

OBHS News

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ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, WE WILL HOLD OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING AT THE AMNICON TOWN HALL. BEGINNING AT 6 PM WITH OUR POT LUCK CHRISTMAS LUNCH, FOLLOWED BY A PROGRAM ON REGIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY LED BY HISTORIAN DAVID PETERSON OF DULUTH WHICH HE'S CALLING "CARLTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA: ITS ANCIENT AND FUR TRADE HISTORY DEMONSTRATED WITH ARTIFACTS." Dave is a long time member of the Northern Lakes Archaeological Society (NLAS) which meets every third Monday of the school year months (October-May) generally at the Superior Public Library in their community meeting room, starting at 7 p.m. with a program following a very brief business meeting.

Carlton County was a focal area of intense and convenient use by Paleo- and Woodland Natives, Annishinabe (Chippewa), fur traders and explorers. The county is adjacent to Douglas County in Wisconsin to its east, and they have very similar histories. In fact the namesake for Carlton County, Reuben B. Carlton, is buried in the Nemadji Cemetery in Superior, Douglas County, Wisconsin. The Carlton County area is crossed by river and land commerce trails. St Louis, Nemadji, Moosehead, Tamarack, Stoney, Portage and Kettle rivers were major thoroughfares for movement of people and supplies. Artifact evidence shows Archaic 6,000 BP (Before Present) and Woodland 2,000 BP people were utilizing the river ways. Historical Annishinabe and fur trade era use is documented in Dave's talk by artifacts from 1600s through the mid-1800s.

Dave currently lives in Duluth, and is a retired school administrator. He is considered the go-to researcher and historian on fur trade era trade axes for which he has developed a compendium of hundreds of specimens allowing researchers to quickly identify the age and maker of the axe and source of manufacture. **THOSE WITH OLD ITEMS IN NEED OF IDENTIFICATION ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEM IN AND NLAS MEMBERS WILL BE ON HAND TO TRY TO IDENTIFY THEM. WE WELCOME EVERYONE, YOUNG AND OLD. SLIDES WILL BE SHOWN.** Thanks to Dennis for making arrangements, to the Town of Amnicon for the use of their hall, and to all who bring food to share. Our voluntary Christmas gift exchange will close out the evening. We pray for good weather, and thank all who come. Merry Christmas All.

FROM THE EDITOR:

We have been dumped on by an early arriving winter, almost 30 inches of heavy moist snow in two quickly succeeding snowfalls. Duluth-Superior made the national news, and we all have been set back a few days digging out. There should be no complaints about lack of snow this year for those running the trails, and the attending pit stops, but snow over thin and slush covered ice could be dangerous so please take special care when out recreating on our lakes.

We'll be trying to push forward work in the basement of the Monticello School Museum & Archives (MSMA) this winter, but all other OBHS construction projects will have to wait until spring. Fundraising will go on with strong rumors of another music benefit late winter "to get her done" at MSMA. The in-floor hot water heating system will be going in next with help from experts and volunteers, with wiring, insulating, and sheetrock after that. Our new period windows and doors should be ready for spring installation. We're salvaging everything we can, including window panes, siding salvaged by the Kiskis from the old Maple Finn Hall, hardwood maple flooring from the old store building converted to the old Lahti family home, but new and restored will take their place where we have to. We'll have a choice of school bells with one complete with the ring thanks to Dickie Tuura and now the family of Hope Swenson who passed this summer.

Word has come that the N. P. Johnson School House on County Road FF in the Riverside Neighborhood of Brule has finally collapsed bringing much of the sadness many felt when the landmark Genereau Store, run for decades by the late, colorful, beloved Ethel Jondreau on Highway 2 in Blueberry, reduced to a pile of debris, went up in a spiritual smoke, just as the next door Blueberry Depot was being saved by OBHS. More dispiriting than the loss of these historic landmarks, the human losses of my aunt, Karen Pollari Simpson, and her cousin Norman Erickson, both near 80 and in very bad health, closed early chapters of my own personal life. We move on in memory of all this in the fall of 2019, not to forget my friend and OBHS Windmill benefactor, Gene Davidson who passed less than a year ago, and the Baillies of Brule who passed away later in the year.

- Jim Pellman

ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Archives/Collection Committee would welcome more volunteers to help in this important part of our OBHS mission. If you enjoy 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!

