

OBHS News

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OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, August 16, 2015, 1:00 PM at the Oulu Cultural & Historical Center

The Annual Meeting this Sunday will be our Seventeenth. Our First was announced in our very first newsletter of September 10, 1999. (We can't forget to count the one held in 2000.) This will be our first Annual Meeting without Eddy Walman who passed away this past Thursday at Essentia Health in Duluth at 78. If the word stalwart can be given a meaning in the life of one person it has been that of Edward Walman of Maple. We have hugely benefitted as an organization and as a community in having him with us. He was also blessed with an acute memory of bilingual family historical discussions making them almost first hand reports extending back into the 1890s. Our sympathy goes out to his longtime companion, Karin Colby, and to his extended family, many active in our group, including his sister, OBHS founding member and a former President, Alice Christensen. *A kiitos paljon* (thank you much) goes out to Friend Eddy and to his family.

We also want to thank Duane and Barb Lahti and their crew at the growing Oulu Cultural & Heritage Center/Palo Farm, 71055 Muskeg Road, Oulu, WI, for hosting our Annual Meeting. We will have a pot-luck picnic lunch with coffee served by the Center before our program. This will be a slide talk from Mr. Steven Fortney on his new book, *The Cabin: a North Woods Memoir*, recently published by Nan Wisherd's Cable Publishing in Brule. Our business meeting will close out the gathering, with a short meeting of the new Board to follow.
Guests and New Members are always Welcome!

FROM THE EDITOR:

This is a very important Annual Meeting, due to the departure of so much of our leadership. Our President, Dennis Hill, First Vice President, Brian Paulson, Treasurer Paul Colby and I as Secretary all have reached the last year of our present second two year terms, meaning, according to our bylaws, all will enjoy a year of vacation, before we can call on their Board services again. We are in urgent need of nominees to fill this loss of Board experience. It will be a great opportunity for those still serving for growth in leadership and experience, and new faces will help carry our mission forward. Thank you to all of the departing, and to those willing step forward to take on Board responsibilities.

Those departing will remain active on the standing committee created at our last Board and General meetings created to serve the Monticello School Museum & Archives site, especially with the construction and restoration phases soon coming. The future for OBHS is bright. Our work has just begun. I will continue with this newsletter, with Windmill grounds tours and with MSMA and the Archives. Thank you to all in our supporting membership, and to those contributing to the Friends of Old-Brule Heritage Facebook site. Thanks also to Members Jerry & Pat Anderson, and to Members Cindy Pellman Crider and her husband Duane for their very recent MSMA Founder level donations. The fund has topped \$7000 with much more to go, but these gifts are a great boost and add confidence for basement construction later this summer. .Jim Pellman

1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2015 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 of their 2005 calendar & earlier issues are available. Please contact Janet Follis, P.O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820, (715) 372-4948. Our 2015 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are for sale at \$9.00 each. Other earlier OBHS calendars are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2012), 2013 at \$6.00, & 2014 at \$7.00 in limited numbers. Poplar Hardware, Poplar Village Market, Cable Publishing in Waino (Juntti) and Sharon's Restaurant in Lake Nebagamon, and Twin Gables Restaurant in Brule have been carrying the latest issue. An e-mail address for more info: musketeer27@hotmail.com, and by phone: 715-363-2549, or Laila at 715-372-4963, 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 list in the back of each calendar.

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

ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

Excitement continues to build over the prospects of our new archiving space at MSMA, the Monticello School Museum & Archives. With the changes expected the Archives Committee would welcome other volunteers to help us 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 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. at the Pellmans' on a Monday afternoon. Next meeting is August 24th, and generally every other Monday thereafter, but we expect this routine to change as we prepare for our new site. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm the next meeting time and place.

