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OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 6 p.m., Lakeside Town Hall

This will be a Midsummer Scandinavian Dinner work day at the Lakeside Town Hall, and a Davidson Windmill clean-up day. We will start the meeting with our pot luck luncheon, and then go directly to our business meeting. Please bring a dish to pass or refreshments to share for our meal which will start at 6 p.m. We want to thank the Midsummer Committee members for all their hard work, and those who will be serving at the Windmill grounds. Thanks to the Town of Lakeside for the use of their hall and its serving facilities throughout the weekend. Guests and friends are always welcome at our meetings and events.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Despite the severe disruption of Archive work routines it is heartwarming to see the walk-out vault and basement appear for the Old-Brule Heritage Society Monticello School Museum & Archives (OBHS MSMA) facility. The school has yet to be moved onto the bottom floor, but it takes little imagination to see now how beautiful a site we will soon have to work on and within. Even the cement truck drivers have commented upon the natural beauty of the spot. I've taken lots of photos of every phase of construction, and with the help of the workers we've collected a large number of artifacts from what might be called a huge archaeological shovel test. I intend to pull together a program sharing the process and these finds. The remains certainly confirm that the site once had many school desks that ended up broken into cast-iron pieces and burned and buried on the hillside...a surprising lack of economy from a time we think of as less prosperous than our own. Many different kinds of old bottles and cracked plates and pottery are mixed in the finds, and one large turquoise bead. Even a well sand point came up from under the school's new site.

What's next is the process of restoring what looks like an abandoned relic into a working 1890 school museum. Desks and blackboards continue to be gathered to fill the space, but wall, ceiling & floor restoration, and even structural member replacement and strengthening will be needed. Slight modifications to allow handicap accessibility will be done so as not to disturb the experience of seeing an educational facility shared by so many of our grandparents and great-grandparents, and even those who came before. One hundred and twenty-seven years ago this became the new school to Rautio ancestors of Olga Lintula whose descendants provided three more tiny old desks from a school of this vintage. We will strengthen the rafters and stud walls under the bell tower which will hold the restored school bell salvaged from a Waino School which burned, held in trust for us by Dicky Tuura.

This is all the result of planning and fund raising that actually started fifteen years ago about the time my grandmother, Esther Pollari, died. In settling her estate it was decided that part of her land distribution in the heart of downtown Maple would go toward acquiring the historic school and town hall lot on the southeast corner of US Highway 2 and County Road F, once owned by Thomas Nephew, one of the Town of Brule's early town chairmen, and then by the Town of Brule for Maple school purposes, and next door for Brule Town Hall purposes, later that of Maple. Karen Pollari Simpson and Delores Pollari Pellman, as heirs jointly acquired the lot, one next door to their father's old Maple Garage, which has now made its way with the legal work of Steve Ledin of Superior, pro bono, and thousands in grants and gifts to become the budding reality of our OBHS MSMA facility.

The fund raising is still not done and we need your help. On faith that support will continue, sewer and drain pipes have been buried under the concrete floor, waiting for the day a holding tank can be installed and a well drilled. We'll be doing a lot of singing, and calling and beating on doors for gifts and funds to carry us forward. Our motto might be "If we restore it, they will come." The Davidson Windmill grounds have a partner site now anchoring our past. There are many more to thank, and we hope for many more to join us, all volunteers, in our preservation and sharing effort, honoring & remembering our freedom loving pioneers. Thank you all.

-Jim Pellman, Archives Committee

1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2017 LOCAL HISTORY PHOTO CALENDARS FOR SALE.

The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, produced its eighth and final calendar in 2005 with pictures of Brule's past. Proceeds from these annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, are being used for the publication of the history of Brule, to be completed very soon. Limited numbers are available. Please contact Janet Follis, P.O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820, at (715) 372-4948. Our 2017 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are for sale at \$9.00 each. Earlier issues are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2014), 2015 at \$6.00, & 2016 at \$7.00 in limited numbers. An e-mail address for more info: musketeer6@cheqnet.net, and by phone: 218-260-0711, or please check our Website at www.oldbrule.org. Shipping & handling: \$3.50 each, less for each for larger orders. We thank our donor businesses whose cards we display in the back of each calendar, and to those local businesses that are selling them for us each year, this year at Twin Gables & Cenex in Brule, Poplar Hardware & the Village Market, Sharon's Lakeview Restaurant & Midland Cenex in Lake Nebagamon. Or check with Jim in Maple at 715-363-2549.

