

# OBHS News

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**ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020 OBHS WILL HOLD ITS NEXT GENERAL MEETING THIS TIME AT THE MAPLE TOWN HALL BEGINNING AT 6 PM WITH OUR POT LUCK DINNER, THIS FOLLOWED BY A PROGRAM ON “ANISHANAABE (CHIPPEWE) LIFE AND CULTURE IN THE OLD-BRULE REGION”**

It is part of the Old-Brule Heritage Society’s charter to preserve and to share the local history of Northern Douglas County, and part of that is to inspire interest and willingness to share it in others. This came ready made to the Society in the persons of Cody Paulson from Lake Nebagamon and his friend Jared Crozier from Cloverland. These young men, who attend Northwestern High School, share a love of history and old items, and after attending a recent OBHS General Meeting with Cody’s uncle, member Brian Paulson, with a program presented by members of the Northern Lakes Archaeology Society, they were fired up to join OBHS and to give a presentation on their own historical research and explorations. Jared is particularly interested in the early Native American presence along the South Shore, and Cody is a collector of artifacts which he is willing to share.

After dinner the young scholars will begin their presentation. Jared will talk with slides on the Chippewe, and Cody will follow with a description of his artifacts on display. Everyone, young and old, is welcome to the meal and the program. After audience questions, and answers from the night’s speakers, all will take a short break and the OBHS business meeting will close out the evening.

Thanks to the Town of Maple for use of their hall, to all who bring food to share, to those serving it, and to all who can join us.

## FROM THE EDITOR:

To be expected snow continued after the early start, but has slowed in recent days. Snow rakes are seen often throughout the area. But the Madeline Island Ice Road has not been declared open yet under unusual thin or ice-free conditions, and without an ice cover lake effect snow makes up a good part of what has accumulated here in Maple. Ice dams and icicles are growing. The political season is heating up and Facebook and Twitter are choked up with images of bad behavior at the State of the Union address. The coronavirus still much confined to China is looming as a world scourge. These seem to be unsettled times.

Many members have escaped south, even as far as the Panama Canal Zone this year. We up north will have the pleasure of another Annual Music Benefit for Monticello School Museum & Archives. This has firmed up with the date a little later than the last two when we celebrated near St. Valentine’s Day. This year the KroBar calendar was open on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, a Saturday. Our thanks to Dean Baillie. The date is a little early for St. Urho’s Day, and St. Patrick’s Day but we’re claiming those holidays and using green and purple as our color theme. Musician Russ Darwin will be back, Brian Raivala, Ted Pellman, Mike Sauvola, possibly Fran Miller and Bill Kangas, a little late due to the John Higgins Celebration of Life service in Iron River the same time where he will sing, and possibly others. The committee has met and has given shape to the event. Tickets of \$10.00 at the door (\$5 for kids) for the spaghetti dinner with donated deserts, served all afternoon, ticket good also for the grand prize drawings at 4 p.m. toward the end of the jam session. Other tickets (\$1) will be sold for the donated items in prize baskets and a 50/50 drawing.

2020 OBHS Calendars are for sale, at our meetings, at Twin Gables in Brule, Aroma’s convenience store in Maple, Round Up North in Brule, Poplar Hardware Hank, and some will also be donated for the MSMA drawings. Price is \$9.00 again this year.

Work will pick up again both at the Windmill site and at MSMA as the weather warms up. MSMA’s windows and a front door will be ready shortly allowing porch construction, siding to be installed, and interior ceiling and wall work to go forward. At the Windmill site cement foundations and floor will go down for the sauna, and footings for the Bellwood Depot. We’ll be pushing forward work in the basement of the Monticello School Museum & Archives (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. As funds become available a water and septic system is a must. We’re salvaging everything we can, including window panes, siding salvaged by the Kiiskis from the old Maple Finn Hall on Harju Road, which came from Axel and Patsy (Kiiski) Wiitala, hardwood maple flooring from the old store building on Highway 13 converted into the old John and Alice Lahti family home, but new and restored materials will take their place when needed. Capping the MSMA structure will be a bell tower. Discussion continues over what color to paint the school. Based upon paint samples from the window casing it appears a light brown color once covered them and possibly the siding.