Unapproved MINUTES of the JUNE 2015 GENERAL MEETING OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC. June 18, 2015, 6 p.m., Lakeside Town Hall

Attendance: 14. A welcome was given by President Dennis Hill on what was a Midsummer Celebration work day, with a thanks to all members and guests who came, and to all who served & brought food to share. We started with a moment of silence. Our thanks to the Town of Lakeside for the use of their Town Hall for our meeting and for the Midsummer Celebration event (*Juhannus Juhlat*). Jim was delayed printing the agenda so Paul took minutes through the Archive report.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the business meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Brian P. to approve the Minutes of the OBHS General Meeting held April 15, 2015, at the Amnicon Town Hall as printed in *OBHS News* for June 14, 2015. Seconded by Dan B. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul Colby submitted his financial report, End of Month and (to date) Report: Checkbook account balances as of May 31, 2015 (to-date 6/18/2015): Accounts; General: **\$756.01 (\$422.72)**; Windmill: **\$1,043.31 (\$947.28)**; Monticello School: **\$4,763.15 (\$4,802.47)**; CD (4-16-15): **\$5,808.08 (no change)**; Total cash assets: **\$12,310.55. (\$11,980.55)** (Thus far \$2,190 has come in to the MSMA fund in Memory of Muriel Idziorek, mother of Jan Conley. Our thanks to her and her family.)

Budget proposals and adoption: We have been trying to set up a meeting for budget work by our "finance committee." This should be done as soon as possible. Motion by Earl G., seconded by Dan B. to approve Paul's report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Davidson Windmill/Eskolin House/Taylor's Bridge Committee:

Windmill Site, Chairman Brian Paulson Report: A work day was held on Saturday, June 13. Enthusiastic crew included Ron H., Mary Ann, Alice, Brian, Jim, Dan, Jack, Marilyn. Paver forms are needed at the new \$20 donation amount. Ms. Pat McCabe will now be doing the paver engraving. Pat Grube has put the two treated replacement timbers (12 x 12 x 14 ft.) out where Brian can inspect them before installation on Taylor's Bridge. The deck is cribbed for now. Ron H. has been oiling bolts and nuts. There has been discussion about need for a cherry picker or man-lift to get high enough to work on the windmill blades with blade painting and other work to be done this summer, hopefully on a donated basis. Jim also has scaffolds available as used in the past. The man-lift cost might be \$200.00 for a weekend plus the trips to get and return it. Hope to have it donated. It is not known whether Jennifer Sloan will be able to continue her painting at the mill this summer. Discussed previous staining/sealing & 10 tubes of caulk by Dennis H. & Jim P. The Helmer & Beatrice Osland paves seems to be missing. Paver donation of \$20 should be updated on form of the OBHS website.

OBHS Monticello School Museum and Archive (MSMA) Facility Project Report: Jim reported. Work phases are broken down with Phase I, the move of the school saving it on the old Maple School site. Phase II is the construction of the driveway and the planning for this. Phase III is to be the construction of the basement. Kevin Mackie Construction, who bid \$17,350.00 for labor & materials, with add-ons of \$600 for vault enclosure, and \$500 Wirsbo tubing installed, Total: \$18,450.00, has signed the work contract. We have a six month window where he will hold that price as we fund raise. The Woodhulls earlier had given Dennis a bid of \$2000 to move the school onto the finished foundation. Fund-raising brochure packages have been mailed out to Bell Lumber & Pole and to the National Bank of Commerce. More potential donor contacts are coming. Phase IV is the total restoration of the school building. Dennis has created a fund raising pamphlet with help from Doreen S. and Jim. Other grants are being considered, and our local capital campaign has started.

See current donors list on line & in the newsletter. Thanks to Jeanne Gardner & *The Connection* and to Maria Lockwood of the Superior *Telegram* and Duluth *News Tribune* for their articles. This led to huge attendance at our last General Meeting in Amnicon with an estimated 120 + enjoying the evening. 106 did sign in. Jim toured ghost town sites with Jed Carlson and Maria Lockwood of the *Telegram* Wednesday, last week, and more tours are ahead, weather permitting.

