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THE OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY DECEMBER “CHRISTMAS” GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM AT THE AMNICON TOWN HALL We will start with our potluck holiday supper, followed by our Program: **BRUCE CARLSON with some help from Jim Pellman will have slides and an interesting talk by our OBHS Board Member on the HISTORY OF THE STINSON TRACTOR which was built in Superior just after World War I.** Bruce grew up in Cloverland on the farm of Eugene and Margaret Carlson. He retired after a long work history in the region in production settings, at a shipyard in Superior & at the PV Foods taco plant in Poplar following a stint in the Peace Corps. He has been collecting materials on the elusive Stinson Tractor for many years. He and his late wife Hilda and now married daughter Melody made their home in Superior where Bruce still lives. He maintains his John Deere tractor on a country forty acre lot where he also has a thrashing machine that he has restored and a Bell Circular Saw which he is bringing to life. Our Business Meeting will follow Bruce’s presentation. Thanks to Bruce for agreeing to share his Stinson findings, to the Town of Amnicon for use of their Town Hall, to Dennis Hill for making arrangements with the Town which we also thank. Thanks to all who bring refreshments and food to share.

Welcome All, and please bring a friend, and a Christmas gift if you would like to join the exchange after the meeting.

Please mark the wrapped gift of \$5 to \$10 value for **Woman, Man or W/M.**

FROM THE EDITOR:

“In Search of Visions” might be a title I would fix to these remarks. In medicine there is a vow would-be doctors must make. “Do no harm.” I think this vow applies also to those who work in every historical group, whatever the size, at whatever cultural or political level. In our gathering & saving & interpreting & sharing we must stick to the Truth or we are harming the Truth of our history in our work

Thinking back to the early days of our group there was a vision that I tried to articulate and share with those who somehow, coming from a broad spectrum of interests and backgrounds, had come together to preserve this rural region’s history. It is this vision that drives me to this day. From my experience in trying to write a history of the Town of Maple as something of a newcomer to the town, since I wasn’t in residence in Maple after 1956 until late in 1981, I had to establish trust. A whole generation had grown up and moved away while I was gone. A whole generation had grown too old to remain active in public life, or had gone to their reward. Except for close family and former classmates in Corner School’s Elementary grades, I was a stranger and my requests for materials to share to build an announced coming history were not forthcoming. I was known as someone who writes and who does art work, the grandson of two well-known families in our small town. But that was not enough. My grandparents and my parents and their close friends tried to give me a start. I visited the Douglas County Historical Society for what they had. There was no paper vertical file on Maple in those very early computer days. Nothing! I had some help at Superior Public Library where Barry Singer in the Adult Services Office, & his archive team pulled out what they had. It took years studying old copies of the *Inland Ocean* & the *Superior Telegram, etc.*, yet all of this was not enough to spark & clarify a coherent vision, to generate a story that might ring true to those who had lived in Maple, or, as it turned out, in Maple and in the communities surrounding it.

By the time of the closure of the Corner School in 1998 it had become clearer to me that the creation of the Maple School District in 1948, which brought the Northwestern High School into existence, was the unifying event around which a new, larger, community had been born that not coincidentally had a physical boundary much like that of an early, very large, Wisconsin town, founded in 1887, the Town of Brule, or as we say, “Old-Brule”. The story that I saw then that had to be told drew in the histories of the towns and villages that were to be drawn into this large bus & highway enabled school district. For better or worse the joint school district began to weave together the traditional social patchwork of the communities it served, the towns & villages that had separated over time by choice from the greater Town of Old-Brule and the northern towns of Nebagamain. The post-World War II modern world had forced the merger. The Federal government had gained a grip in the war years that it was never to relinquish. Now a high school diploma was a must. Locally the Shangri-La’s of warmer climates, seen by the young while deployed on national defense duties and in defense industries, made it hard for them to justify life & a way of life that made great demands in fighting darkness and a killing cold over three months a year. A vision of a new local industry built on tourism and escape to nature was pushed, as the Brule River people, even before Brule’s first founding, so much earlier, had discovered, & which their wealth had allowed. The bread and butter of the homesteading groups on their subsistence farms had the life on this river in their own futures cutting through their Old-Brule pastures. After 130 years we all had become commuters bound to commercial centers by our cars & vans, by Federal highways, our work & even our play. I hope this vision is broad & deep enough to catch the Truth for the sake of the young as my generation in the next few years prepares to leave the stage. Of course we’re asked to become part of this “heritage tourism” & there is much work in that. Some will always choose to live here. -Jim Pellman

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ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

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

Unapproved MINUTES for the OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC. Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Brule Town Hall

Attendance: 38 were in attendance.