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

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY
Unapproved MINUTES for the OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING
MAPLE TOWN HALL
OCTOBER 9, 2019, 6:00 PM.

Attendance: The roster did not fully circulate, nine actually signed and the names of 25 people total were recreated, with an actual head count of at least 27 in attendance. We enjoyed our Pot Luck Supper: thanks to all who brought food and refreshments to share with thanks to the Town of Maple for use of the Town Hall.

PROGRAM: "Back on the South Shore of Glacial Lake Duluth." Members of the Northern Lakes Archaeological Society led a program that focused on our ancient shoreline in the OBHS region which shows up around the 1100 foot elevation, about 500 feet above the present height of Lake Superior. Where there was an exposed shoreline and glacial ice had retreated there were ancient Paleo hunters in pursuit, using flaked stone and then hammered copper for tools and weapons. Jim P. gave a very brief slide survey of our OBHS group and its activities for newcomers, and then quickly discussed a USGS topo map upon which he had blackened the 1100 foot elevation contour, approximating the shore of ancient Glacial Lake Duluth, and related it to the ancient lithic biface found by David Lindelof of Oulu who attended. Member Arnold Johnson had brought a Hixson silicified sandstone point, perhaps 11,000 years BP found near the Lindelof biface also found in his garden at 1100 feet. Larry Furo of NLAS followed with a thorough slide talk on ancient copper use and methods. Dr. Sue Mulholland later assessed the significance of the point and the biface. Dennis shared his recent trade axe purchases.

Our business meeting closed out the evening.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the Business Meeting to order at 8:50 p.m.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Audrey H. with a second by Jim M. for approval of the June 20, 2019 OBHS General Meeting Minutes which was held at the Lakeside Town Hall as printed in the August 2019 issue of the *OBHS News*. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: submitted by Trish Hursh, effective October 8, 2019:

<u>Current Balance</u>	<u>Notes</u>
GENERAL FUND:	\$4,487.23 Last meeting: \$4,905.18 Income: \$55.00 Expenses: 539.95 \$2,600 is earmarked for the Sauna Fund.
WINDMILL FUND:	\$4,758.18 Last meeting: \$4,521.36 Income: \$671.93 Expenses: \$1,496.61
MSMA FUND:	\$9,352.85 Last meeting: \$8,972.31 Income: \$1,000.00 Expenses: \$619.46 Outstanding debt: Repayment to CD--\$1200.00 Balance after outstanding income and debt: \$8,572.31
DEPOT FUND:	\$17,654.17 Last meeting: \$18,260.28 Income: \$0 Expenses: \$606.11
CD:	\$4,688.94 Last meeting: Income Outstanding income: MSMA fund repayment-\$1200.00 Balance after outstanding income and debt: \$5,888.94
TOTAL:	\$40,941.37 Last Meeting: \$41,348.07

BAYFIELD APPLE FESTIVAL WINDMILL OPEN HOUSE REPORT. GROSS ALL ACCOUNTS: \$544.00

SIGNATURE CARDS. New signature cards were done. Trish Hursh, now Treasurer, was automatically added to the signature list. The number of signers was to stay at four. Dennis & Matt, were retained, and Jim Pellman was added to the list. The issue of renewing our CD was reviewed at our September Board Meeting with the addition to it of the repayment of \$1,200 from the MSMA account. A motion by Matt carried stating that after October 16th the Treasurer would close the current CD and a new CD would be purchased with the MSMA debt restored (approximate total new balance of \$5,888.94) at National Bank of Commerce, Poplar. Basil E. moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by Jim M. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

ARCHIVES/WEBSITE: This committee remains semi-dormant until working space is available at MSMA. Thanks to Earl who continues to update our Website from his home computer Construction has resumed at MSMA with a motion passed at the September Board Meeting that we proceed with construction with a goal of the Archive Committee entering a heated work space by December 31, 2019 if possible.

MEMBERSHIPS: Membership renewals can now be paid for the upcoming year. Membership continues to remain constant. Dues and categories remain constant. For reports on total membership, we sum all categories (individual, family, and business) by individual count.

MSMA PROJECT: Longer term goals for more fundraising events will address the need for water and a septic system. A sand-point well once served the schools and town halls, and an over-flowing crock in the Bardon Creek headwaters stream served the local people at a Maple Town Park cooking pit at the edge of the stream. Times change but we need to look fully into our options. The Treasurer was to look into applying for a Menard's charge card and to make that available to MSMA Chair Jim Pellman. It was understood that \$5,000 was now available in the MSMA account for construction use.