Donors who have given under \$100 are members of the George Washington (Mount Vernon) Club; those giving \$100 up to \$250, the Cal Coolidge (Canoer) Club; those giving \$250 up to \$500, the Thomas Jefferson (Monticello) Club; those giving \$500 up to \$1000, the Abe Lincoln (Log Cabin) Club; and those giving \$1000 and above will be in the Old-Brule MSMA Founders Club

Membership and Publicity Committee: Our Secretary is still handing out and gathering our hours donated Blue Sheets. Please get them in before the Annual Meeting (covering Aug. 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015). Mary Ann reported that Paul & Mary Ann have been submitting publicity requests. She reported as well on the Midsummer planning. Huge success due to good press coverage lately for our “Ghost Towns of Northern Douglas County” Program. More to come.

Archives Committee: Earl reported: The committee could use more help. Next meeting: Monday, 1 p.m., June 29, 2015 at Pellmans’. Thanks from Jim to Earl, Audrey, Betty, Mary Ann, & Nancy (our Group Historian) & Shirley U. for keeping us on track. Earl is making great strides with our archive scan index. We can always use new help with loss of archive stalwarts. Dicky Tuura has a large old bell that could be displayed on the MSMA grounds. Mary Ann is following up. Duane & Kathy Colby have donated a large wooden pulley that came from the Melvin Esselstrom Estate. Member Raymond Saari donated *kupparit* (Finnish blood-letting horns) and his Town of Maple baseball uniform from 1949. Dicky Tuura has donated a Xerox copy of “Sentinels of the Past”, a 1961 paper by Jane Pearson Grimsrud. Thanks to all. All of this is being processed, and the Elmer Hermanson donated materials are nearing the completion of the first stage in accessioning with scanning to follow. Our “new” main computer is working well.

Publications Committee:

Pollari Memorial Map Project Report: No change. We have talked with Randy Jones who is enthusiastic about getting the map ready for us. We will advance when he is ready. He’s has costly software updates.

Calendars: The 2015 calendars have sold well. They have been at Cable Publishing, Twin Gables & Round Up North in Brule, and at Poplar Hardware and Poplar Village Market, and at Sharon’s Restaurant in Lake Nebagamon. Thanks to all who are selling them for us, and to Laila M. who takes good care of the Brule end.

Books: *Sisu and Sauna Reprint (Lakeside History):* Work is going on to revise the first edition. Interesting materials are emerging on “Friends of Old-Brule Heritage Society” on Facebook. *Looking for a New Frontier* (Pearson Family) Jerrard’s *Brule River of Wisconsin* are selling, and have been reordered. *Wisconsin Far Northwest* reprint will be needed fairly soon. OBHS member and book publisher, Nan Wisherd, has been helping in securing bids for the WFNW reprint, and supports a table top book with reprints from our calendars. Book sales have been steady at Poplar Hardware. Jane Grimsrud’s new book, re her first part of Cloverland’s history called *Brule River Forest and Lake Superior: Cloverland Anecdotes*, available through us at Poplar Hardware, was reordered. Nan Wisherd at Cable Publishing is waiting on Jim to move forward on the Calendar Book.

Merchandise Inventory: No change. We have filled the gap in our T-Shirt inventory, and also have approved a few shirts made with the new aerial view OBHS design. (4 each of small, medium, large & extra-large for the former decided upon. “I’ve been through the mill” the most popular. May need to be reordered.)

Projects: Gene Davidson DVD proposal: still working this idea. Need to follow up on production leads provided by member D. Basil Edgette. David Lee has a winch used in lifting ice from Lake Nebagamon pre-refrigeration days. This is still being investigated. Nebagamon ice was shipped all over the country via the DSS&A before it was pulled.

