII worked in Detroit for the Park-Davis Pharmaceutical Company and American Rubber, in 1948 married Isadore C. Sznajder in Moquah, was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking, baking, canning, gardening, sewing and animals, was a member of the Iron River VFW Post 10197 Ladies auxiliary and a longtime member of the Saint Michael Altar and Rosary Society, survived by children, Thomas (Trina) of Waukesha, WI, Salomea "Sally" (Terry) Lee of Rock Falls, WI, Loretta (Mike) Rinzel of Bloomer, WI, Ronald (Michele) of River Falls, WI and Raymond (Tuula) of Brule, WI; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, preceded in death by parents, husband, Isadore in 2015, grandson, Joshua Sznajder, great-grandson, Vinny Lee, sister, Mary Veda and brothers, Thomas, Frank, Joseph, Edward & Rudy Opatik.

James "Jim" Leonard Riedl, 72, Iron River, who died September 25, 2018, born in 1946 in Flint, MI, son of the late Leonard and Dorothy (Bousley) Riedl, graduated from Iron River High School in 1964 and was the valedictorian of his class, attended the University of Wisconsin, Superior where he received a bachelor's degree in accounting, in 1968 went into the U.S Army where he was stationed in Kentucky and Germany from 1968 to 1970, took a job with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 34 years where he retired as an Engineer Specialist Advanced, in 1996 married Barbara J. Kerber in Iron River, survived by wife Barbara of Iron River, sister, Carol (Butch) Larsen, children Haley & Hannah, Terry (Mitch) Ottinger, daughter Megan, Tracy (Paul) Adams, & son Mitch.

Marcus "Mark" L. Crase, 85, Iron River & Superior, who died September 18, 2018, a member of Iron River High School's Class of 1951, married wife Judy 57 years ago, served in the Air Force during the Korean War, was a mechanic in Superior in charge of school bus maintenance, survived by wife Judy and three sons, Mark, Scott & Jeff, 10 grandchildren, and sisters Char & Mary.

Patricia "Pat" L. (Cox) Williams, 71, Maple, who died September 11, 2018, at Villa Marina Health and Rehab.in Superior, born in Menomonie, WI, in 1947, daughter of Kenneth John and Cleo Harriot Cox, married Thomas Williams in 1975 in Superior, was an LPN at the Chaffey Nursing Home, was also a homemaker nurse and babysitter, preceded in death by her parents, daughter, Laura; and a baby grandson, survived by her husband, Thomas; sons, Arthur (Shawnette) Carre of Duluth, and Michael Delich of Superior, 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, Breanna, Aliah, and baby Luke, sister, Diane (Jim), brothers, James (Katina) and William.

Gladys E. (Lee) Carlson, 96, South Range, who passed away on September 8, 2018, in St. Luke's Hospital, born in 1922 in Atkinson, MN to James and Elizabeth (French) Lee, married Elrude A. Carlson on January 15, 1949, preceded in death by her husband, brothers, Edwin "Buck" and James "Bud" Lee, sisters, Blanche Hanson, Loretta Lightbody, Dorothy Munter, Bernice Demenge, and Evelyn Williams, survived by son, Joseph (Judy); daughter, Laura; son, Steven, and grandchildren.

John Henry Kallinen, 93, Iron Mountain MI, Oulu, Maple, who died August 31, 2018 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, born in Iron Mountain, MI, in 1925, son of John and Mayme (Saari) Kallinen, married Mildred Sofia Liska in 1952, was employed with the School District of Maple as an Assistant Maintenance Engineer until retirement in 1987, survived by wife, Mildred, son, Dwight (Gillian) Kallinen, granddaughters, Denise, San Antonio, TX, and Michelle, Denver, CO, and great-grandsons, Joe and Sam, preceded in death by son, David; and parents, burial in Oulu. He was musical and played the accordion to the pleasure of all.

Michael Lukkarila, 63, Maple and Superior, who died August 29, 2018 at Twin Ports Health Services in Superior, WI, surrounded by his family, born in Maple in 1954, son of Edwin and Edna (Autio) Lukkarila, served honorably in the United States Army, worked as a laborer at the Pillsbury Plant in Poplar for many years, was a member of the Maple Volunteer Fire Department, survived by his daughter, Amanda (Fritz) Williams, Superior, grandchildren, Logan, Karli "Boo", and Kenzie; sister, Amy (Tim) Sharp, Superior, nephew, Shawn (Mary) Kunckel, longtime companion, Maureen Stark, Superior, WI, and her children, preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Steve Lukkarila.

Paul Kauti, 67, Superior, who was born in September 6, 1950, died August 24, 2018 in St. Luke's Hospital.