WINDMILL/GROUNDS: The Board Reviewed Windmill Committee Structure, members and Chair. Windmill Painting Project was briefly discussed. The project would be held off until spring. At annual meeting Ron H. mentioned 2 part paint formula. The discussion went to historically appropriate repairs to the Windmill and restrictions under National Register standards. Reviewed memorial bronze plaque for Gene Davidson. Estimated cost \$418.00, 8"x11"

MISSION COVENANT CHURCH WINDMILL TOUR: A seniors group led by Floyd Peters of the Poplar Mission Covenant Church will get a routine special tour of the Windmill Grounds. This would be on Thursday, October 17th from 10 a.m. until about Noon. Our tour guides and house hosts were to be contacted.

BLUEBERRY DEPOT PROJECT: On Windmill site on blocks. Approval has come in from DC zoning on variance. Ron H. and Brian P. will be working on the project.

SAUNA PROJECT: The pioneering Heikkurainens are believed to be the builders of the sauna. It might be reasonable to name the sauna for them. Windmill is on site on blocks. At the 2019 Annual Meeting a vote of 18 to 1 with 5 abstaining relocated the sauna more west, clearing the view of Eskolin House. Rejected was the location Jim P. continues to favor west of the Eskolin House. The depot and the sauna foundations work was to move forward together

MERCHANDISE & PUBLICATIONS: *Boys of the Brule* is proving popular and another order will be needed. Nan's Cable Publishing has a second edition now in print. Stocks have been replenished of intermediate shirt sizes but more are again needed after good sales recently at the Windmill. We'll need to look closely at our website to bring our offers there in line with what we have in stock, and prices will have to be adjusted in some cases. One of the first things to go into our MSMA basement will be a very small gift shop with inventory, and a blurb to say it's open. Mary Ann has gotten more copies of Robert Armour's Superior History Books which are available to us free.

2020 Calendar. & Map. (These two issues were not addressed at the Annual Meeting.) Jim with authorization is working on the 2020 Calendar. The Pollari memorial map is still moving. Jim will have to add several railroad features by hand.

FRIENDS OF OBHS: This Facebook group site of 1060 members is independent of OBHS. Thanks to Janine Seis and Nancy Moreland for their continuing work on this site on our behalf.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OPENINGS FOR 2019-2020 remained open for one more new Board Member. Joe Autio, present, was nominated by Jim Pellman. Joe agreed to serve and was elected to the Board.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Was tabled for the night.

BYLAWS & JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Was tabled for the night.

BUDGET REVIEW: Tabled for the night.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:**SYMPATHY & ENCOURAGEMENT**

COMING MEETINGS: General Meeting: Board Meeting: November 13, 2019. Location: Amnicon Town Hall. TBA. December 11, 2019, Christmas Meeting.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Basil E., second by Jim M. to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Pellman, Secretary

FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

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

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY Unapproved MINUTES for the NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING DENNIS & ARLENE HILL RESIDENCE, AMNICON NOVEMBER 13 2019, 6:00 PM.

Attendance: Dennis Hill, Mary Ann Gronquist, Shirley Deterling, Joe Autio, Bruce Carlson, Arlene Hill, Jim Pellman, Matt Miller, Basil Edgette, Patricia Hursh, Jim Mattson. **Supper:** We shared an excellent light supper, and thanks to all who brought food to share, and to the Hills for hosting.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the Business Meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Mary Ann, seconded by Shirley D. for approval of the September 11, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes held at the Eskolin House on the Windmill grounds as printed in the October 2019 issue of the *OBHS News*. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: submitted by Trish Hursh, effective Nov. 13, 2019:

	Current Balances	Notes	
<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>			
Start:	\$4,487.23	Income:	\$55.00
End:	\$4,485.38	Expenses:	\$56.85
			\$2,600.00 earmarked for Sauna Fund
<u>WINDMILL FUND:</u>			
Start:	\$4,758.18	Income:	\$379.50
End:	\$4,957.47	Expenses:	\$180.21
<u>MSMA:</u>			
Start:	\$9,352.85	Income:	\$0
End:	\$8,141.52	Expenses:	\$1,211.33
<u>DEPOT:</u>			
Start:	\$17,654.17	Income:	\$1,000.00
End:	\$18,574.17	Expenses:	\$80.00
<u>CD:</u>			
Old CD End:	\$4,693.02	Income:	\$1,200.00
11/16/19 New 2yr CD Start:	\$5,893.02	Transfer from MSMA	
<u>TOTAL:</u>	Cash Assets: \$42,051.56		

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CD RENEWAL: After October 16th the Treasurer closed the current CD and a new CD was purchased with the MSMA debt restored

(total new balance of \$5,893.02) at National Bank of Commerce in Poplar.

Motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joe A. to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

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MSMA PROJECT: Longer term goals for more fundraising events will address the need for water and a septic system. Available to MSMA Chair Jim Pellman. is \$5,000 was now available in the MSMA account for construction use, including window and door costs. Subfloor materials were purchased, delivered by Lee & Lora Olson, and yesterday installation was completed.

Basement design, purchase and installation of the Pex system will be completed shortly, with the third zone for under the school house level floor to be installed. Bathroom and utility room framing will first be completed once Pex tube is installed running through the floor joists. Wiring in these two rooms will be completed & plumbing that remains. The upstairs bathroom will be included in this work to integrate upper and lower bath plumbing & wiring. Wall will be insulated with fiberglass and then closed in with sheetrock. The electric furnace and manifold & valve system will be installed. Basement window & door framing and wiring will then allow insulating with fiberglass and sheet rocking will follow. On days of major sheet rocking we will tap volunteers to help. This will be done in a heated space.

WINDMILL/GROUNDS: The Board Reviewed Windmill Committee Structure, members and Chair. Windmill Painting Project is postponed due to winter. Historically appropriate repairs to the Windmill and restrictions under National Register standards need to be addressed. A bronze plaque will be ordered. Discussion on roof repairs. We will look to patch holes.

MISSION COVENANT CHURCH WINDMILL TOUR: A seniors group led by Floyd Peters of the Poplar Mission Covenant Church visited the Windmill and grounds on Thursday, October 17th from 10 a.m. until about Noon. They group left us with a \$100 donation. Thanks to our tour guides and house hosts, & to Dennis for his contacts.

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NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OPENINGS FOR 2019-2020 Filled. Joe Autio was nominated and accepted the final Board Member position. Joe and his wife live in Superior. We applaud his willingness to serve, and his Finnish language skills.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Archives (including Web-site).....	Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland Jim Pellman, Maple, (Earl Granroth, Lakeside Audrey Hakkila, Poplar)
Membership.....	Jim Pellman (Janine Seis, Lake Nebagamon, & Arizona, Trish)
Publications.....	Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland (with Jim Pellman.)
Davidson Windmill, Eskolin House, Taylor's Bridge (Windmill Grounds)....	Dennis Hill, Amnicon; Jim Pellman, Maple (with Brian Paulson & Ron Hendrickson, "Project managers")
MSMA.....	Jim Pellman, Dennis Hill, & Jan Conley
Merchandise.....	Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland, Shirley Kankas-Umolac LN & AZ

We should formalize a Finance Committee with our Treasurer as Chair and his/her Assistants as Vice-Chairs. Part of coming committee work by Jim P.

BYLAWS & JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Jim P. has been designated to head the committee looking at the currency of our by-laws and of our Standing Committees and Board Officer Job descriptions. Jim Mattson has offered to help in this review. Anyone else interested in helping would be very welcome. The Works files used in 1998 to produce the by-laws documents do not open well, so part of the process will be to re-digitize them. We may also interview our Chairs to get their input on what their responsibilities have been. We will try to meet as soon as possible.

BUDGET REVIEW: We need to work on this promptly in light of the loss of our prior Treasurer.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: None was addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

...**RESERVE LAKESIDE TOWN HALL FOR 2020 MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL** (SET DATE). Sat, June 20, 2020 will be the meal.

SYMPATHY & ENCOURAGEMENT Family and friends after death of Norman Erickson.

GENERAL MEETING: December 11, 2019, Christmas Meeting. Program: David Peterson of NLAS: Fur Trade Era Regional History & Trade Axe Compendium. History of Carlton County. Good publicity needed.