- 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 using computers, 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 DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING  
AMNICON TOWN HALL  
DECEMBER 11, 2019, 6:00 PM.**

**Attendance:** The circulating roster showed 27 names (but we missed a few).

**Dinner:** We started our evening with our excellent pot luck Christmas Dinner, with thanks to all who brought dishes of food and refreshments, to those who served, and to the Town of Amnicon for use of their hall.

**PROGRAM:** David Peterson of Duluth presented a slide program on “Carlton County, Minnesota, its Ancient and Fur Trade History Demonstrated with Artifacts.” He gives an excellent talk. We also opened the floor for further discussion of old trade good items, and ancient Indian artifacts which carried over from our October meeting in Maple. The crowd was enthusiastic in the entire session with talk of more program in collaboration with the Northern Lakes Archaeological Society. Thanks also to David Lindelof and to Arnold Johnson for again sharing the ancient artifacts they found in their gardens on shore features of ancient Glacial Lake Duluth.  
Our business meeting and Christmas gift exchange closed out the evening.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

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

**MINUTES:** Motion was made by John Deterling with a second by Matt Miller for approval of the October 9, 2019 OBHS General Meeting Minutes which was held at the Maple Town Hall as printed in the December 2019 issue of the *OBHS News*. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** submitted by Trish Hursh, effective December 11, 2019:

<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Activity</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b> Start: <b>\$4,417.23</b>	End: <b>\$3,743.86</b> Income: \$560.00 Expenses: 1,633.37 Outstanding debt: \$38.75 Cash on hand: \$50.00 <b>\$1,848.20</b> earmarked for the Sauna Fund, w/ no outstanding debt.
<b>WINDMILL FUND:</b> Start: <b>\$4,975.47</b>	End: <b>\$5,022.32</b> Income: \$90.00 Expenses: \$43.15
<b>MSMA FUND:</b> Start: <b>\$8,080.75</b>	End: <b>\$8,080.75</b> Income: None Expenses: None Outstanding debt: None
<b>DEPOT FUND:</b> Start: <b>\$18,574.17</b>	End: <b>\$17,149.17</b> Income: \$0 Expenses: \$1,425.00
<b>CD:</b> Start: <b>\$5,893.02</b>	End: <b>\$5,893.02</b> Income: None
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<b>TOTAL :</b> Start: <b>\$42,340.64</b>	End: <b>\$39,889.12</b>

Motion by Matt Miller, seconded by Mary Ann Gronquist to accept the Treasurer’s Report. 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. This looks overly optimistic with weather and health issues among key volunteers being a huge challenge. Work will continue as people come back on line.

**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. Membership drives among the young and those near retirement age will have to intensify.

**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. It was understood that \$5,000 was now available in the MSMA account for construction use. Subfloor materials were purchased and Lora & Lee Olson with Jim P.s help delivered them, and before the heavy snow hit Jim installed them on the upstairs floor over a couple of days. However Pex tube installation remains for the third upstairs zone. Much of the work will have to be moved to spring and early summer with access to the site and deliveries nearly impossible. Calls for help will go out at that time.

**WINDMILL/GROUNDS:** Windmill Painting Project is postponed due to winter. Historically appropriate repairs to the Windmill under National Register standards will need to be carefully reviewed. A bronze memorial plaque in Gene Davidson's honor is being ordered. Estimated cost \$418.00, 8"x11". We have holes to patch in the cedar roof. Lakeside Town Hall has been reserved for the Midsummer Event. Saturday, June 20, 2020 will be the day of the meal.

**BLUEBERRY DEPOT PROJECT:** On Windmill site on blocks. Ron H. and Brian P. have been working on the project which awaits spring. More good signage has been encouraged for the entire Windmill site.

**SAUNA PROJECT:** The pioneering Heikkurainens are known to be the builders of the sauna. It might be reasonable to name the sauna for them if the donor Erkkilas name isn't used...possibly both. The depot and the sauna foundations work is moving forward together with base work & footings being done by Amys' before snow hit.

**MERCHANDISE & PUBLICATIONS:** Stocks have been replenished of intermediate shirt sizes but more are again needed after good summer sales 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. & Pollari Memorial Map.** Jim with authorization is working on the 2020 Calendar. The Pollari memorial map is still moving but Jim will have to add several railroad features by hand as time permits.