After enjoying a delicious potluck supper, members and guests gathered around Peggy Trojan as she read her poetry, most of which focused around her childhood days in the 1940's in Brule, where her father was manager of Brule Coop Store. Peggy attended Northwestern High School, the University of MN, and received a degree at UW-Superior. She was an English teacher at Superior Central and at St. Patrick's in Eau Claire. Following retirement, Peggy and her husband David returned to Brule in 1994. She published her first poem when she was 77. Currently, she has three chapbooks in print: *Everyday Love*, *Homefront: Childhood Memories of WWII*, and *Free Range Kids*. (A chapbook is a small collection of poetry, generally no more than 40 pages that often centers on a specific theme). She also has published a full collection titled *Essence*.

Her poetry was captivating, bringing back memories for those in attendance who remembered similar childhood experiences and enlightening those who were younger. Thank you, Peggy, for giving us a totally enjoyable experience.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 7:56 p.m.

MINUTES: Jim Mattson moved to approve the Minutes of the previous General Meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2018, at the Lakeside Town Hall. These minutes were published in the August 2018 issue of the *OBHS News*. Following a second by Jody, the minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Matt Miller provided the following report effective October 10, 2018:

Current Balance		Notes
GENERAL FUND: \$3,392.07 (Cash on hand: \$21.44)		Last meeting: \$3,195.07 (\$197.00) Income: Dues--\$100; Wholesale books--\$126; Donations ¹ --\$25 Expenses: PO Box--\$54; Outstanding debt: Sauna fund--\$1,350.00; WI Council for Local History donation--\$25.00; Outstanding income:
WINDMILL FUND: \$3,617.42		Last meeting: \$3,617.42 (\$0) Income: Expenses: Outstanding debt: Paver engraving--\$40.00
MSMA FUND: \$3,597.59		Last meeting: \$3,637.68 (-\$40.09) Income: Flea market sales--\$25; Donations ² --\$50; Expenses: Flea market supplies--\$105; Utilities--\$10.09; Outstanding debt: Repayment to CD--\$1200.00;
DEPOT FUND: \$10,895.00		Last meeting: \$5,895.00 (\$5,000) Income: Donations ³ --\$5,000
CD: \$4,672.80		Last meeting: \$4,672.80 (\$0) Outstanding income: MSMA fund repayment--\$1200.00
TOTAL: \$26,174.88		Last meeting: \$21,017.97 (\$5,156.91)

¹Ted & Esther Pollari memorial by George and Kathy Setzke, Town of Eileen Historical Society Members

²Barbara & James Hammerbeck, Fridley, MN

³Barbara Hennigar, Centennial, CO

Other items:

The General Fund balance minus the Sauna earmarks (\$1,350.00) is \$2,042.07.

Doreen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; second by Basil Edgette. The Report was accepted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS: See Ms. Barbara Hennigar donation above.

1. Research from Mr. John Dawes of Arlington, VA, a writer for a national aviation magazine regarding information on Cedar Island and Richard Bong's flight inspiration in the U.S. Mail planes that flew over his farm when Bong was eight in the summer of 1928. Planes in those days followed the railroads.
2. Letter with the Hammerbeck donation shows great interest in a copper exhibit once MSMA is ready.
3. Anonymous donation of \$ 1,500 to MSMA via mail.
4. Call message to John Tuura regarding purchase, installation, and completion of our basement slab and upstairs floor hot water/antifreeze heating system.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

MEMBERSHIPS: Membership renewals can now be paid for the upcoming year. Membership remains constant. For reports on total membership, OBHS sums all categories (individual, family, and business) by individual count.

