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THE OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY JUNE GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM AT THE LAKESIDE TOWN HALL. This is a work day preparing for the Twentieth Annual Davidson Windmill Midsummer Festival Tours and Scandinavian Dinner Fundraiser. On this evening we will start with our covered dish dinner, followed by our Business Meeting. Thanks to the Town of Lakeside for use of their Town Hall for our General Meeting, for our days of preparation and for the Saturday of the Dinner which runs from 11 to 2 p.m. Thanks to all who come and to those who bring refreshments and food to share at our meeting.

FROM THE EDITOR:

To follow up on my tale of my old van from the last newsletter the van has since had two more fuel pumps installed since then after miraculous spontaneous stops near two gas stations, one in Itasca and one in Iron River, some towing and hauling and more repairs. But it is now running well, its rear bumper sagging more awaiting time for repair and installation of a receiver hitch, and my old Cavalier is now up and running again as my philosophy about owning old vehicles is always to have two or three, ready for OBHS use. Never be without a spare. Thanks to all for keeping me on the road.

We are still searching for four period windows for the MSMA project, 30 X 60" rough opening with frame. We may have someone able to fabricate them. Although raining today, the weather seems to be finally cooperating to go with my vehicles, so the depot and sauna building moves to the Windmill site, and the restoration at the Monticello School should move steadily forward.

Aside from losing more members to the Great Keeper of Souls, (please see the "Notices") we do have one added sad piece of news that I would like to mention with Matt Miller announcing that he is leaving his role as our Treasurer. Huge obligations at work, and with a young family to consider, have required him to leave what is a grueling job handling our accounts, truly more of a full time job rather than the labor of a loyal and gifted volunteer. We may have to add even another person to the list of those keeping track of our funds, filings, memberships, thank yous, and the many other jobs Matt and Janine handle for us now. We owe a great thank you to them and to all of our officers for their commitment to our history saving efforts. We're extremely fortunate to have a dedicated membership, and particularly among them, those willing to take on the added commitments of demanding Board positions. Thanks to everyone supporting us, near or far away. -Jim Pellman

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

ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Archives/Collection Committee would welcome more volunteers to help in this important part of our OBHS mission. If you enjoy exacting work, exhibit design, accessioning and interesting conversation please join us, we hope soon, under the Monticello School. Next meeting is yet to be determined. We expect our old routines to change considerably as we transition to our MSMA site once ready over the next few months. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm our next Archives Committee meeting time and place. WELCOME!

**Unapproved MINUTES for the APRIL GENERAL MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Amnicon Town Hall**

Attendance: 20 signed the attendance roster. The evening began with a potluck buffet at 6:15 p.m. Thanks to everyone who brought the many delicious food choices. Thanks to Mary Ann, Dorothy Bergsten, and others who set up the buffet and tables and to the Town of Amnicon for use of the hall, and to those who put the facility back in order after the meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES: Matt M. moved to approve the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at the Maple Town Hall which were published in the April 2019 *OBHS News*. Following a second by Basil, the minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Matt Miller presented the following report effective 4-10-2019 using a basic 30-day trial QuickBooks application. (He noted that this least expensive package lacked features such as budget integration, labels for transactions, and pending transactions between Funds. It also does not include the previous or current totals, so these have been added to the report below.)