**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.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** We quickly reviewed the list. Snowbirds & health issues are a factor.

**BYLAWS & JOB DESCRIPTIONS:** Jim was given the task with help. Later in the winter we should get to it. The biggest issue appears to be managing the work load of our overburdened Treasurer.

**BUDGET REVIEW:** Mild disagreement about what the budget should contain. More work there.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**American Association of Museums** request was brought up and with a \$5.00 donation approved on motion by Matt Miller and second by John Deterling. **Renewal of our \$250 OBHS annual NWHS Scholarship** was approved after motion by Jim Mattson, and second by Shirley Deterling. **Honorarium checks for our guest speakers** was reviewed & approved at the \$25 amount, with motion by Jim Mattson, & second by Brian Paulson, **MSMA KroBar Music fund-raiser was approved for Mar. 7, 2020** on motion by Joe Autio seconded by Stanley Jacobson. Jim P. and Mary Ann G. will head up the committee.

**SYMPATHY & ENCOURAGEMENT:** Lila Ronn requested that young cancer victim Bailey Mae Eich be added to the obituary list in our next newsletter which Jim will do. Deaths in Jim P.s family, Norman Erickson and Karen Simpson were acknowledged.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** January 8, 2020, 6 p.m. at Dennis & Arlene Hill's.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** February 12, 2020: Brian Paulson's nephew Cody P. and friend Jared Crozier were proposed as speakers. Jim P. will try to reserve the Maple Town Hall.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Arlene Hill, seconded by Jim M., to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Pellman, Secretary

Our Christmas Gift Exchange followed.

### 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](http://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 JANUARY BOARD MEETING

#### DENNIS & ARLENE HILL RESIDENCE, AMNICON

JANUARY 8, 2020, 6:00 PM.

**Attendance:** Dennis Hill, Mary Ann Gronquist, Shirley Deterling, Joe Autio, Bruce Carlson, Arlene Hill, Jim Pellman, Basil Edgette, Patricia Hursh, & Jim Mattson. Matt Miller called with a conflict for the night. **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 6:40 p.m.

**MINUTES:** Motion was made by Jim Mattson, seconded by Trish Hursh for approval of the November 13, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes held at the Hill Residence as published in the December 2019 issue of the *OBHS News*. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** *Trish Hursh hadn't been able to finish a written report for the meeting due to problems of health in her family. It was planned that Jim P. who daily gets the mail for OBHS would hold items that arrive until Trish is ready. Matt Miller in his role, still as Assistant Treasurer, was helping Trish with her report. He also was expected to submit the Wisconsin Sales and Use Tax Report for OBHS for 2019 which is due January 31, 2020. There was also an issue of a grant form needing completion that was expected by Bell Lumber & Pole Company with conditions of the matching grant needed to be signed off on by OBHS before Bell would release their grant to help with the Blueberry Depot project now on the Davidson Windmill Grounds. Jim believed this form was with materials he had delivered to Matt in routine fashion at his home in Superior. Matt did not remember the mailing. Brian Paulson who has been concerned intended to make contact with the Bell Company as it had been several months since the grant was announced, to see if the form could be traced. Dennis was to check with NBC in Poplar to check whether money amounting to \$1,450 had been deposited in the Blueberry Depot Account over the months since it should have arrived in late July 2019. As this was during the time of Matt's service other people were going to look in their records for the paperwork. Regrettably Matt had a conflict and couldn't make this meeting, but was to be contacted afterward for any added clues.*

### 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. Because this time had lapsed motion was made by Jim M. to extend this construction deadline to January 1, 2021 under the same terms and conditions.

**MEMBERSHIPS:** Membership renewals have been coming in steadily, most recently Norman LaPole Jr. 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. Membership drives are in order

**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 which was now available in the MSMA account for construction use, including window and door costs. Word has come in that the new door is done with windows yet to do. Subfloor materials were purchased, delivered by Lee & Lora Olson, and installation was completed by Jim P. Used flooring was moved into the upstairs and it needs to be cleaned up which will be done as weather permits. Sanding will follow installation. There appears to be plenty of hardwood flooring. Basement design, purchase and installation of the Pex system will be completed

we hope shortly, with the third zone for under the school house top 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. Walls will be insulated with fiberglass and then closed in with sheetrock. The electric furnace and manifold, pump & 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. Jim has put in a request in writing for the Town of Maple to plow the MSMA driveway and cost. No word yet from the Town.