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ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Archives Committee would welcome more volunteers to help in this important part of our OBHS mission. Our continuing project is learning to use the computer in support of our work, scanning, interpreting and indexing documents and photos, storing clippings and records and creating databases. The future holds more work on temporary and permanent exhibits using items in our collection, which the MSMA school space will permit. Our thanks go to our loyal committee members and document and artifact donors, and to the Town of Maple for Archive storage space. If you enjoy exacting work and interesting conversation please join us at 1 p.m., still at the Pellmans' on a Monday afternoon. Next meeting is yet to be determined. We expect our old routines to change as we transition to our MSMA site over the next few months. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm the next meeting time and place.

**Unapproved MINUTES for the APRIL GENERAL MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
Wednesday, April 12, 6 p.m., Brule Town Hall**

A pot-luck buffet was served at 6:00 p.m. Thanks to everyone who organized the buffet table and/or contributed to this delicious meal and to those who helped set up and take down tables and chairs. Thanks to the Town of Brule for use of their hall and facilities. Thirty-seven members and guests were in attendance.

The program which followed was presented by Brian Paulson, Randy Jones, and Audrey Hakkila, members of the History Writing Committee for the Village of Poplar. They shared information that will be part of the Poplar Centennial history book to be published before Centennial events begin this summer. Those in the audience were treated to historical photographs from the earliest Poplar history, as we know it, to some later images that brought memories to the surface. As always, many questions were asked and addressed. Thanks to our speakers and to the entire committee for doing this very important work for the Village of Poplar and the surrounding area.

BUSINESS MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: 1st Vice-President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. (President Shirley Umolac is expected to return home shortly.)

MINUTES: Janine moved to accept the Minutes, published in the April 2017 issue of *OBHS News*, for the February General Meeting held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at the Maple Town Hall. Matt seconded the motion; the minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Janine, who has returned to the Northland, presented the following report. (Thanks to Assistant Treasurer Matt for his backup support, especially during Janine's absence. He was in charge of the moneys from the MSMA fund-raiser at which he reported total income of \$1504.54. This income includes \$100 contributions from Evelyn Culhane, Gary Luoma, and Laila Magnuson. This data is included in the MSMA subtractions and additions in the Treasurer's report.)

CURRENT BALANCE		CHANGE SINCE MARCH 8th BOARD MEETING
CD:	\$ 5,843.33	No Change
CASH:	\$ 31.00	No Change
WINDMILL:	\$ 2,342.17	Last Report- \$2,401.24.

MSMA:	\$ 18,464.81	<u>Subtractions:</u> \$59.07 (2 ECE Electric Bills: \$29.66 for March and \$29.41 for April) Last Report - \$16,947.17 <u>Additions:</u> \$2,018.54 for fund raiser tickets; donations, and cash drawer reimbursement
GENERAL:	\$ 1,200.14	<u>Subtractions:</u> \$500.09 for purchase of t-shirts, working cash, and supplies Last Report - \$1,246.08 <u>Additions:</u> \$217.00 from memberships, calendars, & books <u>Subtractions:</u> \$262.94 for postage, newsletters & supplies
TOTAL:	\$ 27,881.45	Last Report: \$26,468.82 (Up \$ 1,412.63)

Jim Mattson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, followed by a second from Alice. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

- (1.) Statement received from ECE for March Windmill Electric Service (auto-paid).
- (2.) Bill from Forum Communications for MSMA Fund Raiser Ad
- (3.) Annual State Farm Fire & Casualty Insurance Bill for OBHS. Only the Windmill site is currently covered. We need to review our policy soon to include the MSMA site.
- (4.) Membership renewals from Alice Christensen and George & Edna Johnson.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE: Work will begin shortly as summer approaches. Alice volunteered to scrape and paint the windmill door as soon as the weather warms up, with assistance from Nancy W.