BOARD MEETING: January 8, 2020. Location? Dennis hoped someone would volunteer.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: None addressed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Pellman, Secretary

1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2020 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 & now Velma Doby. Limited numbers are available. Please contact Janet Follis, P.O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820, at (715) 372-4948. Our 2020 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 - 2017), 2018 at \$6.00, & 2019 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, last year yet, at Round Up North in Brule, Poplar Hardware, Aroma's Restaurant in Maple, & Twin Gables in Brule when the 2020 issues arrive. Or check with Jim in Maple at 715-363-2549. We also seek more advertisers. The 2020 issue will be priced again at \$9.00

**Area History:
No. 131**

This photo is from the month of September in the 2019 edition of the OBHS Calendar.

Verner Granroth's Fishing Station, Mouth of the Middle River, 1938 – 1951, c. 1943. Town of Lakeside. Standing at the dock next to the barge used for driving "pound net" pilings is young Earl Granroth and his cousin. Earl's father, Verner Granroth, a Swede-Finn, was a handyman, a skilled saw sharpener in a logging camp in younger days, a union carpenter who worked on construction of the Blatnik Bridge, a caretaker and builder for the lodge of Dr. DeVries on the shore of Lake Superior at the mouth of Bardon Creek, and a Lake Superior commercial fisherman licensed in Wisconsin. During World War II Verner took a year off from fishing to take the dangerous job of construction work of Greenland military bases with Nazi submarines prowling along the North Atlantic coast. Verner had gotten started fishing by helping Dr. DeVries who netted fished commercially it is believed out of the mouth of the Amnicon River. By 1951 lamprey and fishing pressure had put an end to most of the Lake Superior South Shore commercial operations. Later sea lamprey weirs and lampricide treatments of the streams brought the Lake Trout numbers back with charter fishing a thriving industry in recent years. Verner deployed a twenty foot open boat when out on the lake, built by E. Reuben Hill of Larsmont, on Minnesota's North Shore. *The picture comes from the Earl Granroth Collection with his permission, taken by his father.*



~ NOTICES ~

MEMBERS: Dues collection for 2020 began at our Annual Meeting on September 8, 2019 at the Lake Nebagamon Auditorium. Please fill in your volunteer hours on your hours Blue Sheets for August 2018-July 2019 if you haven't, and for the 2019-2020 for turn in at the end of July 2020 if you haven't started yet. Please contact Jim P., our Secretary, for a new Blue Sheet or see our website for forms. **You can also turn in your forms by scanning them and shipping them to Jim as an image via email to musketeer6@cheqnet.net, or to Jim, as an image on Facebook messenger.**

THANK YOU'S & RECOGNITIONS: To Member **Jim Gramer** of Gurnee, IL, for use of photos in his late mother's, Delores Pellman Gramer's, 1950's album & other old Pellinen/Pellman pictures she had saved from Jim's grandfather, the John Pellman collection.

CONGRATULATIONS to Member **Ted Pellman** on retirement from full time work at Channel 8 ETV in Duluth.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY: Encouragement and Sympathy to family & friends of the many, listed here, whom we have lost recently:
Karen Rita Elizabeth (Pollari) Simpson, 79, Augusta, GA, San Diego CA, Maple, who passed away November 19, 2019 at home with her family in Augusta, born in 1940 in Superior to Esther (Mattson) and Theodore Pollari of Maple, youngest of three who included Delores (Pollari) Pellman and Calvin Pollari, attended Corner School and NWHS, graduating in 1958, while at UWS studied opera under Elizabeth Cardon, accompanied by Roger Johnson in State recitals, moved to San Diego, CA where she found relatives, & her husband Ron Simpson, together having & raising five children, Lori, Glenn, Jennifer, Teri & Michael, traveled the nation working for the nuclear industry, Ron finally ending up in Savannah, GA & living in Augusta, playing organ & piano for their church & doing much visual art, preceded in death by her parents & husband Ron in 2018, survived by their children and families.
Daniel Clemmer, 86, Superior, who died Nov. 28, 2019 in his home, born May 2, 1933, visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 13, at Mission Covenant Church in Poplar.

Eileen Mae Peterson, 92, South Range, who died Dec. 4, 2019 in Middle River Health & Rehab.