MSMA PROJECT: The Third Annual MSMA Flea Market Fund Raiser brought in approximately \$ 1,700 of the needed \$2,000 or more to purchase the electric boiler, manifold and controls. A significant anonymous donation of \$ 1,500 arrived shortly after, allowing the porch work needed before basement work. If our current estimates for related costs are accurate, the contribution and other gifts enable us to go further in restoration than first anticipated. Concern that the building is not water tight should be eliminated by construction of the 4'x8' front porch. Jim noted that the platform for the porch needs prioritization—more fill is needed. The soffit needs to be painted and the sealing of the seam over the vault and basement north wall with rubber roofing over some type of waterproof membrane needs to be done before winter and the porch construction. After that is completed, window restoration and installation would be scheduled so that a more complete heating system can be finalized before the deep cold of winter, enabling work on the basement throughout the winter, and upstairs as time and funds permit. Our 14 metal shelf units can be moved into the basement once walls are completed. A careful cost estimate should now be done to know how far we can proceed. John Tuura's help and recommendations will be important.

Costs for heating the building were discussed. Ron H. moved that OBHS set aside \$ 800.00 of the current MSMA Fund Balance to be used to heat the building this winter. Following a second by Bruce C., the motion carried.

WINDMILL/GROUNDS: Bridge work remains to be completed. Painting of the body of the Windmill is scheduled to be done in the spring of 2019 and the blades again in 2021. Thanks to everyone who worked over the Apple Festival Weekend Open House. Numbers are just coming in for sales of baked items, merchandise, and donations and will be reflected in the next Treasurer's report.

BLUEBERRY DEPOT PROJECT: Dennis reported that WIDot has made contact with us and arrangements are in process to "trade" 1.5 acres of our land for 2 acres of state land, a plan that should simplify property ownership and make placement of the depot on the site possible. We still have some hurdles to jump. Two weeks ago, the state initiated a process that would eliminate any environmental concerns. A variance from Douglas County to allow us to be within 60' of the property line also needs to be obtained. It is hoped that all concerns will be addressed soon so that the exact proposal can be made and Woodhull's can proceed with the move by next spring.

SAUNA: Further action awaits completion of the proposed land trade described above and a plan is developed along with the Depot Project.

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. Shirley has been making a thorough inventory on all merchandise. Lila has volunteered to get all corrections and organize them for incorporation into the existing text. Jim will locate what he has and Lila will contact Earl G. for other addendums/corrections he may have.

Jim has ordered and received 150 copies of our Davidson Windmill site brochure. The number ordered was low because we will need to add changes to that brochure soon.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: With more than 816 members, this site is independent of OBHS. Jim has suggested that linkages to this site or a supplemental site under our own name need 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNUAL MEETING ACTION ITEMS:

A recommendation was made to the Board that next year's Annual Meeting be scheduled at a time other than the Flea Market.

Lila reported that Shirley, Mary Ann, Nancy, and she met on October 10th and developed the following recommendations to be acted upon by the Board at their November meeting:

- (1.) The Flea Market will be scheduled for Saturday, August 24th, rather than the last Saturday in August because that latter date is on Labor Day Weekend;
- (2.) The Annual Meeting will be scheduled on Sunday, August 11th at the Lake Nebagamon Auditorium. Shirley scheduled the building/site for that event, which reservation can be cancelled should the Board decide on another date; and
- (3.) The Scandinavian Dinner will be scheduled on Saturday, June 22, 2019, the day after the actual Summer Solstice.
 1. Lila will provide some suggestions to the Board to consider to make sure that decisions made at meetings are not neglected.
 2. Updated job descriptions are needed along with by-laws. Jim has provided copies of existing by-laws for all Board Members. They need further examination for potential changes before they are placed on-line.
 3. We need to work on our budget. Matt has enlisted Ron to help with development of the budget.

ENCOURAGEMENT AND SYMPATHY: Sympathy to the family and friends of Pepper Craft, Dr. Ron Mershart, Ralph "Casey" Roulston, and Ron Pezze.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jody and Doreen Swanson.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Amnicon Town Hall. Speaker is yet to be determined, but a possibility is a presentation about the history of the Stinson Tractor Company. Those interested in a Holiday Gift Exchange should bring a wrapped gift of approximately \$10.00 in value, marked as appropriate for F, M, or Either sex.