**WINDMILL/GROUNDS:** In September 2019 the Board Reviewed Windmill Committee Structure, members and Chairs. This was to be revisited when Jim Pellman's committee on the By-Laws and Standing Committees meets. Meeting needs to be scheduled.

**Windmill Painting Project** has been postponed due to winter. Historically appropriate repairs to the Windmill and restrictions under National Register standards need to be addressed in any work done. A bronze plaque honoring Gene Davidson has been approved. Ordered? **Roof:** Discussion on roof repairs at last Board Meeting led to decision to wait. This spring we will look to patch holes most effectively as the cedar shingles are not that old. The roof was shingled the summer of 2007. (13 years ago.) It should be due for a change after 25 to 30 years normally. Eskolin House roof was done near the same time.

**BLUEBERRY DEPOT PROJECT:** On Windmill site on blocks. Ron H. and Brian P. will be working on the project. The early winter has put this project on hold. Good signage throughout our sites should be studied and added.

**SAUNA PROJECT:** The pioneering Heikkurainens were the builders of the sauna. It might be reasonable to name the sauna for them if the Erkkila family name is not used. The sauna remains on site on blocks. The depot & sauna foundations work was to move forward together. Work will begin in spring.

**MERCHANDISE & PUBLICATIONS:** *Boys of the Brule* is proving popular and another printing has come in at Nan's Cable Publishing. Jim P. found three copies in our inventory. More intermediate shirt sizes should be ordered due to good sales at the Windmill during Bayfield Apple Festival Weekend Tours. Should have them for Midsummer. 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. Earl will need help getting counts and current prices for the website order form.

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.

**The Old-Brule Calendar History Book** has been on hold for several weeks with construction at the Wisherd's and Jim P.'s new calendar work. This project should pick up soon after the income tax season is over in early May.

**2020 Calendar & Pollari Memorial Historical Map.** Jim just approved the proof for the 2020 Calendar. Printing and distribution are now ahead.

**The Pollari memorial map** is still moving. Jim will have to add more railroad features by hand. He will call a work meeting once this is done for review of future plans.

**FRIENDS OF OBHS:** This Facebook group site of over 1100 members is independent of OBHS. Thanks to Janine Seis and Nancy Moreland for their continuing work on this site on our behalf.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** We quickly reviewed these positions again. More work will be needed after the By-Law review.

**BYLAWS & JOB DESCRIPTIONS:** Jim P. has been designated to head this 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. Matt has volunteered to help with this transfer & conversion. 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 (Time has opened up a little for Jim P. with the 2020 calendar done.)

**BUDGET REVIEW:** We need to work on this promptly with the expansion of the duties of our Treasurer and formal assistants. Chairing this committee has been part of the Treasurer's duties. Traditionally in OBHS the Board Officers joined in this task. We'll need to look closely at all of these duties to lighten the load.

**2020 MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL (DATE SET).** Sat, June 20, 2020 will be the meal. Lakeside Town Hall has been reserved by Lila R.: Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

**MSMA JAM SESSION/SPAGHETTI DINNER:** Fund Raiser at KroBar in Brule date has been firmly set as March 7, 2020, Saturday. Planning Committee will now have to meet. Dan and Dorothy Bergsten, Lila, Mary Ann, and Jim P. are the core planners and hope for other promised help. Ted Pellman is pulling together band volunteers and has some already.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS:** None

## NEW BUSINESS:

**RON HENDRICKSON LETTER REGARDING WINDMILL GROUNDS & PROJECTS.** Ron had written to President Dennis offering to handle books, funds and other duties in management at the Windmill site to lighten the load. The consensus of those present felt it was important that the Board and Treasurer and President be clearly seen as handling these duties as they have these responsibilities as part of their duties. Dennis was to contact Ron with the Board's decision.