Treasurer's Report, March 13 - April 9, 2019

DATE	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
CD - Bank Beginning Balance \$4,680.93				
Total for CD - Bank				
	Depot - Bank Beginning Balance			17,566.00
2019-04-03	Brian Paulson	Printer toner	-55.72	17,510.28
Total for Depot - Bank			\$ -55.72	
	General - Bank Beginning Balance			4,567.70
2019-03-13	Carolyn Grube	Membership	25.00	4,592.70
2019-03-13	James Banks	Membership	25.00	4,617.70
2019-03-13	Gerald Ukkola	Membership	45.00	4,662.70
2019-03-13-	WI Dept of Revenue	Refund for invalid late charge	32.36	4,695.06
2019-03-13		Paid for newsletters from MSMA	246.50	4,448.56
2019-03-14	Douglas Devorak	\$40 donated via PayPal	38.82	4,487.38
2019-03-18	Mary Ann Gronquist	February meeting expenses	-24.35	4,463.03
Total for General - Bank			\$ -104.67	
	MSMA - Bank Beginning Balance			5,982.76
2019-03-13	Gordon Lahti	Donation	300.00	6,282.76
2019-03-13		Transfer from General for newsletters	246.50	6,529.26
2019-03-13	Arlene Johnson	Donation	25.00	6,554.26
2019-03-18	Mary Ann Gronquist	Feb 10 fundraiser expenses	-9.45	6,544.81
2019-03-29	Dorothy Bergsten	Feb 10 fundraiser expenses	-12.30	6,532.51
2019-04- 08	Jim Pellman	Reimburse Jim for newsletters – no signed checks from General fund	-136.88	6,395.63

2019-04-08	Dahlberg Light & Power	Utilities	- 11.33	6,384.30
Total for MSMA - Bank			\$401.54	
	Windmill - Bank			
	Beginning Balance			
2019-04-01	Tricia Hursh	O'Day & Priley pavers	-20.00	
2019-04-01	Tricia Hursh	Reinking paver	-10.00	
Total for Windmill - Bank			\$ -30.00	
TOTAL			\$211.15	

TOTAL: **Current: \$36,692.43**
 Last Meeting \$36,481.28

Matt reported that two checks from Jim are not reflected in the report above. The NWHS Scholarship for \$250 and a check for Alliance are also not included in the above totals and need to be sent out. Matt plans to examine other versions of QuickBooks that would include important features. A more expensive package at \$65 monthly would be one option. Gary K. noted that there has been a single subscription available good for 3-4 years for \$350. Matt also noted that he has received a copy of our State Farm Policy which is available for members to review.

Other items related to the Treasurer's Report include the following:

1. The General Fund balance includes \$1,850 earmarked for the Sauna.
2. The MSMA Fund balance includes \$1,200 which needs repayment to the General Fund.
3. The Pollari Memorial Map was funded by Lois Pollari at \$1,000 and records should show that to date Randy Jones has been paid approximately \$300, leaving a balance of about \$700 which needs to be reserved within our CD. (Lois has said that these funds should be used as necessary for the MSMA project until they can be restored for map use.)

John D. moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; second made by Audrey. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Routine auto-billing and membership updates, Insurance policy renewal.
2. Some direct donations toward Jim Pellman's MSMA Friends of OBHS Birthday Fundraiser with over \$500 generated to date. Member Gordy Lahti sent \$300 for the MSMA project.
3. Arrowhead Printing, whose operations have moved to Duluth, have not billed us yet for the 2019 calendars.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARCHIVES/WEBSITE: While this committee is on hiatus waiting for space at MSMA, OBHS continues to accept items for our collection and to field requests for information. Chuck Culhane has a leather sewing machine ready to donate when MSMA is ready. Thanks to Earl Granroth for updating our Website from his home computer.

MEMBERSHIPS: Memberships renewals are now due for 2019. Dues remain at \$15 for individuals, \$25 for families. Thanks to all who have renewed. Jim has Blue Sheets for members to record their donated hours.

MSMA PROJECT: Jim reports that work should resume soon as weather conditions improve. The power box needs to be completed. John Tuura is expected to work on the heating after recovery from joint repair. Upstairs work includes the porch; inner front doors; 3 or possibly 4 new "old" windows with 30 x 60 openings; and three landings at different levels with two ramps for the handicapped connecting these landings. (It was suggested that we put information about the windows on Facebook—"Friends for OBHS" about our need for the windows.)

DAVIDSON WINDMILL GROUNDS: The Windmill turrets and walls need to be painted. A price for renting a cherry picker needs to be obtained.

BLUEBERRY DEPOT: Previously, at the Board meeting on March 13, options for placement of the Depot and Sauna on the Windmill Site were discussed. It was decided that the full membership at the General Meeting in April should get to vote on this decision. On Friday, April 5, interested members met at the Windmill Site to see exactly where the two buildings might be placed.