ADJOURNMENT: Doreen moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Shirley D. President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila M. Ronn, Secretary

FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps, tee shirts, sweat shirts, key chains, buttons and photos for sale. Early issue magnets are going for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our General fund. Windmill mugs, caps & tee shirt proceeds go into the Windmill Fund. **SEE OUR WEB SITE** (www.oldbrule.org) **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 for the November Board Meeting

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Doreen and Jody Swanson Home, Town of Brule

In Attendance: Bruce Carlson, Dennis Hill, Audrey Hakkila, Trish Hursh, Jim Mattson, Matt Miller, Jim Pellman, Lila Ronn, and Jody Swanson. Visitors: Arlene Hill and Doreen Swanson. Thanks to Doreen and Jody Swanson for hosting our dinner and meeting and to everyone who brought food to share.

BUSINESS MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

MINUTES: Jim M. moved to accept the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on September 12, 2018, at the Eskolin House, Town of Lakeside. These minutes were published in the October 2018 *OBHS News*. Doreen seconded the motion; the minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Matt Miller presented the following OBHS balances effective 11/14/18:

Current Balance	Notes
GENERAL FUND: \$3,805.07 (Cash on hand: \$21.44)	Last meeting: \$3,392.07 (\$413) Income: Dues-\$185;Sauna donation ¹ -\$500;2019Calendars--\$20;Donations--\$45 Expenses: Newsletters& Brochures--\$305; Donation to WI Council for Local History--\$25; Stamps for Janine--\$7 Outstanding debt: Sauna fund--\$1,850.00; Outstanding income:
WINDMILL FUND: \$3,808.27	Last meeting: \$3,617.42 (\$190.85) Income: Apple Fest weekend--\$499.79; Pavers--\$20;Donations--\$9; Expenses: Utilities--\$72.94; Lawn mowing--\$225;Storm door on Eskolin house--\$40 Outstanding debt: Paver engraving--\$40.00
MSMA FUND: \$4,174.58	Last meeting: \$3,597.59 (\$576.99) Income: Flea market supplies refund from Jim--\$4; Donations ² --\$665; Expenses: Flea market advertising--\$31.94; Utilities--\$11.33; Site painting supplies--\$48.74 Outstanding debt: Repayment to CD--\$1200.00;
DEPOT FUND: \$16,095.00	Last meeting: \$10,895.00 (\$5,200.00) Income: Donations ³ --\$5,200
CD: \$4,676.86	Last meeting: \$4,672.80 (\$0) Income: Interest--\$4.06 Outstanding income: MSMA fund repayment--\$1200.00
TOTAL: \$32,559.78	Last meeting: \$26,174.88 (\$6,384.90)

¹ \$500 Lois Pollari sauna donation

² \$500 Alice Lahti Memorial from Gordon Lahti, \$165 from Joyce Luedke

³ \$5,000 grant from BNSF Railway Foundation; \$200 from OBHS' Insurance agent, Matt Thoreson.

Other items:

1. The General Fund balance minus the Sauna earmarks (\$1,850.00) is \$1,955.07.

2. The MSMA Fund balance minus the remaining utilities budget (\$788.67) & debt to CD (\$1200) is \$2,185.91.

3. Signed depot fund up for e-statements to stop the paper statements.

Jim M. moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; motion seconded by Doreen. The Motion was approved.

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Century Agency in Superior was unable to offer a better insurance quote than our current OBHS State Farm policy. Thanks to Janine for making contact.
2. Routine auto-billing and membership updates.
3. Package of Archival items (photos and clippings for accessioning and identification from Joyce Luedke from the collection of Kenneth Makela, her uncle from Maple; some of a Pollari Family reunion taken at the Kankas Cabin on the Brule River in 1947; and from Peggy Lundeen from the collection of Alma Lundeen, her mother from Brule.
4. Letter from BNSF Foundation with \$ 5,000.00 grant in support of our Depot Project. Thank you, Brian Paulsen, for your successful effort in seeking this grant.
5. Research for our Archives from Jean Fugate with roots in Poplar (Gust and Charlotte Johnson) genealogy, 1892 patent entry into what would become Poplar S 12 T47N R12 W death records, obituaries, clippings. Thank you, Jean.
6. Postcard from Douglas County Historical Society, Vasa Lodge regarding two upcoming playdates: Actress Jessica Michna as *Edith Wilson* on Nov. 9 and *A Christmas Carol...more or less* by Mary Irey, Stafano LoVerso-Produced, on Nov. 24, 25,30 and Dec. 1,2.
7. Local social media and the *Superior Telegram* announcements of two one-act plays, put on by Time Arc Theatre on the theme of hunting season camps. One of these comedies was written by OBHS member Kathy Laakso and the other by Teddie Meronek, a speaker at one of our recent programs. Member Ted Pellman performed his *Afternoon Buck* song at intermission. A great job was done by the cast, performers, and writers.
8. Member Char Harms forwarded a clip of an editorial written by Carol Abrahamzon, Executive Director of the Mississippi Conservancy, addressing recent flooding and land conservation issues in the "driftless area" of SE MN. Carol is a member of the Ukkola families in our group.
9. Letter from Northwestern High School requesting a pledge for a 2019 Scholarship from our group. Jim M. made a motion that we award a \$250.00 scholarship; second by Mary Ann. The motion passed.
10. Invoice for property/liability insurance due December 2, 2018 in the amount of \$475.98.