Paul Colby has volunteered to repair the fencing around the windmill memorial cedars. Jim moved, and Alice seconded the motion, to authorize Paul to take on the project.

The bridge repair project is still underway.

MSMA: Construction: Kevin Mackie explained and summarized the work that he would include in his bid of \$15,000. (He noted that his bid included installation of both doors and windows, and that the windows would be framed in, not poured. He also said that there will be enough lip on the foundation to allow a ledge for exterior stone, if desired.) Dennis noted that the Olson Brothers associated bid of \$6,067.5 is not firm and could possibly be less. Jim Mattson moved to approve these bids. Following a second by Audrey, the motion carried.

MSMA Fundraising Events:

The MSMA Musical Fund Raiser was again a success and there is already conversation about another similar event by Dean of Kro Bar, when all of the volunteers have recovered and are ready. We raised a net amount of \$1,504.54, with matching gifts still expected from Gordy L. and Ed P.

The August Flea Market/Bazaar is set for Saturday, August 26th, with the event in and on the Maple Town Hall grounds. Set-up will take place on Friday, the 25th. We will need to get our committee established. Future events might also include community plays, dinner theatre, pie-ice cream socials, etc.

MERCHANDISE: Books: Jim and Nan Wisherd, who is financing work on the calendar book, will begin work on this project shortly.

Jane Grimsrud's book *Brule River Forest and Lake Superior Cloverland Anecdotes* is available from us. We need to conduct a thorough inventory and update of our sales form on our website. When the MSMA project is completed, we could have a small gift shop open more regularly.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: Thanks to Janine and Nancy Moreland for the creation and maintenance of this independent site, which now has over 646 members. We must obtain posted photo sources in order to extract information with needed resolution and to get permission for their use. This will be an ongoing process.

PROPOSAL TO INVOLVE LOCAL STUDENTS IN A DRAWING/PAINTING OF THE DAVIDSON WINDMILL COMPETITION: OBHS needs to contact Charlie Hessel, art teacher at NWHS, to learn how the project is proceeding.

OPT OUT OF NEWSLETTER HARDCOPY DELIVERY: Persons interested in accessing an online electronic copy of the *OBHS News* in lieu of or in addition to a hard copy should contact Jim.

REFRIGERATOR DONATION: Shirley should be returning soon so that we can determine if the larger refrigerator she has offered can be moved into the Eskolin House.

MEMBERSHIP DATES: Members are asked to verify their mailing address on *OBHS News* for correctness of membership date. Please contact Jim if you have questions. He also requests that members keep up with their volunteer hours on the "blue sheets".

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

SYMPATHY AND ENCOURAGEMENT: Sympathy to the friends & family of Bob Olson who recently died due to fire; and to Members Jeanne & Mike Soyring on the passing of his sister, Jean Marie Hilger. Sympathy to the Luostari family on the passing of John; and to the Follis family on the passing of "Buck". Continued encouragement to Laila M. and to Dicky Tuura as they recover from health issues.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at the Eskolin House.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: The General Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 22, 6:00 p.m. at Lakeside Town Hall, preceding the Midsummer Event.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Planning for the Midsummer Events: Members agreed that the Midsummer Festival will be scheduled for June 22-24:

Thursday, June 22

General Meeting & Set-up at Lakeside Town Hall (Lila will reserve the facility) & Windmill grounds work & Eskolin House clean-up.

Friday, June 23

Tours of the Eskolin House & Davidson Windmill from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Dinner Preparation at the Town Hall-- all day

Saturday, June 24

Tours of the Eskolin House & Davidson Windmill from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Scandinavian Dinner-- Served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$9.00 adults this year.

Members were asked to volunteer for staffing at the Mill site and for dinner preparation, service, and clean-up. A Dinner planning meeting will be scheduled soon.