Plan #1 is the Committee recommendation. The depot would be placed near Highway 13 and close to the current bridge (location was staled out at the April 5th meeting. Advantages to this plan include both time and money factors. The site is easily workable and the depot could be moved and be ready for restoration in a relatively short period of time. Brian noted that there is \$17,000 currently available for the Depot project and that no fundraising would be required. Grantors of several grants have specified how their gifts were to be used. Some members noted that they didn't think the blocked view as drivers are headed east would be an issue because of the brevity of time involved. One member thought that the more visible depot would encourage more visitors to stop. The sauna will be placed near the work shed & toilet, allowing for a natural flow for visitors. Site preparation will be minimal and there would be no negative visual impact for other buildings. The only required County permit would be for land use. Jim P raised the question of the proper location of the sauna.

Plan #2 would start with a broad re-visioning of the structures on the west end of our land with major fill and landscaping to raise the low ditched-brush area. Getting full use of that space in order to rationally find room for the two new structures going in would keep the Windmill as the major focus.

Following considerable discussion, Jim M., citing factors of time, cost, and the desire to complete these projects promptly, made a motion to move both the Depot and the Sauna to the Windmill Site on the specific locations selected by the Committee as soon as possible. Basil E. seconded the motion. A show of hands indicated 17 yeas, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions. The motion passed.

Mary Ann asked if the work shed and biffy could eventually be moved. Because the sauna placement may actually camouflage these buildings from the highway, and because of cost issues, no decision to move them is being considered now.

Jim P. made a motion to rotate the bridge at our earliest opportunity to better orient it with existing structures. Bruce C seconded the motion. While a call for hand votes indicated insufficient support for this motion, some members expressed lack of background information to vote at this time. Jim M. moved to table the motion; second by John D. This motion was tabled.

SAUNA PROJECT: The decision to move the sauna is included in the “Blueberry Depot” information above. Dennis H.’s proposal would use treated or concrete posts below frost for the sauna. Ron prefers a concrete slab.

MERCHANDISE (PUBLICATIONS):

POLLARI MEMORIAL HISTORICAL MAP PROJECT: Randy Jones met with the Board at their January meeting and was given approval to prepare two proofs (24” x 36” and 11” x 17”) of a skeleton railroad map of Douglas County which would include all known railroad lines, existing and historic. Additionally, a pdf file would be made available for OBHS use. The total cost of these proofs plus the file was not to exceed \$50.00. The maps are available here. While Randy was paid for earlier work, OBHS is very thankful for Randy’s donation of additional and significant time to this project to date and appreciates his further commitment and expertise.

The 2019 Historical Calendar is still available at \$9.00. We also have copies of Nan Wisherd’s new publication, *Boys of the Brule*.

Lila R. is seeking corrections for republication of *Sisu and Sauna*. Shirley will be returning to the area soon and will submit a book & merchandise order. The Calendar book by Jim P. & Nan W. is on hold until May. Jim P. has talked with Missy Haworth who is interested in helping him later this summer with typing and pushing forward the Brule History publication.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: With over 880 members, this site is independent of OBHS. Jim has suggested that linkages to this site or a supplemental site under our own OBHS name be examined. Jim has thrown feelers out to his sisters to see if they might help with this task.

PROJECT COMPLETION FOLLOWUP: The Secretary will include current projects/tasks that have been determined by motion, but not completed.

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

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT: The following members met in October to begin developing a budget for 2019: Matt Miller, Ron Hendrickson, Dan & Dorothy Bergsten, Mary Ann Gronquist, and Jim Mattson. A tentative budget was presented at the December 2018 General Meeting and appeared in the December Minutes published in the February 2019 *OBHS Newsletter*. They plan to meet again to finalize their work and submit a final budget. Audrey Hakkila was requested to add her expertise to the committee.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

Mary Ann reminded OBHS of our plans to honor Gene Davidson at the Windmill site and noted earlier discussion included planting a tree at the site and/or adding a stone memorial. Jim P. offered to “find” a tree and Dan B. will investigate options for a stone memorial.