Sleepy Valley Loop Pony Truss Bridge: Thus far there has been just a call from Ross Johnson in Eau Claire DOT to confirm our positive decision. A committee was formed to handle the mitigation project when needed: Ron H, Lila R, Earl G., Dennis H., and Paul C.

Button Creation: Still work ahead. Hope S. has been working on this in support of the Monticello School project. Pat McCabe has offered to help Hope. No more action until we have new text and designs.

Vouchers for 20% off regular admissions have been sent out by the Wisc. Council for Local History. See Jim.

Other Old Business:

Annual Meeting Planning: Nominees for replacements on the Board sought. August 16th at 1 p.m. was set as a tentative date and time but program and location are still unresolved. We could have it at the Oulu Cultural Center with the author of the new book on the restoration of an Oulu cabin as speaker. Alice to contact Mary Jane Sedin.

Nominating Committee: Outgoing Board Members traditionally have the job of seeking their replacements before the Annual Meeting in August.

Board Roster and terms:	Came on Board	Term-Rem.	Departure from Board	Action for 2015
Dennis Hill, Amnicon, President:	2011	2-0	2015	Replace
Brian Paulson, Amnicon, 1st V. P.	2011	2-0	2015	Replace
Jim Pellman, Maple, Secretary	2011	2-0	2015	Replace

Paul Colby, Lakeside, Treasurer	2011	2-0	2015	Replace
Danny Bergsten, Poplar, 2 nd V. P.	2013	1-0	2017	Renew to 2 nd Term
Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland	2013	1-0	2017	Renew to 2 nd Term
Doreen Swanson, Brule	2013	1-0	2017	Renew to 2 nd Term
Hope Swenson, Lakeside	2013	1-0	2017	Renew to 2 nd Term
Gary Luoma, Superior, Alternate	2013	1-0	2017	Renew to 2 nd Term
Dorothy Bergsten	2014	1-1	2018	None
Mike Granlund	2014	1-1	2018	None
Betty Wood	2014	1-1	2018	None

Other Old Business: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Creation of a MSMA Standing Committee. In the interest of the smooth transition in our development of the Monticello School Museum & Archives Facility and with the looming loss of our President, our First Vice President, our Secretary, and our Treasurer, all at once due to term limits, the Board recognize the need for a standing committee to address MSMA affairs, particularly at this time of construction. The current Board offered the following roster of OBHS members as nominees to serve on this committee when duly formed: Dan Bergsten, Dorothy Bergsten, Dennis Hill, Brian Paulson, Jim Pellman, Earl Granroth, and Basil Edgette. Jan Conley has also expressed interest in being a member of this committee. The Chairperson will be a member of the new OBHS Board. Motion made by Mary Ann, with a second by Betty. Motion carried.

Friends of OBHS on Facebook. Janine S. should be encouraged to add a list of MSMA contributors to the Friends of Old-Brule Facebook site, and Earl the same on our website. At our last Board meeting motion was made by Doreen S. that MSMA be dedicated to the memory of early rural school teachers, seconded by Hope S. Motion carried.

Sympathy/Encouragements: Hope is handling the mailings. Those lately identified: Irene Brazill. Others?

Coming Meetings: Next Board meeting: 4:30 p.m., July 15th, Eskolin House.

Other New Business: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Earl, second by Mary Ann. Motion carried at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Pellman, Secretary

Monticello School Museum & Archives Project Updates

Larger donations have been received from **Douglas County, the Pellman family, Lois Pollari, Earl & Barbra Granroth, Paul, Trenton & Gabbie Colby, Geraldine Fechtelkotter, Emory Mattson family, Ina Falk, Gary Luoma, Hope Swenson, Mary Ann Gronquist, Gordon Lahti, Laila Magnuson, Audrey Hakkila, Gene & Agnes Davidson, John & Doreen Swanson, Dennis & Arlene Hill, Shirley & George Umolac, Ed & Judy Privette, Jerry & Pat Anderson in memory of Oscar Anderson, Cindy & Duane Crider.** Thanks to everyone for their generous memorials in **Delores' Pellman's** name, & in memory of the late **Muriel Idziorek**, mother of **Member Jan Conley**, and in memory of **Member George Umolac.** **Kevin Mackie Construction** awaits word that work on the Basement Project can begin. Fund-raising continues in earnest. Please help if you can, and much thanks to all who have already given so much.