The Mill Site: Many thanks to Ron Hendrickson for his offer to "handle" mowing the Davidson Windmill/Eskolin grounds. Thanks to Patricia H. for repainting the water barrel as needed. The possibility of creating a nature trail down the hill from the Mill was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: Jim M. moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Janine. 1st Vice-President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila M. Ronn, Secretary

FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

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

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 new expanded and revised edition of *The Brule River of Wisconsin* is now available at \$20.00 (+\$3.50 shipping). See our calendar ad above. Jane Pearson Grimsrud has released small and large print versions of *Brule River Forest and Lake Superior Cloverland Anecdotes*. Both are available for \$20.00 (+\$3.50 shipping). Poplar Hardware also has an inventory of most of our titles. Please check ahead for current availability. Also please contact our members for more info.

Unapproved MINUTES for the MAY BOARD MEETING

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 5 p.m.

Eskolin House, South Range, WI

Members In Attendance: Mary Ann Gronquist, Audrey Hakkila, Dennis Hill, Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Matt Miller, Jim Pellman, Lila Ronn, Janine Seis, Doreen Swanson, and Hope Swenson. Visitors: Dan Gronquist and Arlene Hill.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: After lunch and following a moment of silence, President Shirley Kankas-Umolac called the meeting to order at 5:37.

MINUTES: Janine moved to approve the minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 that were published in the April 2017 issue of *OBHS News*. Following a second by Hope, these minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Janine Seis and Ass't Treasurer Matt Miller submitted the following report:

<u>CURRENT BALANCE</u>	<u>CHANGE SINCE APRIL GENERAL MEETING</u>
CD: \$ 5,848.30	<u>Last report</u> -- \$ 5,843.33
	<u>Addition:</u> \$ 4.97 interest

CASH:	\$ 31.00	No change
WINDMILL:	\$ 2,312.76	Last report --\$2,342.17
		<u>Subtraction:</u> \$29.41 ECE electricity payment
MSMA:	\$ 18,462.46	Last report -- \$18,464.81
		<u>Additions:</u> \$18.15 Summer 2016 fundraiser monies; \$22.50 Winter 2017 fundraiser t-shirt sales
		<u>Subtraction:</u> \$43.00 Winter Fundraiser 2017 advertising in <i>Telegram (Duluth Tribune)</i>
GENERAL:	\$ 1,458.14	Last report -- \$1,200.14
		<u>Additions:</u> \$290 dues
		<u>Subtractions:</u> \$29.00 for purchased checks; \$3.00 for printing 25 2-sided agenda copies for April meeting
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TOTAL FUNDS:	\$ 28,112.66	Last report -- \$27,881.45

Audrey made a motion, seconded by Hope, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The report was accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

- (1.) Statement from ECE for April Windmill Electric Service (auto-paid). Included was a letter explaining their intent to spray the power line easement in our area this summer- overhead lines only.
- (2.) Annual State Farm Fire & Casualty Insurance Bill for general & liability coverage on the Windmill site. OBHS needs to review our policy soon to include the MSMA site, particularly for liability protection.
- (3.) Email from Tony Tracy, Exec. Director at DCHS, hoping to find information on the Duncan Chisholm family of Lake Nebagamon. Jim replied.

OLD BUSINESS:

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DAVIDSON/WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE:

Work will begin shortly. Alice has volunteered to scrape and paint the windmill door. Paul Colby was authorized at the General Meeting to repair and add fence around the memorial cedar trees. The bridge repair project is still underway headed by Ron Hendrickson with assistance from Brian Paulsen, Bruce Carlson, and Kevin McCoy. Thanks to Trish H. for repainting the barrel. Ron H. will be mowing.

The possibility of creating a nature trail down the hill from the Mill was discussed at our last General Meeting. Jim will flag a route. Brushing and filling of holes will follow as time permits. Ideally, the route would be sufficiently wide to be tick-free.

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Another group had reserved the Lakeside Town Hall for Saturday, but has agreed to allow us to use the facility until 3:00 p.m. We need to plan accordingly.