**SYMPATHY & ENCOURAGEMENT:** Get well wishes to Lois Pollari with health issues. A keep-getting-better to Bruce Carlson, and to Richard Harms, and to Shirley Umolac in her new home as her new knee heals. Others?

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** February 12, 2020. Maple Town Hall. Jim has requested the site. No reply yet, but no time conflict is seen. Program: Jim P. as part of February program could quickly review the 2020 OBHS Calendar, which will be available at the meeting, but the real excitement will be the program put on by Cody and Jared, NWHS students who will share the history of the life and culture of the Chippewee in our area in a slide program by Jared, as well as many old artifacts that Cody has collected.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** March 11, 2020. The meeting will again be held at the Hill residence. Our profound thanks to them. Once MSMA is ready we will hold many Board sessions there.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REVIVAL:** After Hope Swenson passed away we lost the person in our group who would keep an eye on who might need some cheer from our group. She sent out cards sometimes signed by many of us and many others on her own in our name. The group decided to revive this work, and we chose Shirley Deterling to handle it for us. She agreed to take the task, but needs names and addresses which Jim will provide at our next meeting if not before.

**OLD RUG LOOM:** Kathy and Duane Colby have a rug loom to donate, but a survey of those in the archives finds that we have two looms already, so we greatly appreciate their offer but have to kindly refuse for lack of space. Is anyone looking for one?

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**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 are 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](mailto:musketeer6@cheqnet.net), and by phone: 715-363-2549, or please check our Website at [www.oldbrule.org](http://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. 132**

*This photo is from the Cover of the 2020 Edition of the OBHS Calendar.*

Cover; "Maple Farmers of 1908." The name "Maple" was first associated with a Wisconsin Town in 1907 when its first Town Meeting was held at the old Town of Brule's Town Hall which was a short walk down the hill from the Maple Depot on the Northern Pacific Railroad's far eastern branch which terminated in Ashland. Brule had lost 2/3 of its territory in the prior two years with the creation of the towns of Amnicon (I) in 1906, and Maple in 1907. The farmers here were part of the Finnish settlement concentrated on the north end of the new town which still extended to the South Shore of Lake Superior, and as far south as the boundary with the new Village of Lake Nebagamon. Identified so far in the picture are Rev. John Pollari, far left, and Jacob Pellinen, fourth from the right.  
*Pellman family photo*



## ~ NOTICES ~

**MEMBERS:** Dues collection for 2020 began at our Annual Meeting on September 8, 2019 at the Lake Nebagamon Auditorium. Please start filling in your volunteer hours on your hours Blue Sheets for August 2019-July 2020 if you haven't, for turn in at the end of July 2020 if you haven't started yet. Please contact Jim P., our Secretary, for forms.

**THANK YOU & RECOGNITIONS:** To the daughters of **Norman Erickson** who gave his cash memorials to OBHS MSMA.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Member **Edith Warner**, now in her new place, on her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday, whose family celebrated with her at VIP in Superior.

**OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY:** Encouragement and Sympathy to family & friends of the many, listed here, whom we have lost recently:

**Clayton Jacob Beckman**, 85, Brule, Herbster, who passed away Sept 6, 2019 at Court Manor in Ashland, born in 1933 in Brule, the son of William & Ailie (Kangas) Beckman.

**Bailey Mae Eich**, 20, Askov, MN, who passed away at home due to cancer on October 25, 2019, with her parents and brother by her side, born on July 7, 1999 in Burnsville, MN to Jason and Sheila (TePoel) Eich, started college at St. Cloud State in the fall of 2017, but came home November, 2017 to fight cancer, is survived by her parents Jason & Sheila Eich, her brother Levi, grandparents, Greg Eich, John and Marcia Chess, David & Cece TePoel, great grandmother Helvie TePoel and great grandfather Clarence Eich.

**John P. Higgins**, 54, Oulu, Superior, who died Jan. 24, 2020 at home in Oulu, born in Superior, to Edw. & Marilyn (Prigge) Higgins, she of Blueberry, graduated from Superior Senior HS 1983, served in the Army National Guard, was an equipment operator at Wisconsin DNR-Brule & custodian at NW grade school, survived by wife of 8 years, Janie (Guldner) Higgins; sisters, Joan Godfrey, Jean Higgins, Jaclyn Higgins (Dennis)-Cordts, Jennifer (Dan) Sloan; brother, Edward Higgins, Jr, nieces Jamie, Jillian & Julia Pellman.