NEW BUSINESS:

ENCOURAGEMENT AND SYMPATHY: Sympathy to the families of Carolyn Orville Sarazin, a graduate of NWHS; and of Gary Williams, a life-long Hawthorne resident. Encouragement to Irene Parenteau, Geraldine Karna, and Bailey Eich (19-year old granddaughter of member Marcia Ahola Chess and great-granddaughter of Helvie TePoel) following their recent hospitalization/ rehabilitation.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Congratulations to Marion Christensen! A 90th birthday party will be held in her honor on April 28th from 2-4 p.m. at Ace’s on 28th Street in Superior.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Thursday, 6:00 p.m., June 20, 2019, at Lakeside Town Hall.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the Eskolin House.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Brian asked how to get information about the Depot on our OBHS website. Jim said he would call Earl.

ADJOURNMENT: Jim M. moved to adjourn the meeting; second by John D. President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

PROGRAM: Dennis Hill gave an interesting talk about “Life in the Unsweetened Good Old Days”. Many of his examples were sad reminders of the hardships our ancestors experienced. He also displayed many relevant and historical items from his extensive collection. Thanks, Dennis.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila Ronn, Secretary

FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps, tee shirts, sweat shirts, key chains, buttons and photos for sale. Early issue magnets are going for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our General fund. Windmill mugs, caps & tee shirt proceeds go into the Windmill Fund. **SEE OUR WEB SITE** (www.oldbrule.org) **FOR CURRENT SALE ITEMS AND PRICES.** Our Windmill vests are for sale for \$24.00. Popular has been our zipper front, hooded, *I've Been Through the Mill* sweatshirts and tee-shirts.

Our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's books, *Brule River Country* (HC \$25.95, SC \$18.95) and *Pathways and Echoes*, Lakeside's *Sisu and Sauna*, (*out for now*) and *Amnicon From the Beginning*, are available for \$20.00 a copy + \$3.50 shipping. Wisconsin sales tax is included in all of our prices. Shipping and handling for mugs, caps and tee shirts is a \$4.00 minimum. All items are also available for purchase at our meetings or by contacting an OBHS member. Our booklet, *Davidson Windmill History* by Jim Pellman and Gene Davidson is available for \$8.00 (+\$2.00 shipping). Leigh P. & Richard Jerrard's expanded and revised edition of *The Brule River of Wisconsin* is available at \$20.00 (+\$3.50 shipping). See our calendar ad above. Jane Pearson Grimsrud has released small and large print versions of *Brule River Forest and Lake Superior Cloverland Anecdotes*. Both are available for \$20.00 (+\$3.50 shipping). Poplar Hardware also has an inventory of most of our titles. Please check ahead for current availability. Also please contact our members for more info. Nan's new title from Cable Publishing, *Boys of the Brule*, is now available.

Unapproved MINUTES for the MAY 2019 Board Meeting OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC. Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Eskolin House, Town of Lakeside

In Attendance: Dennis Hill, Mary Ann Gronquist, Trish Hursh, Bruce Carlson, Jim Mattson, Jim Pellman, Lila Ronn, Shirley Umolac.
Visitors: Basil Edgette, Ron Hendrickson, Arlene Hill.

The evening began with a shared buffet supper. Thanks to everyone, especially Mary Ann and Dennis & Arlene, for making sure we had hot coffee and a warm stove in the Eskolin House before the meeting began.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

MINUTES: Mary Ann moved to approve the Minutes of the previous Board Meeting which were published in the April 2019 *OBHS News*. This meeting was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at the Hill residence. Following a second by Trish, the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treas. Matt Miller presented the following report electronically, effective May 8, 2019:

<u>Current Balance</u>	<u>Notes</u>
GENERAL FUND: \$ 4,787.21	Last meeting: \$ 4,463.03 (\$ 324.18)
(Cash on hand: \$ 21.44)	<u>Income:</u> Dues--\$15; Calendar Sponsor--\$9; Jim Birthday Fundraiser--\$342.
	<u>Expenses:</u> Meeting expenses--\$3; Transfer to Windmill for Donation via PayPal-- \$38.82.
	<u>Outstanding Debt:</u> Sauna fund-- \$1,850.00, OBHS Scholarships--\$250; American Alliance of Museums--\$5
WINDMILL FUND: \$ 3,660.30	Last meeting: \$ 3,653.89 (\$6.41)
	<u>Income:</u> Donations--\$ 38.82
	<u>Expenses:</u> Utilities--\$32.41
	<u>Outstanding Income:</u> Donations (via PenPal)--\$38.82
MSMA FUND: \$ 6,310.98	Last meeting: \$ 6,384.30 (-\$73.32)
	<u>Expenses:</u> Feb. Fundraiser--\$73.32
	<u>Outstanding debt:</u> _Repayment to CD--\$1,200
DEPOT FUND: \$ 17,510.28	Last meeting: \$ 17,510.28 (\$0)
CD: \$ 4,684.91	Last meeting: \$ 4,680.93 (\$3.98)
	<u>Income:</u> Interest--\$ 3.98
	<u>Outstanding income:</u> MSMA fund repayment--\$ 1,200
TOTAL: \$ 36,953.68	Last meeting: \$ 36,692.43 (\$ 261.25)

Other items

The General Fund balance minus the Sauna earmarks (\$ 1,850.00) & Scholarship (\$250) is \$2,687.21. A motion was made by Jim Mattson and seconded by Mary Ann to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. This Report was accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Routine auto-billing and membership updates.
2. Arrowhead Printing's bill for the 2019 calendars has arrived.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARCHIVES/WEBSITE: Committee action is on hold until space is available at MSMA, but in the meantime, OBHS continues to accept items for our collection and to field requests for information. Chuck Culhane has a leather sewing machine ready to donate when MSMA is ready. Thanks to Earl Granroth for updating our Website from his home computer. He will be adding information on the Depot and Sauna projects.

MEMBERSHIPS: Membership renewals for 2019 are due. Thanks to everyone who has already renewed for this year. Dues remain at \$15 for individuals, \$25 for families. Jim has Blue Sheets for members to record their donated hours.

MSMA PROJECT: The power box needs to be completed. John is expected to work on the heating after recovery from joint repair. Upstairs work includes the porch; inner front doors; 3 or possibly 4 "old" windows with 30 x 60 openings. Now that the snow has melted, Jim and Dennis visited MSMA and studied the design of the front porch and landings. Jim distributed drawings of a design which would require adding fill and topping to the parking lot in front of the building in order to significantly raise the grade. While the fill would cost two or more ten-yard loads, one landing and a portion of the handicap ramp would be eliminated. The picket fence would also be modified. Study of the windows continues.

DAVIDSON WINDMILL GROUNDS: The Windmill turret and walls need to be painted. Were we to do this work, we would need to rent a cherry picker. While a picker with a trailer would be helpful, it would be costly. Some scraping might be needed. It was decided that OBHS would seek bids for professional painters to paint the turret and the entire exterior. Economy Painters in Brule would be contacted.

BLUEBERRY DEPOT: At the Board meeting on March 13, options for placement of the Depot and Sauna on the Windmill Site were discussed. These options were presented to the full membership at the April General Meeting. It was decided to accept proposals on the Depot to be placed near Highway 13 and west of the current Taylor's Bridge location. The Sauna is to be located in front of the current storage building and toilet. Word would be spread to press and members when the depot is moved by June 1.

Dennis has secured descriptions of three parcels of land (.16, .19, and .09 acres) which will be exchanged between OBHS and WI Dot. These legal descriptions, required by the State of WI, were completed and donated to us by Bill Anderson, Surveyor at Cornerstone Surveying and Mapping, Inc. OBHS is very appreciative of the time and expertise that Bill contributed to complete these detailed reports. While this land transfer must be done before we can proceed, Dennis expects it to be a short procedure.

SAUNA PROJECT: The decision to move the sauna is included in the "Blueberry Depot" information above. Ron is in the process of completing the zoning land permit. He has obtained a quote from Four Star for footings for the sauna. He is also working on completing two grant applications for this project, one from Great Lakes and one from Amsoil.