MSMA: Construction: Kevin Mackie was present at our General Meeting to explain and summarize the work included in his bid of \$15,000. This, along with an associated bid of \$6,067.50 from Olson Brothers, was approved at this meeting. Work has now proceeded to the point where the last wall pour will take place on Friday, May 12th. Basement slab work will follow. Jim has delivered a letter at John Tuura's in Bellwood in an attempt to contact him for help with plumbing and heating sub-floor work.

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Dennis asked Jim for our kit of presentation materials to resume our contacting of businesses for donations.

MERCHANDISE: BOOKS: Jim and Nan Wisherd, who is financing work on the calendar book, will resume work on the project as soon as their schedules permit. Jim is moving so is not currently available.

OBHS needs to conduct a thorough inventory and update of items for sale on our posted form on our website. When the MSMA project is completed, a small gift shop can be set up.

Nan's new book, *Brule River Country*, just came out. She is making it available to OBHS wholesale, hard copy @ \$12.97 (list price \$25.95) and soft cover @ \$9.47 (list price \$18.95) Janine moved that allowing Committee discretion we purchase five hard copies, to be sold wholesale at approximately \$18; and 10 soft cover books, to be sold at approximately \$13.00 wholesale. After a second by Dennis, the motion carried.

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OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Congratulations to Dorothy Kangas upon her 100th birthday which was celebrated on May 6th at the Northern Pines Event Center in Iron River.

ADJOURNMENT: Doreen moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Lila. President Shirley Kankas-Umolac adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila M. Ronn, Secretary

Area History: No. 116



This picture and text appears for the month of July in our 2017 OBHS Historical Calendar.

14.17-07. Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railroad Locomotive #202 at the Winneboujou Station on the Brule River, c. 1905. We appear to be looking northwest in this amazing image from a location just west of the Brule River in the Town of Old-Brule. The date may be earlier. For some reason the passenger car that this excursion group has been riding, or appears to be boarding, has been de-coupled. Two conductors appear to be supervising the activities. The car and the Ashland bound 202 may be on a sidetrack. The DSS & A in this far western branch of the line was built in 1893. The 202 was transferred in 1907 to the Mineral Range Railroad, owned by the DSS & A, in the UP of Michigan where the bulk of the DSS & A's trackage and business was located, heavily in the mining district off a long spur running north. The locomotive was a 2-6-0 Mogul built in 1884 by Baldwin. This western branch was abandoned in 1934 which led to the Stella Cheese operation pulling out of Lake Nebagamon located back up the tracks about five miles. The cluster of 16 passengers here were extremely well dressed, the ladies with hair carefully coifed, full length sleeves and long skirts, likely from, or guests of, the nearby Winneboujou Club which we believe gave the station its name. *Photo courtesy of the Brule History Research Group.*

~ NOTICES ~

MEMBERS: Dues collection for 2017 began at our Annual Meeting last August & has continued into 2017. Please keep filling in your volunteer hours on your Blue Sheets. Our next hour tally runs annually from Aug.1 (2016) to turn-in-date to Jim after July 31 (2017). Please contact our Secretary or Jim for a new Blue Sheet, or check for blank forms on our website.

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: Thanks to all who have brought their memberships up to date. Congratulations to **Jared Anttila**, who was awarded the 2017 OBHS Scholarship. He was quarterback for NWHS' winning football team, was recruited by and will be attending UW Stevens Point. Grandson of **John & Peggy Anttila**, son of **Jeff**, all of Maple.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY: To family & friends of the many, listed here, whom we have lost recently:

Kevin Richard Pollari, 55, Vadnais Heights, MN, who died May 4, 2017 after seven years dealing courageously with ALS, a construction contractor, entrepreneur, artist and author, born in 1962 to Charles (Dick) Pollari from Maple and OBHS member Lois Clintsman Pollari then from St. Paul, preceded in death by his father and two sisters, all with ALS, survived by his mother, two sons, a brother, two sisters, nieces, nephews and many extended family and friends.