Cheryl Lynn (Carlsness) Osberg, 60, Lake Nebagamon, who passed away August 17, 2018 at her home surrounded by her family, born in Superior in 1957, the daughter of Donald and Loretta Carlness, preceded in death by her parents, first husband, Richard Kennedy; second husband, Steve Osberg; son, Brian Osberg and granddaughter, Justice Kennedy, survived by her husband, Mark DeMars, four sons, Andrew Kennedy, Steven Osberg, Matthew DeMars and Chad Rehm; nine grandchildren, brothers and sisters.

Dennis W. Schumacher, 76, Brule, born September 14, 1941, who died in his home August 14, 2018.

Carolyn S. Dalbec, 66, Superior, who died August 11, 2018 at Superior Rehabilitation Center in Superior, born in 1952 in Superior to George and Rose (Koehler) Raunio, was the head housekeeper for Days Inn for over thirty years, survived by two sons, Kevin (Pam) Dalbec, Superior, and Lee (Paula) Dalbec, Duluth, three grandsons, Tanner, Roberto and Nathan, three sisters, Joanne (Tim) Proffit, Superior, Jeanne (Stanley) Longshore, AZ and Rose Ann (Bruce) Brown, Superior, WI; three brothers, Paul Raunio, Lake Nebagamon, WI, William Raunio and Robert (Kelly) Raunio, both of Superior, preceded in death by her parents, brothers John and Joel "Buster" Boyer and special friend Jack Houle.

Kenneth Martin Evenstad, 78, Babbitt, MN who passed away peacefully at home August 13, 2018 after a 4 year battle with pancreatic cancer, born in 1940 in Menasha, WI to Harold (Ozzie) and Dorothy (Gehrmann) Evenstad, raised in Superior, attending Superior Central High School, joined the US Army in 1957, serving in Germany until 1960, married Lynn (Darrolyn Salo) in 1960, moved their family Babbitt while he worked at Reserve Mining Co. on the railroad and then as an Electrician until Reserve shut down in 1986, then worked for the State of MN as an electrician on the monorail at the Minnesota Zoo, until he retired, survived by wife Lynn, his children, Sherry (Greg) Scharber and Rich Evenstad, 8 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren and his sisters Jackie (Murray) Sullivan and Maryann Fisher, brothers Rick (Chris) Krogerson and Marvin Krogerson, preceded in death by his parents, his son Kenneth Patrick Evenstad, brothers Gary Evenstad and Harold (Bibs) Evenstad and sister Carol Kinney.

Ruth Waldin Lintelmann, 96, Poplar, who died August 13, 2018, at Villa Marina Health and Rehab, born in Kingsdale, MN in 1922, the daughter of Andrew and Ragna (Staurseth) Waldin, worked at the Poplar Post office for 33 years, served as the director of the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Douglas County for 34 years and taught the word of God to children for more than 60 years, was also a member of the Gideons Women's Auxiliary, attended St. Paul Bible Institute and Taylor University where she earned her degree in music, was a member of Mission Covenant Church where she played the piano and organ for many years, preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kenneth; sister, Margaret; and cousins, Bob, Ruthie, Timmy and Gary Staurseth, survived by her cousins, Edward (Rhoda) Staurseth of Auburn, CA, Steve (Delores) Staurseth of Superior and Nancy Staurseth of Poplar, and extended family here and in Norway.

Robert L. Gruebele, 81, Maple, who died August 11, 2018 at St. Luke's Hospice in Duluth, MN, born in 1937 in Brule to Edward and Martha (Leaf) Gruebele, was a truck driver for Grube Transfer for twenty years retiring in 1987, married Carol Hill in 1961, was a 20 year member of the Teamsters Local #346, survived by his wife, Carol; seven children, nine grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, Alayah; one sister, Mary (Joe) Chramosta, Iron River, preceded in death by his parents, sisters, June, Ida, Annie and Barb and brothers, Lawrence, Jack, Ron and Don and son-in-law, Rich Haring.

And who have we missed or forgotten? May they all 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 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 each Annual Meeting in August. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

CALENDAR.

October 8, Monday. Columbus Day.

October 10, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS General Meeting. Pot luck dinner. Brule's Peggy Trojan reads her poetry; WWII theme. Business meeting follows.

October 31, Wednesday. Halloween.

November 1, Thursday. All Saints' Day.

November 4. Sunday. Daylight Saving Time Ends.

November 6, Tuesday. Election Day.

November 11, Sunday. Veterans' Day.

November 12, Monday. Veteran's Day Observed.

November 14, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS Board Meeting. Eskolin House.

November 17, Saturday, Submissions for the October *OBHS News* issue are due.

November 22, 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.