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The 2019 Historical Calendar is available at \$9.00.

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It was suggested that we check on placing our books at Fairlawn's gift shop.

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GENE DAVIDSON MEMORIAL: At the April General Meeting, Mary Ann reminded the group of our plans to honor Gene Davidson who died this winter after a fall. Earlier discussion included planting a tree at the site and/or adding a stone memorial. Basil Edgette presented information he obtained on the Impactsigns.com website for a plaque which could be placed on bronze, some other mineral, or wood. Trish could engrave a sign for granite. Appropriate wording for this sign needs to be developed. A cement grinder could flatten out a rock which is on site in order to place a sign on it. Jim is looking for an appropriate tree, as well.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MIDSUMMER DINNER & RELATED ACTIVITIES: The Planning Committee, headed by Dan and Dorothy Bergsten will be meeting on May 16, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the residence of Alice Christensen.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Thursday, 6:00 p.m., June 20, 2019, at Lakeside Town Hall. During this meeting, planning and preparation for the Midsummer Juhannus Fund Raiser Dinner and Windmill Grounds will take place. Ron H. will be mowing the lawns. Workers to clean the Eskolin House will meet Wednesday afternoon on June 19th.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at the Eskolin House.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Trish shared her idea to separate the shed from the toilet. The shed would remain where it is, but the toilet would be placed elsewhere. It was noted that Donald Anderson from Anderson's Septic, who has donated his services to OBHS at the Windmill Site for many years, is selling his business. Basil has contacted MR BIFFY and reported that they have portable used toilets for \$500 which could be placed on green-treated skids. However, he suggested we consider buying the new polyurethane molded toilets for \$1,000. Purchasing a biffy would be less expensive in the long run, rather than renting one at \$75 monthly. If we bought one from MR BIFFY, they would service it as needed, including winterization, for \$40 each time. We probably would need 2-3 pumps per year. Basil offered to contribute \$500 for this purchase!! James M. moved to buy this new \$1,000 polyurethane molded toilet, with thanks to Basil, for a cost of \$500 from the Windmill Site Fund. Following a second by Bruce C., the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT: J. Mattson moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Trish Hursh. President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila Ronn, Secretary

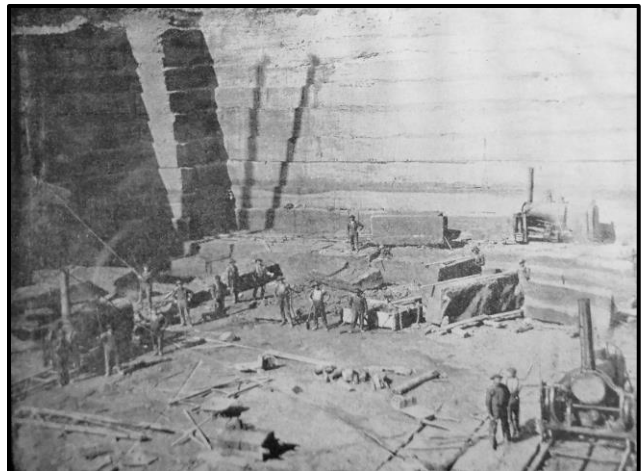
1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2019 LOCAL HISTORY PHOTO CALENDARS FOR SALE.

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 soon, slowed by the loss of Laila Magnuson. Limited numbers are available. Please contact Janet Follis, P.O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820, at (715) 372-4948. Our 2019 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are for sale at \$9.00 each. Earlier individual issues are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2016), 2017 at \$6.00, & 2018 at \$7.00 in limited numbers, & ~~\$30~~ \$15 on sale for a packet of all of the first 12 years. An e-mail address for more info: musketeer6@cheqnet.net, and by phone: 715-363-2549, or please check our Website at www.oldbrule.org. Shipping & handling: \$3.50 each, less for each for larger orders. We thank our donor businesses whose cards we display in the back of each calendar, and to those local businesses that are selling them for us, this year yet, at Round Up North in Brule, Poplar Hardware, Aroma's Restaurant in Maple but sadly, with the Poplar Village Market, now closed permanently. Or check with Jim in Maple at 715-363-2549. We also seek more advertisers. The 2019 issue is priced again at \$9.00.