Orville Luther Grube, 88, Poplar, who died April 20, 2017 at his home, born in 1929 in Hawthorne to Edward and Rachel (Shere) Grube, was married to Bernieta Bakken for 65 years until her passing in 2016, survived by their three sons and their families all of Poplar, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, who worked first at the Poplar Lange Cannery, then on the Northern Pacific, and logging, running Grube Transfer and Grube Trucking with his wife.

Miriam (Lehtinen) Metsala, 97, Superior & Maple, who passed away May 18, 2017 at Golden Living Center in Superior, born in 1919 in Ironwood, Mich. to Walter & Ida Lehtinen, graduated from McGregor, MN High School & then graduated from the Duluth School of Business with a degree in Bookkeeping, went to Ontonagon, Mich. to work at the local co-op as a bookkeeper, married Lawrence Metsala, moving then to Chicago, & in 1961 moving to Maple, working at Maple Co-op, survived by son Larry, his wife & grandson Paul.

Lily Angeline (Martell) Botosh, 97, Iron River, Wisconsin, died Tuesday, May 16, 2017 in her home in Castro Valley, California, born in 1919 in Iron River to George and Elva Martell, married William J. Botosh in 1942 and celebrated thirty-eight years of marriage before his passing in 1980, survived by 5 children, 13 grandchildren & 23 great-grandchildren.

Charles Patrick "Pat" Cadigan, 81, Duluth, who died May 15, 2017 at St. Luke's Hospital, born in Superior in 1935 to Charles Patrick and Mary (Rock) Cadigan, who was husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, and a beloved local radio broadcaster for 56 years, and musician in the polka band of Florian Chmielewski, survived by wife Barbara & family.

William C. "Bill" Roenitz, 85, Poplar, who passed away May 12, 2017, born in 1931 in Sheboygan County, WI, son of Kurt & Eleanore (Stubbe) Roenitz, moved to Wentworth, in 1960 and later Poplar, worked as a mechanical engineer for Kohler Company, Clyde Iron, & Superior-Lidgerwood-Mundy, Navy Korean War vet, survived by wife Joy, 3 daughters & 2 sons, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

George R. Larson, 89, Lake Nebagamon and Superior who died May 11, 2017 at Golden Oaks in Hermantown, born in 1928 in Hawthorne to Ernest and Signe (Bjorklund) Larson, a retired millwright for US Steel, and as a professional sign painter, survived by wife Elna (Falk), one daughter and one son.

Donna Mae (Ely) Smith, 83, Superior who died May 11, 2017 at the family cabin in Lake Nebagamon, born in 1934 in Linwood Township, MN, the daughter of Ivan and Jennie Ely, married to Richard G. Smith, Jr. for 60 years, worked as a realtor, and as a nurse at Middle River Health, survived by two daughters, two of three son, many grandchildren, among them Colin (April) Wiita in Maple.

David "Smitty" L. Smith, 57, Bennett, who died May 6, 2017 at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN from complications from a brain aneurysm. He was born in 1959 in Superior to Donald and Darlene (Sleva) Smith, Sr., married Donette Priem in Wentworth in 1993, survived by mother Darlene Carlson, his wife, 5 children & 12 grandchildren.

Roger A. Scheldroup, 78, of Lake Nebagamon and Glendale, WI, who died May 2, 2017, at his home, born in Superior in 1938, the son of Fred and Eleanore Scheldroup, UWS grad, taught in Virginia MN and was a guidance counselor and coach in Glendale WI, survived by five children and their mother, Patricia Scheldroup, Glendale.

Marcus Anthony Tuura, 36, Oulu, who died in a car accident, survived by four children, grandson of the late Norman & Darline Tuura.

Elmer Lintula, 89, Superior, who passed away May 1, 2017 at Middle River Health & Rehab in Hawthorne, born in 1927 in Superior to John & Olga (Rautio) Lintula, married "Kathy" Swanson in 1951, worked for Cargill as a grain superintendent 42 years, survived by his wife, daughter Debra (Alan) Avery & sons Mark & Jon (Vickie), and his sister, Elsie Kiiski.