OLD BUSINESS:**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

ARCHIVES/WEBSITE: Until working space is available at MSMA, this committee remains dormant. Thanks to Earl for updating our Website from his home computer. We are still accepting items for our collection & fielding info requests.

MEMBERSHIPS: Membership renewals for 2019 can now be paid. Membership continues to remain constant. For reports on total membership we sum all categories (individual, family, and business) by individual count. Dues remain at \$15 for individuals; \$25 for families.

MSMA PROJECT: The MSMA soffit was painted before the real cold hit, but outside work on the front porch and handicap ramp could not be completed. Footings for the ramp will be done next spring. Jim P. reported that work will be done inside with heaters again for now. Window restoration, framing and installation and inside wall construction can move forward as time permits in preparation for the heating system installation; and upstairs, as time and funds permit. A careful cost estimate can now be done to know how far we can proceed. John Tuura's continued help will be important with the heating system. Dennis has provided cost estimates of materials from Menards: \$198.00 for two pieces of rubber roofing material and \$197.00 for a 5-gallon bucket of glue. Within the limits of our budget our front slab will gain the look of a wooden platform. While the least expensive heating unit at Menards costs \$500.00, that price does not allow for a required third zone. Despite some health issues, John remains interested in helping us. He engineered the Pex tube placement in the basement slab and the cement encased subfloor plumbing, donating the latter materials and labor. Issues with blocking off snow blowing in at the front door will be addressed.

WINDMILL/GROUNDS: Bridge work remains to be completed. There was discussion whether a roof is needed for the bridge (historical integrity vs. functionality/upkeep) Schedule for Windmill painting includes painting of walls in 2019; and blades in 2021.

BLUEBERRY DEPOT PROJECT: Dennis reported that WIDOT has agreed to exchange parts of OBHS and State land ownership at the site, allowing us to move the depot and sauna onto the Windmill Site. We should learn results of the required Environmental Study soon. Troy Woodhull will be sending us a bid for the move of the depot this winter while the ground is frozen. Thanks to Brian's great work, an added \$5,000 from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Foundation brings the total amount of money available for this project to over \$16,000.

SAUNA PROJECT: Dennis suggested that we use green-treated floor and footings which could be jacked up and leveled if needed, allowing for placement of the sauna on the river side of the sidewalk. Brian P. has expressed concern about water running down the hill. Placing the sauna close to the toilet/shed is another option. After costs for a green-treated floor and a cement slab are obtained, a decision for the sauna location will need to be made. We also need a bid for moving the sauna.

MERCHANDISE: Jim is working on the 2019 Calendar. Lila is getting all corrections for the existing text of *Sisu and Sauna*, so that she can organize changes to be incorporated in advance of republication. Shirley worked on a book and merchandise inventory before her AZ departure. Book orders need to go out. The Calendar book with Jim and Nan Wisherd is on hold until May 2019.

After discussion of action(s) to be taken to sell past issues of OBHS Calendars, Doreen moved that we sell a bundle of the issues for \$15. After a second by Jim M., the motion passed. An attempt to promote sale of these bundles will be made at the December meeting. Because these bundles were previously sold for \$30.00, they will be promoted as a "Half-price" sale.