James "Jimmy" E. Quam, II, 58, Lake Nebagamon, who died November 17, 2019 after battling cancer, at his residence with his wife by his side, born in Superior in 1961, the son of Virginia (Pryor) and James Quam, Sr. served in the Air Force from 1983 to 1991, enjoyed being a truck driver for over 32 years, was a member of the American Legion and the Bull Haulers Assoc., enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and being with his family, preceded in death by maternal and paternal grandparents, survived by his wife of 24 years, Glenda; daughter, Chenoa (Chris) Haralson; his mother, Virginia (Don) Carlson; father, James (Margie) Quam, Sr.; sister, Debbie (Mike) Silva; step-brothers, Rob Miller and Chris Palmer.

Steven Harry Rantala, 80, who passed away November 4, 2019 in Duluth after a fall on October 30 which resulted in a brain injury, a Northland resident for most of his life, born in 1938 in Superior to Harry Wilbur & Esther Jean (Hintikka) Rantala, graduated from Central High School in 1956, graduating with a Masters degree in Music Education at UW Superior, for over 30 years teaching music as an elementary and secondary music teacher, starting in Port Wing, and ending in Cloquet, an active member of many musical groups & local bands, enjoyed time with the Harbormasters, Kanteleen Soittajat and the Jarvenpaa Singers, a member of the Wisconsin National Guard, survived by his wife of 43 years, Mary; 5 children, 5 grandchildren, by sister Mary Kay (Jim) Stillson, preceded in death by his parents and first wife Judy O'Konek.

Daniel "Dan" R. Larsen, 57, Bennett, who died October 30, 2019 at his residence, surrounded by family, born in 1962 in Superior, son of Gene and Marge (Lyons) Larsen, in 1980 in Superior married Kathy K. Chiles, a lifelong musician and was an accomplished Bass guitarist, sang lead in many of his own bands since the age of 12, best known as the Mustangs, preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Ronald "Jerry" Larsen, survivors include his wife of over 39 years, Kathy; daughter, Tanya Larsen, Superior; son Dan "D.J." (Tiffany) Larsen, Madison, WI, 4 grandchildren, 3 brothers, Mike Larsen, Superior, Richard (JeanAnne) Larsen, Superior, and Robert (Donna) Larsen, Lake Nebagamon; sister, Marci (Brad) Maxwell, Ellsworth, WI.

Norman Everett Erickson, 81, Superior, Cloverland, who passed away November 1, 2019, in St Luke's in Duluth, born in 1940 to Grace (Mattson) and Edwin Erickson, graduated from NWHS in 1956 before serving in the U.S. Army during the Cold War and the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, married Sharon Colby in 1965 in Cloverland where they raised their four daughters, worked as a welder in the Fraser Shipyards in Superior and later as a Boilermaker where he traveled throughout the states to different work sites, survived by his daughters, Kaylene Erickson, Sherry (Mike) Olson, Julie (Randy Rutkowski) Erickson and Melinda (Michael) Rathbun; 12 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, former wife, Sharon, burial in Highbridge, WI.

Alice B. Heikkila, 94, longtime area resident died peacefully October 30, 2019 at Superior Health and Rehabilitation in Superior, WI. She was born in Lake Nebagamon, WI, July 15, 1925, the daughter of John and Mary (Bailey) Human, married Eino Heikkila in 1944 and they celebrated forty-three years of marriage before his passing in 1987, survived by daughter, Lola Marks, Superior, sons, Timothy (Monteen) Heikkila, Tallahassee, FL, and Jerome (Janice) Heikkila; daughter-in-law, Cie Heikkila, Kansas City, MO; six grandchildren; three great-granddaughters; two sisters, Vicky and Clara, preceded in death by her beloved husband, Eino; son, LeRoy Heikkila

Robert D. Falstad, 88, Kansas City, MO, Hunterdon County, NJ, who died October 27, 2019 at Wexford Place Assisted Living in Kansas City, born in Superior in 1931 to Ralph & Patricia Falstad, served as a Frogman in the US Navy, married Katherine Young in 1955, earned a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering, worked for Union Carbide for 45 years, preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Thomas (Caroline) Falstad, survived by his wife of 64 years, 3 daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren & a brother, Bill, burial in Lake Nebagamon Cemetery.