**Area History:
No. 128**

This picture and text appear for the month of June in our 2019 OBHS Annual Historical Calendar.

12.19 Jun. The Prentice Brownstone Quarry on Houghton Point, c 1892. The site of the 125 foot brownstone obelisk that was cut but which never made it to the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. Located near the water front just north of Washburn, Frederick Prentice was the quarry's owner and force behind the project which was to promote the brownstone industry in its waning heyday. The Panic of 1893 spelled the end of the industry which at the far western end of the Lake Superior's South Shore extended from Fond du Lac just out of Duluth all the way onto the Apostle Islands which had many quarries in operation from the 1870s into the early 1900s. This included the Arcadia Quarry owned by the Bardons near Amnicon Falls within western Old-Brule and the quarry in the Town of Orienta just into Bayfield County. The Arcadia Quarry site is now a large pond next to the Amnicon River at the north end of the Thimbleberry Trail in the Amnicon Falls State Park. The Orienta formation outcrops beautifully locally on Copper Creek in the Town of Superior in what is now the undeveloped northern part of Pattison Park. The small Twin Falls Park in Port Wing is a gem of brownstone exposure with its beautiful Twin Falls overlook. This photo captures well the scale of and operations within all of these quarry operations. Picture from the *Ashland Daily Press Annual Edition 1893*.



~ NOTICES ~

MEMBERS: Dues collection for 2019 began at our last Annual Meeting & continues into 2019. Please fill in your volunteer hours on your Blue Sheets for 2018-2019 for turn in the end of July 2019 in advance of our Annual Meeting. Please contact our Secretary or Jim for a new Blue Sheet or see our website for forms.

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: To Douglas County Historical Society for its donation to our collection of Webster furniture, for books, and showcases for use in MSMA. Thanks to **Joyce Luedke** for an OBHS cash donation. Thanks to **Roy & Marie Peterson** for their recent OBHS donation which came with their annual dues for family membership.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Nirvana ‘Mia’ Albright** chosen as recipient of our Annual NWHS Scholarship. She will attend St. Thomas University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY: Encouragement to Member Irene Parenteau now at Vila Marina, and Sympathy to family & friends of the many, listed here, whom we have lost recently:

Hope L. (Metcalf) Swenson 92, Poplar, who died May 27, 2019, born in 1926 to Mabel M. & Howard L Metcalfe in Arkansaw, Wisconsin, graduated in 1944 from UW River Falls in Education and taught art and other subjects at NWHS and for many years at South Shore Schools, married Clifford K. Swenson of Poplar in 1957 who preceded her in death, survived by two sons, Lee S. Swenson (Chris) of Hermantown and Clifton P. Swenson (Kari) of Plymouth, Minnesota, volunteered many hours in the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center in Superior and was a founding member of Old-Brule Heritage Society in which she was active to the end, and will be sorely missed within our group.

Marian J. (Siekkinen) Maki, 82, Superior, who died June 7, 2019 at Villa Marina Health and Rehabilitation, born in Superior in 1936, daughter of Erick and Gladys (Lehtimaki) Siekkinen, graduated from East High School in Superior, united in marriage to Melvin Maki in Superior in 1955, owned and operated ServiceMaster in the Superior and Duluth area for 36 years, and were members of Old-Brule Heritage Society, survived by husband, Melvin, Superior, children Tod (Cassi) Maki, Ledgeview, WI; Dannette “Dani” (John) Watkins, Duluth, MN, Kevin Maki and Kate Maki, Superior, WI; five grandchildren & five great-grandchildren

Elenor “Ellie” (Bakken) Aho, 86, Superior, who passed away June 1, 2019 born in 1932 to Norwegian immigrants Einar and Tina (Joten) Bakken in Noonan, North Dakota, moved to Duluth after graduating from high school where she worked at Woolworth’s and Travelers Insurance, loved music, enjoyed dancing at the Dreamland Dance Hall, where she met her future husband, Felix Aho, who she married in 1952 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Superior, moved to Maple, Felix’s birthplace, where they built their home on Hwy 2, & where she raised four children while Felix sailed the Great Lakes, after his death in 1979 moved to Billings Park in Superior, survived by three children; Roger (Diane) Aho of Hudson, WI, Ruth (Paul) Heinecke of Mount Horeb, WI, and Myrna Ronchi of Superior, preceded in death by her parents, a sister Jordis, husband Felix, and a son, Gary Aho.