We will be ordering 150 calendars again this year, the same number as last year when we broke even, selling them at \$9.00. A suggestion was made that ordering 120 calendars this year would be sufficient. The discussion was tabled.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: This site has about 820 members and is independent of *OBHS*. Because of the increasing popularity of social media, Jim suggested that linkages to this site or a supplemental site under our own OBHS name needs examination. It could be used for more formal functions such as unapproved Minutes, with shorter summaries placed in our *OBHS News*, or the reverse, allowing for more historical articles and developed historical reports & discussions; vigorous fund raising efforts & acknowledgements; and reports, historical questions answered, etc.

ANNUAL MEETING PROJECTS:

2019 CALENDER DATES: Lila reported that she met with Mary Ann, Shirley, Nancy, to set activity and meeting dates for the upcoming year. This committee recommended the following schedule:

1. General and Board Meetings would continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning at 6:00 p.m., with the exception of the June meeting which would be held on Thursday, June 20th.
2. The Scandinavian Dinner --Saturday, June 22 with related activities at the Mill on Friday and Saturday.
3. The Annual Meeting – Sunday afternoon, August 11, at the Lake Nebagamon Auditorium. (Shirley made reservations.)
4. The Annual Flea Market--Saturday, August 24.

Audrey moved to approve the above Calendar Dates; second by Trish. The motion was approved.

It was noted that no date has been selected for the Annual MSMA Music and Spaghetti Dinner. It was suggested that we attempt to schedule it on February 9, 2019, but availability of musicians is a determining factor. Jim will include these in the 2019 History Calendar.

PROJECT COMPLETION FOLLOWUP: It was decided that the Secretary would include current projects/tasks that have been previously determined by motion, but not completed, in the minutes.

UPDATE OF OBHS BY-LAWS AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS: The Board needs to examine existing by-laws and job descriptions for potential changes.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT: Report from this committee to be made at the December meeting.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: Jim M. asked about the status of the Pollari Memorial railroad map project that Randy Jones has done previous work on. Audrey will ask Randy if he could attend our January Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

ENCOURAGEMENT AND SYMPATHY: Sympathy to the family and friends of Thomas "Tom" Harvey, Sr. of Lake Nebagamon; Norman Harold LaPole Jr. (Bud), of Poplar; Steven J. "Steve" Haukkala, Maple; Colleen M. Turner-Lane, of Maple; and Jay Becker, grandson of Doris & the late Marvin Haukkala, a charter Board Member of OBHS..

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., December 12, 2018, at the Amnicon Town Hall. Bruce Carlson and Jim Pellman give a talk about the interesting history of the Stinson Tractor, produced in Superior in what is now the Erlanson Building. Those interested in a gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift, valued between \$5 - \$10, labeled as appropriate for W, M, or M/W.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at the Dennis & Arlene Hill's residence.

ADJOURNMENT: Doreen moved to adjourn the meeting; second of motion by Matt. President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila Ronn, Secretary

1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2019 LOCAL HISTORY PHOTO CALENDARS FOR SALE.

The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, produced its eighth and final calendar in 2005 with pictures of Brule's past. Proceeds from these annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, are being used for the publication of the history of Brule, to be completed 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 2019 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars will be for sale at \$9.00 each. Earlier individual issues are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2016), 2017 at \$6.00, & 2018 at \$7.00 in limited numbers, & ~~\$30~~ \$15 on sale for a packet of all of the first 12 years. An e-mail address for more info: musketeer6@cheqnet.net, and by phone: 715-363-2549, or please check our Website at www.oldbrule.org. Shipping & handling: \$3.50 each, less for each for larger orders. We thank our donor businesses whose cards we display in the back of each calendar, and to those local businesses that will be selling them for us, this year yet, at Twin Gables & Round Up North in Brule, Poplar Hardware, Aroma's Restaurant in Maple but sadly, with the Poplar Village Market, now closed permanently. Or check with Jim in Maple at 715-363-2549. We also seek more advertisers. The 2019 issue will soon go to press priced again \$9.00.