Richmond G. Banks, 97, Superior, who died October 24, 2019 at New Perspective Senior Living, born in Bennett, WI to Clara and Louis Banks in 1922, graduated from Superior State College in 1942, was then principal and teacher at Hawthorne Grade School, from 1943 to 1946 he served in the US Navy as a Lieutenant on the Supply Ship Polaris, later taught English at Bethany College in West Virginia, where he met and married Louise Miller, moved to MPLS and attended classes and was a part time instructor at the UMN, left after attaining a Doctorate, then worked as a counselor & high school Guidance Director for 32 years, mostly in Southern WI, retired in 1980 to Dads Lake in Eagle River, celebrated 53 years of marriage until her death in 2000, preceded in death also by his parents; sister, Beatrice Berwald; and brothers, Dallas, Marv, Ray and Lowell Banks, survived by his sisters, Marvel (Ray) Swanson of Solon Springs, Eva Wermt of Superior & sister-in-law, Darnell Banks;

John "Jack" F. Pettingill, 86, who passed away October 13, 2019, at his home in Trego, WI, born in 1933, in Iron River, WI, to Norman F. and Louise (Yeakey) Pettingill, grew up in Superior and graduated from East End High School, married Charlene "Chris" Christianson in 1955, enlisted in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and served until 1957, was part of Operation Wigwam, underwater atomic test, in 1955, then his family settled in Spooner, WI where he worked in the Spooner Area School District for 31 years as an art teacher and administrator, and was known by his students as "Mr. P", survived by wife Chris, a daughter & son; 4 granddaughters, and 5 great-grandchildren, one brother George "Bud" Pettingill of South Range, WI.

Kathryn Ann Karaba, 83, Ashland, who passed away October 19, 2019 at Superior Rehabilitation Center, born in 1936 in Iron River, daughter of Fredrick & Susan (Hoefling) Carter, survived by 8 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren; sisters, Marie & Betty, brothers, Louie & Corky Carter.

Joan Beverly Gundstrom Cismoski, 91, who died October 19, 2019, born in 1928 in Duluth to Robert & Josephine (LaTour) Gundstrom, graduate of Duluth Central High School, Class on 1945, married Edward J. Cismoski, in 1959, preceded him in death, her parents, Laura Fischer, brother Robert, and great grandson, Devon, survived by sister Roberta, Martin, TX, her 4 children: Linda Graham Hursh (Joseph) of Wentworth Janet Martens (Timothy) of Brule, Edward James Cismoski II (Lisa Wick), of Superior, and JoAnn Jardine (Patrick) of Superior 11 grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

Samuel Virgil Plunkett, 92, Cloverland, who died October 13, 2019 at Cedar Ridge Assisted Living, born in 1926 to Samuel and Marie Plunkett, married Doris Holm in 1950 and celebrated 55 years of marriage, farmed for many years, preceded in death by his wife and three brothers, survived by six daughters - Diane O'Hara (Phoenix, AZ), Arlene Cadotte (Superior, WI), Jaunita (Joe) Launderville (Redgranite, WI), Gail (Ken) Olson (Poplar, WI), Patricia (Russ) Sharpe (Hawthorne, WI), Kimberly (Tim) Johnson (Lakeside, WI); and thee sons - Sam Plunkett (Oulu, WI), Paul (Theresa) Plunkett (Superior, WI), and Don Plunkett (Amnicon, WI); and two brothers - Rolland (Joan) Plunkett (Superior, WI), Dennis (Barb) Plunkett (Virginia); and 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Leo Hughes, 83, Lake Nebagamon, who died October 6, 2019, Solvay Hospice House in Duluth, born in Duluth in 1935, the son of Leo and Lila (Frenette) Hughes, served honorably in the USMC, married Michele Barnaby in 1984 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Lake Nebagamon who survives him, sailed on the Great Lakes as a chef and boat steward for U.S. Steel for many years, and retired from the Edwin H. Gott in 1995, was a member of the American Legion in Poplar, and volunteered with K.I.N., an organization serving kids and families in the Maple School District, 2 sons & a sister survive.

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

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CALENDAR.

December 11, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS December General Christmas Meeting. Amnicon Town Hall. Pot luck lunch, Program: David Peterson: "History of Carlton County" with slides and visit from No. Lakes Arch. Soc. Gift exchange: \$10, M W or E.

December 22, Sunday. First Day of Winter.

December 25, Wednesday. Christmas Day.

December 31. Tuesday New Year's Eve.

January 1, Wednesday. New Year's Day.

January 8, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS January Board Meeting. Dennis & Arlene Hill's home.

January 20, Monday. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Materials due for the February issue of the *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.