Ione E. (Sickler) Carroll, 83, Lake Nebagamon, who died May 1, 2017 in Superior, born in 1933 in Hayward, the daughter of Horace and Florence (McPeak) Sickler, married Allen Carroll in 1953, with him ran Ma & Pa Rucker's Campground in Lake Nebagamon, survived by a son, Edward (Anna) Carroll and foster son David (Star)Polaski & seven grandchildren..

Carol J. (Johnson) Thompson, 76, Virginia, Minn., formerly of Wentworth who died April 4, 2017, at Bayshore Health Center, Duluth, born in 1940 in Menahga, Minn., to Hjalmer and Julia (Karjala) Johnson, married Emil LaVerne Nelson in 1957 in Hibbing, widowed in 1966, married Clyde Russell Thompson in 1978, widowed again in 1983, mother of Rev. Darrell Nelson of Poplar, burial in Alajoki Cemetery in Menahga, Minnesota.

Ardith Sharon (Hildebrandt) Peterson, 72, Lake Nebagamon, who passed away April 6, 2017, at Twin Ports Health Services in Superior, born in 1944, in Superior, the daughter of Clifford and Eunice (Thomas) Hildebrandt, raised in Lake Nebagamon and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1964, worked as a CNA at Middle River Health & Rehab, survived by son Todd.

Genevieve A. Swanson, 92, Maple and Superior, who died April 15, 2017, in Superior, born in 1925, the daughter of Walter and Alexandra Lazarski, survived by her children, Margie (Jim) Bleskan, Sandra (Norman) Lier, Jeffrey (Michael Thiele) Swanson, and Angela (Ernie) Harker, preceded in death by parents; husband, Alvin; son, Nick, burial at St. Anne's Cemetery in Blueberry.

Ernest "Ernie" E. Gronroos, 91, Bennett, who passed away April 2, 2017 in Superior due to a stroke, born in 1925, a merchant mariner on the Great Lakes for US Steel, preceded in death by wife Sigrid, survived by sister Irene Gunderson, 95, & stepson Rudy Tikkanen.

Susan C. (Drolson) Feirtag, 69, Racine and Superior, who died suddenly at home on April 2, 2017, born in 1947 to Carl and Vivian Drolson of Foxboro, survived by four children and three siblings.

Albert J. Amatuzio, 92, Duluth, who died April 1, 2017, at his home with his family by his side, the founder of AMSOIL.

And who have we missed or forgotten? May they all rest in peace.

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Anyone interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society is encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may also contact any member or the Board at the return address above, or our Treasurer, Janine Seis, at the same address. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable after our annual meeting in August. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

CALENDAR.

June 14, Friday. Flag Day.

June 21, Wednesday. First day of Summer

June 22, Thursday, 6 PM. OBHS General Meeting. Lakeside Town Hall. Pot luck lunch with business meeting to follow. Work days in advance of Midsummer Celebration, cooking, mowing, and cleaning. Help needed.

June 23, Friday. Cooking all day and setup, Lakeside Town Hall. Windmill & Eskolin House prep. Tours 3-5 PM.

June 24, Saturday. Juhannus Juhlat, Midsummer Celebration, Fund Raising Dinner, Lakeside Town Hall 11-2. Cost \$9.00 adults, Children 6-12 \$5.00, Under 5 Free. Free Eskolin House & Davidson Windmill Tours, 10 AM to 3 PM.

July 4, Tuesday. Independence Day.

July 12, Wednesday, 5 PM. OBHS Board Meeting. Eskolin House.

July 21, Friday. Submissions for the August *OBHS News* are due.

August 25, Friday, 12 Noon. Set Up Day, Annual OBHS MSMA Maple Town Hall Flea Market.

August 26, Saturday, 7 AM Vendor Set Up. 8 AM Flea Market Opens. Closes 5 PM. **Noon**, 2017 OBHS Annual Meeting, Maple Town Hall, Inside.

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.