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

Horse and Sleigh c. 1918. This small damaged photograph from the Esther Pollari collection is a posed picture with her husband to be, Ted Pollari, as an early teen, hoisted onto the back of a work horse hitched to a light sleigh. The other men in the picture appear to be Oscar Pollari, one of Ted's older brothers, Eino Hendrickson, a Pollari first cousin to them, and Hjalmer Mattson, Esther's brother, and the Pollari brother's future brother-in-law from Marengo. Judging from their ties and dress clothing, this might be a Sunday or a special event, perhaps associated with the Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church of which they were members, late in winter with water running on the icy road. The sleigh has a contrived seat back adding more to the sense that this was a posed picture. All were excellent mechanics and were early owners of Model Ts or other horseless carriages, at a time when field work still belonged to the horse, or the doodlebug. *Esther Pollari Collection from a copy in the Old-Brule Heritage Society Archives.*



~ 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 if you haven't. 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 have paid their dues for 2019. An annual thankyou to the Towns & Villages for use of halls. Thanks to the generous donors toward publication of our 2019 History Calendar. We couldn't do it without their support. Thanks to Judy Lahti, and to Joyce Luedke for archive materials. Thanks especially for their identifications of people in the old photos. They become more priceless.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY: Encouragement to all with illnesses the cold weather seems to bring on. Finally our sympathy to family & friends of the many, listed here, whom we have lost recently:

Norman Harold LaPole Jr. (Bud), 80, Poplar, who died Oct. 25, 2018 surrounded by family after an acute illness, born in Poplar, Dec. 29, 1937, son of Norman H. & Florence W. LaPole, he and his brother Owen (Kit) were married to LaVerne and Marlene Wiinamaki, respectively, in a double ceremony Dec. 29, 1961, preceded in death by parents, his wife, brother Kit and his wife, survived by his companion, Betty Henry, three grand-children, and son Norman III, member of OBHS.

Ernest E. Saari, 90, Maple, who died November 14, 2018 at the Superior Rehab. Center in Superior, employed 38 years as a grain inspector for Farmers Union Elevator (Harvest States), born in 1928 in Maple, to Matt and Hilda (Aho) Saari, survived by sons Dale (Donna), Danny (Kay) & Daryl (Lynn), six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, one brother, Raymond Saari, Maple, preceded in death by wife Lillian in 2015, his parents, brother Arnold Saari and son Douglas.

Verlyn L. Peterson, 91, Lakeside, who died November 11, 2018 at Middle River Health & Rehab. Center, born in Lakeside, in 1927 to Chester Victor Lawrence and Ruth (Beckman) Peterson, graduated from Lake Nebagamon High School and served in the United States Army, serving in Germany following WWII, married Bernadine Reynolds in 1953 who passed in 2014, owned and operated a family farm in Lakeside with his wife and his brother Larry for many years, survived by one son, Gary (Mary) Peterson; one sister, Joyce Peterson; one brother, Larry Peterson, all of Lakeside, three grandchildren; preceded in death by his parents, two daughters, Lauri Ann and Gail Renae and his son, Kevin.

Jay Becker, 46, Superior, who died November 7, 2018, at his residence, born in 1972 in Jacksonville, FL, son of Tom and Patricia "Susie" (Haukkala) Becker, grandson of Doris and the late Marvin Haukkala.

Reverend Dr. Donald Lauren Berg, 89, Pastor Emeritus at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Superior who died Nov.1, 2018.

Thomas "Tom" Harvey, Sr., 83, Lake Nebagamon, who died October 25, 2018, born to William and Ruby Harvey in Hawkins, WI in 1935, soon after moving with the family to Lake Nebagamon, preceded in death by parents William and Ruby Harvey, a brother Sonny, sisters Alice and Ruth, son, Michael, grandson Thomas Harvey III, survived by his brothers, Don (Bonnie) Harvey, Gene Harvey, sister Linda Knapp; sons Thomas (Yvonne) Harvey Jr., William (Shelly Thompson) Harvey, Timothy (Elaine Lundberg) Harvey, Shaun O'Brien, Joshua (Ardelle) O'Brien, daughter Heather O'Brien.

James Irving Swenson, 81, Dana Point, CA, who passed away peacefully October 5, 2018 following a battle with pancreatic cancer, entrepreneur and generous philanthropist, born in 1937 in Superior to Irving Swenson and Sadie (Bashara) Swenson, has given generously to capital projects at the colleges in Duluth and Superior.

Steven J. "Steve" Haukkala, 65, Maple, who died Oct. 14, 2018 in his home, born in 1953, an auto mechanic.