**William J. "Bill" Kovaleski Sr.**, 73, Lake Nebagamon resident, who died January 31, 2020, at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, born in Zanesville, OH, in 1946, the son of Earl and Lilli (Bates) Kovaleski., Navy veteran, married Denise Newman-Austin, in 1966 in Glacier National Park, worked in facility maintenance for the Maple School District for many years before his retirement, survived by wife, Denise Kovaleski, Lake Nebagamon, WI; 5 children and 14 grandchildren.

**Frederick "Fred" Lehman**, 72, Lake Nebagamon, who died January 31, 2020 in Solvay Hospice House.

**Leona M. Moreland**, 89, Lake Nebagamon, who died January 31, 2020 in Villa Marina Health Center, born on June 8, 1930.

**Barbara J. (Carlson) Olson**, 83, Superior, Iron River, WI, who died January 26, 2020 at Villa Marina Health Center in Superior, born in Superior in 1936, the daughter of Hans and Betsey (Johnson) Carlson, married Donald Olson in 1954 in Superior, survived by husband, Donald of Iron River; daughter, Dianne (Rob) Barden, of Florida, Donna (Jeff) Liebaert, Superior, WI, and Deborah (Randy) Sharbonno, Iron River, WI; son, Daniel (Dana) Olson, Oulu, 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren.

**Michele L. (Barnaby) Hughes**, 69, lifelong area resident, who died January 18, 2020 at Middle River Health and Rehabilitation, born in Superior in 1951, the daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Moder) Barnaby, a graduate of Northwestern High School, class of 1969 and went on to earn her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Superior, later earning her master's degree in nursing from St. Scholastica. She worked as a Public Health Nurse for Douglas County for many years before her retirement, married Leo Hughes in 1984 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Lake Nebagamon, survived by her sons, Travis (Angela) Hanson, Superior, and Ryan (Michelle) Hanson, Suffield, CT; 6 grandchildren, and brother, Richard Barnaby;

**Dale E. Carlson**, 89, Iron River, Wis., who died January 23, 2020 in Middle River Health and Rehabilitation, born July 23, 1930.

**Dick Williams**, born in 1930, who died in 2020, his 90th year, of Maple and Superior, served in the Air Force during the Korean War from 1950-1953, taught middle school students for 31 years, mostly in the Maple School District, survived by seven of his children: Bill (and Janis) Williams of Westminster, Colorado; Anne Treadwell of Hinckley, Minnesota; Fred Williams of Hudson, Wisconsin; Kris (Hunter) White of Montgomery, Alabama; Dena Williams of Palmdale, California; Kelly Hager of Blacksburg, Virginia; and Lincoln Williams, 9 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and his best nephew Billy Pirkola (and his sidekick Lance Boyle) of South Range, Wisconsin.

**Richard "Rich" A. Moberg**, 75, area resident, who died January 17, 2020 at Solvay Hospice House in Duluth., born in Duluth in 1944, the son of Everett and Caroline (Mai) Moberg, graduated from Denfeld High School in Duluth, served in the US Air National Guard and served in Vietnam from 1968-1969, survived by his significant other, Louise Luthens, Brule, WI; brother, Ronald (Kay) Moberg, Harlingen, TX; two nieces; and special friends, John Simenson, Mary George, Paul and Anita Helbach, Lorraine Korhonen, Janice Stevens, and Marlene Mackey.

**Myron "Bud" D. Levin**, 92, Cloverland, Superior who died January 19, 2020 at Villa Marina Health and Rehabilitation in Superior, born in Minneapolis in 1927, son of Alfred and Amelia (Berglov) Levin, served in the Army stationed in Germany from 1950-1952 and drove ambulances during the Korean Conflict, married Joanne Faye Levanpa in 1955, owned and operated the Cloverland Garage and Transfer, drove milk trucks, school buses, and worked as a mechanic for forty-eight years before he retired, survived by wife, Joanne Levin, Superior, son, Dale (Dena) Levin, Cloverland, daughter Toni Flyen, Superior, preceded by death by sons Michael and Mark Levin; brothers, Randolph and Vaughn Levin; and sister, Pearl Neal., memorial by Chuck Els with burial in Cloverland Cemetery in the Spring.