Kenneth Lyle Hammond, 82, Hawthorne, who died May 26, 2019 in Northern Residence Home in Hawthorne.

Johnathan D. Parkins, 23, Brule, who died May 27, 2019 in Jourdanton, Texas, was born in 1995, funeral to be at Downs Funeral Home in Superior with burial in Pine Ridge Cemetery in Brule with Pastor Richard Blood officiating.

Roy E. Johnson, 90, Superior, who died May 5, 2019, at Solvay Hospice House in Duluth, born in 1929, in Superior to Earl N. and Dorothy (Young) Johnson, an Army veteran of the Korean War, where he served for four years, employed at U.S. Steel for 26 years, and then worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier in the Poplar and Port Wing branches until his retirement at 81 years of age, survived by wife Elizabeth; four daughters, Kateri (Lewis) Johnson-Holland, Eau Claire, WI, Kristina (Jeffrey) Riley, Minneapolis, MN, Bonnie (Brian) Savo, Renton, WA, and Radiana Johnson, Superior, WI; three sons, Brian Johnson, Bloomington, MN, Brandon (Lori) Johnson, Farmington, MN, and Barry (Sherry) Johnson, Houston, TX, seven grandchildren & eight great-grandchildren, preceded in death by brother Earl Duane Johnson.

Ailie Marie (Soyring) Parzatka, 102, Superior, longtime Maple resident, who died April 18, 2019, born in 1916 in Maple to Isaac and Marie (Autio) Soyring, married CCC worker Albert Paul Parzatka in 1941 who passed away in 1999, following marriage moved to Chicago and returned to Maple in 1942 where she resided for many years, employed at Middle River Health and Rehab Center early in her marriage and later worked for the Maple School District until retirement in 1970. She was active in her church and community and was a member of the OBHS. She also helped raise 2 nieces, Delores Gunderson & Carol Zallor; & 2 nephews, Clarence “Sunshine” & Gerald “Jerry” Soyring, preceded in death by husband Albert; parents & brothers, William, Evalt, Walter, John, Hjalmer, Albert, Arthur and Richard.

Roberta Jo (Conley) Pank, 71, South Range, who died June 9, 2019 at home surrounded by family, born in Greenfield, Ohio in 1947, daughter of Walter and Regina (Beetley) Conley, united in marriage to Donald Pank in 1967, who survives her, a devoted Christian homemaker, enjoyed artwork and was a very talented artist, survived by sons, Barry (Jennie) Pank, Gold Canyon, AZ, Joe and Jon Pank, both of South Range, grandchildren, Trent, Desiree, Alex, Savannah, Austin and Kaitlyn; great-grandchildren, Adelaide and Jaxson; brother, Michael Beetley, South Carolina.

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

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

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

CALENDAR.

June 20, Thursday 6:00 P.M. OBHS General Meeting, Lakeside Town Hall. Pot luck. Prep Day at Windmill grounds and at the Lakeside Town Hall for the Midsummer Davidson Windmill Fund Raiser, Scandinavian Dinner.

June 21, Friday. Windmill Tours, 3-5 p.m. Dinner prep work at Lakeside Town Hall.

June 22, Saturday, Windmill Tours, 9 to 3 p.m. Scandinavian Dinner at the Lakeside Town Hall, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

July 4, Thursday. Independence Day.

July 10, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS Board Meeting.

July 20, Saturday. Materials due for the August issue of the *OBHS News*.

August 11, Sunday, p.m., OBHS Annual Meeting at Lake Nebagamon Auditorium.

August 24, Saturday, Annual MSMA Flea Market Fund Raiser. Location TBA.

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.