Colleen M. Turner-Lane, 48, Maple, who died Oct. 9, 2018 at her residence, born in Duluth in 1970, an LPN, preceded in death by special mom Pat Williams, survived by daughter, Abigail (Devin) Delich of Superior; son, Steven Delich of Maple; mother & father, Carol & Howard Lane -Turner of CA; brothers, George Pierce & Jaxson Turner; special dad, Tom Williams.

Ronald G Pezze, 84, Iron River, WI who passed away October 5, 2018 at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth, Minnesota after a brief illness, born in 1934, to John and Amelia (Veretto) Pezze in Great Barrington, Mass., grew up in Sheffield, Mass, engineer & resort owner, survived by wife of over 60 years, Judy; five children, among them Peggy Sue (Scott) Janigo,.

Shirley Ann (Lambert) Miller, 87, Babbitt, MN who passed away November 19, 2018, born in 1931 in Stevens Point to Fred and Edna (Hobbs) Lambert, married George Miller from Iron River in 1949, survived by sons: James (Jenny) Miller and Joe Miller, 7 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren, sister: Mary (Owen) Ehlers and brother, Ted (Joann) Lambert, preceded in death by husband George, sons: Edward and John Miller, 2 grandchildren, sisters: Cassie Armbruster and Lori McDonell, brother: [Rev.] Fred Lambert.

James "Jim" S. Coda, 61, Superior, who passed away December 2, 2018, at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, born in Superior in 1957, the son of Anthony "Kitty" and Dorothy (Nadolski) Coda, survived by wife, Janice, Superior, WI; daughter, Julie (Tim Ayers) Coda, Superior, sons, Andrew (Kristen Lemire) Coda, Duluth, and Patrick Coda, Superior, brothers, Anthony (Mary) Coda, Superior, WI, and Pete (Carol [Jarvinen formerly of Maple]) Coda, Tucson, AZ.

James J. Meierotto, 89, Brule, who passed away peacefully in his home Dec. 2, 2018, born in 1929 in Litchfield, MN the son of Raymond and Marie (McGuire) Meierotto, grew up in Bayfield, WI with four siblings, worked logging on the Apostle Islands, working on the Great Lakes Ore Boats and fish rearing, before moving to Brule, to manage the fish hatchery for over 28 years, a Korean War veteran, survived by his six children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren, preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Mary Alice.

Randy S. Ellison, 53, Maple, who died after a 2-year battle with cancer November 29, 2018 at his residence, surrounded by family, born in 1965 in Superior, son of Carl and Eunice (Anderson) Ellison, 1989 married Melinda M. Pattee, worked for over 29 years at Superior Glass as an auto glass manager, survived by wife of over 29 years, Melinda; son, Trenton, parents & siblings.

June Christopherson, 100, South Range, Superior, St Petersburg, FL, who passed away on November 18th, 2018 at Hoffman Estates, II, born in South Range in 1918 to Leonard and Anna Pleski, in 1937 married Kenneth Christopherson who died in 2001, survived by sons, Thomas (Marsha) of Cleburne TX and Mark of Superior and daughter Judith (Frank) Dzikowski of Palatine IL, 7 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren.

Daniel Leslie, 58, Iron River, who passed away November 17, 2018 on vacation in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, born in 1960 in Orlando, FL, the son of David and Lois Leslie, worked at his mom's A&W in Iron River, graduated from Northwestern High School in 1978, where he was a baseball star, got his Bachelors in Mass Communication from the UWS, spent two years at KDLH doing sports broadcasting, took over the FBO and Airport Management of Sawyer County Airport for 30 years, survived by sons David and Derek, his mother, and wife Patty, preceded in death by his father Roland David.

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.

December 3, Monday. Hanukkah Begins.

December 7, Friday. Pearl Harbor Day 1941.

December 12, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS Christmas General Meeting. Amnicon Town Hall. Gift Exchanges M W or W/M, Bruce Carlson speaking after lunch with slides on the **History of the Stinson Tractor Co, Superior, WI.**

December 21, Friday. Winter Begins.

December 25, Tuesday. Christmas Day.

December 31, Monday. New Year's Eve.

January 1, Tuesday. New Year's Day 2019.

January 21, Monday. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Deadline for turning in material for the Feb. OBHS News.

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.