**Michael J. Staurseth**, 62, Superior who died January 11, 2020 at Essentia-St. Mary's Hospital in Superior, born in Superior in 1957, the son of Delores (Schultz) and Stephen Staurseth, survived by his parents, brother, Philip (Kerry) Staurseth of Chicago, preceded in death by wife Michelle.

**Michael S. Running**, 59, Duluth, who died December 30, 2020 in Duluth, born on March 20, 1960.

**Arthur Clarence Haugen Jr.**, 75, Superior, who died January 6, 2020 after a lengthy illness, preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Sr., and Virginia (Din) Haugen of Superior, received a degree in Geology from UWS in 1968 after attending Gogebic College in Ironwood, MI, drafted into the Army in 1968, and remained in the active reserve until 2006, retiring with the rank of Captain, and serving in the Gulf War in 1991, received a degree in Pharmacy from North Dakota State University in 1980 and worked for several decades in Superior at the East End Drug Store, Allouez Drug Store, Falk's Drug, and People's Drug Store, survived by a brother, Walter (Sara) Haugen of Foxboro, WI; and by his partner and best friend of 41 years, Kathy Kindel of Superior.

**David M. Nelson**, 62, Lake Nebagamon, Superior, who died January 2, 2020 at his home in Lake Nebagamon, born in Superior in 1957 the son of Marvin and Vivian (Bjork) Nelson, graduated from Superior Senior High School in 1976 and went on to earn his degree in Auto Mechanics from WITC in Superior, and as an Auto Body Technician from WITC in Rice Lake, WI, survived by his sisters, Sherry Kenville, Superior, WI, Judy Estridge, Wylie, TX, Sandy (Terry) Essen, Solon Springs, WI, and Terri (Brad) Nelson, Lake Nebagamon, WI; brothers, Bob Nelson, Superior, WI, and Mike (Carol) Nelson, South Range, WI

**Barbara (Hoffnagle) Clinton**, 82, Iron River who died January 1, 2020 at Twin Ports Health Services in Superior, born in Williamsport, PA, in 1937, the daughter of John and Thelma (Hering) Hoffnagle, owned and operated Barb's This 'n That variety store in Iron River for many years, survived by daughter, Terri (Tom) Rozell, Lake Nebagamon, WI; son, Scott (Dolly) Clinton, of Kentucky; grandson, Chris Clinton, of Kentucky; granddaughters, Candace (Nick) Stariha, Lake Nebagamon, WI, and Jennifer (Ryan) Ducart, Eau Claire, WI; great-granddaughters, Natasha and Isabelle Stariha, Lake Nebagamon, WI, and Ellison Ducart, Eau Claire, WI.

**Violet M. (Treakle) Tuura**, 89, Superior, Duluth, Las Vegas, who died December 31, 2019 at home in Las Vegas, born in 1930, in Park Falls, WI, the daughter to Charles and Ann (Peterson) Treakle, survived by 3 children & step-daughter Patty Tuura (Jim) Johnson, Superior, sharing as 8 (step)-grandchildren those of Irene Parenteau.; Jill, Lisa, Jennifer, Lori, Lindsay, Lucas, David, and Carly; brother, Chuck Treakle, Tacoma, WA, Superior; and sisters-in-law Jane Wester and Lela Treakle and her family, Wendy, Mark, & Todd, preceded in death by her 1st husband, Dr. John Anderson; her 2nd husband, Willard Tuura from Brule; her parents; & brothers, Melvin, Don & Tom Treakle.

**Larry Peterson**, 88, Poplar, who died December 29, 2020 in Middle River Health and Rehabilitation Center, born March 29, 1931.

**Gertrude (Trudy) Elizabeth (Hellman) Esselstrom**, 92, who died Dec. 25, 2019 at Harmony House Assisted Living, Superior, born Jan. 4, 1927, in Brimson, MN, daughter of Hjalmer & Selma Hellman, sister to Hugo & Paul Hellman, sisters Miriam Berglund & Helmi Ruana, married Paul W. Esselstrom, in 1952 living in the Town of Lakeside, WI.

**Jeanne Campbell Frodesen**, 97, of Superior who died December 18, 2019 at Superior Rehabilitation Center, born in 1922 in Superior to Emily and Ford Campbell, attended Superior Central High School and graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison with a BA degree in Journalism, married for 67 years to George Frodesen who preceded her in death, active community leader involved in the Douglas County Historical Society and in Twin Ports acting.

**Suzanne "Sue" M. (Wagner) Lundberg**, 67, Poplar, Denver, Superior, who died December 17, 2019 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, born in Whittier, CA, in 1952, the daughter of Edward and Gladys (Hoas) Wagner, a graduate of NWHS Class of 1970, and attended UWS, married Terry Lundberg in 1971, survived by husband, Terry, Poplar, daughter, Britt Lundberg, Minneapolis, son, Eric Lundberg, Poplar; mother, Gladys Wagner, Superior, sister, Kristine (Kevin) Pallas, Fargo, ND; mother-in-law, Irene Lundberg, Superior, & brother-in-law, Scott (Holly) Lundberg, Poplar.

**James "Jim" E. Perala**, 80, Maple, Turtle Lake, Barron, who passed away December 14, 2019 at home in Turtle Lake, WI, born in 1939 in Superior, to Einar & Aino (Antilla) Perala, grew up in Maple, graduated from NWHS, married Jeanne Wartgow of Butternut in 1966, survived by wife, children, Steve (Hilde), Hermantown, Scott (Petra), Urdorf, Switzerland, Julia (Gary) Blaisdell & Betty (Don) Aro of Superior; aunt, Lorraine (Perala) Korhonen.

**Rolland Plunkett**, 88, Superior, Cloverland, who died December 11, 2019, at Solvay Hospice House in Duluth, born in 1931 in Superior to Samuel & Mary (TePoel) Plunkett, where they lived in Cloverland on the family farm, graduated from Cathedral High School, married Joan Malmquist in 1953, made their home in Superior where they raised 5 children, a letter carrier for 34 years, survived by his wife, 4 of their 5 children, preceded in death by brothers Dick, Bob, Samuel Virgil, and Bill; and sister, Eugenia.

**Janet M. Colby**, 70, Poplar, who died December 11, 2019 at Essentia-St. Mary's in Duluth, born in Milwaukee in 1949, daughter of Gerald and Louise Colby, worked as a CAN, survived by 3 children and 7 siblings.

**Daniel Richard Ellenson**, 71, Maple, who passed away at home on December 8, 2019, born in 1948 in Superior to Willis and Doris Ellenson, survived by his wife, Ruby (Armstrong) Ellenson; children Jeremy Jorgenson, Superior, Lisa (Jim) Soyryng, Maple, two sisters, Mary (Clete) Preuss, Scottsdale, AZ; Judith (George) Chacon, Tempe, AZ; and brother Steven (Dorrine) Ellenson, Brule, WI.

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

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**CALENDAR.**

**February 12**, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS General Meeting. Maple Town Hall. Pot luck dinner, Program: Jared Crozier & Cody Paulson: "The Chippewee of the Old-Brule Region: Their Life & Culture": slide talk & Cody's display.

Lincoln's Birthday.

**February 14**, Friday. St. Valentine's Day.

**February 17**, Monday. Presidents' Day.

**February 24**, Monday, Noon. MSMA KroBar Music Benefit Committee meeting at KroBar.

**February 25**, Tuesday. Mardi Gras.

**February 26**, Wednesday. Ash Wednesday.

**March 7**, Saturday, Noon. MSMA KroBar Music Benefit.

**March 8**, Sunday. Daylight Savings Time Starts.

**March 11**, Wednesday, 6 p.m. OBHS Board Meeting. Hill Residence in Amnicon.

**March 16**, Monday. St. Urho's Day.

**March 17**, Tuesday, St. Patrick's Day.

**March 19**, Thursday. Spring Begins. Materials due for the April issue of the *OBHS News*.

**April 12**, Sunday. Easter Sunday.

**OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY WEB SITE ON LINE**

The Website Committee has been maintaining our Web site ([www.oldbrule.org](http://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.**