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 book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's books, *Pathways* and *Echoes*, Lakeside's *Sisu and Sauna*, and *Annicon 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 \$3.50 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 contact our members for more info.

**Unapproved MINUTES of the JULY BOARD MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
Wednesday, July 15, 2015, 4:30 PM at the Eskolin House**

Attendance: Dennis Hill, Dorothy Bergsten, Dan Bergsten, Mary Ann Gronquist, Brian Paulson, Hope Swenson, Betty Wood, Jim Pellman, and Paul Colby. Missing were Doreen Swanson, and Mike Granlund with conflicts. We started with a moment of silence, followed by food and refreshments. Thanks to all who attended and brought added food to share

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

MINUTES: Motion made by Dan B., seconded by Brian P., to approve the Minutes of the O-BHS Board Meeting held May 20, 2015 at the Swanson Cabin in Brule as printed in the O-BHS News for June 2015. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul Colby submitted his financial report, End of Month and (to date) Reports: Checkbook account balances as of June 1, 2015 (to-date July, 15, 2015): Accounts; General: **\$643.49 (\$341.91)**; Windmill: **\$2,172.16 (\$1,863.12)**; Monticello School: **\$4,977.47 (\$6007.47)**; CD (4-16-15): **\$5,808.08 (no change)**; Total cash assets: **\$13,601.20 (\$14,020.58)** (\$2,190 came in to the MSMA fund in Memory of Muriel Idziorek, mother of Jan Conley. Our thanks to her and her family.)

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Midsummer Summary. Dorothy and Dan Bergsten served the chair position of the Food Committee. Our thanks to them, and to Alice C. for her leadership and continuing years of service. Midsummer aprons were made for those serving, sewn by Dorothy B. She created ten of these and was compensated, and also for Eskolin House new curtains.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Sympathy/Encouragements: Hope is doing this. Those lately identified: Irene Brazill. Rick Sandoval. Others?

Coming Meetings: Annual meeting is next, with Board meeting afterward to install officers & welcome new Board members.

Other New Business: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion for adjournment by Dan B., seconded by Dorothy B. Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Pellman, Secretary

Area History: No. 105

This picture and text appeared for the month of August in our 2015 OBHS Historical Calendar.

8. Elvie Makela (Lehti)maki among Women Workers during WWII at the Great Northern Allouez Roundhouse in Superior, Wisconsin. Elvie is seventh from the right in front. One-third of the Great Northern's work force left to serve in the US military forces. The women gathered in this photo were willing and capable local replacements. The lives of many families in the Old-Brule region were shifted to Superior to work in its defense industries. If any of the other women in this picture can be identified we would appreciate your help. If you have any ideas we will enlarge individual faces for you. *From the collection of the late Aili Soyving, courtesy of Mary Ann Gronquist.*



-NOTICES -

MEMBERS: Dues collection for 2016 will began at our Annual Meeting & continue through 2015. Please check your newsletter label for what we have in our records. Also, please keep filling in your volunteer hours on your Blue Sheet. Our tally runs annually from August 1 (2014) to turn-in July 31 (2015). Please contact Secretary Jim for a current Blue Sheet. A kind thankyou card came from **Kim Culp** showing appreciation for our opening of the Windmill & Eskolin House for the 2015 **Horseless Carriage Club of America Tour** held Saturday, July 25th. Thanks to Mary Ann for her prep work. **Nominees** for service on the Board are needed. Four positions will be open: those of **Dennis, Brian, Paul & Jim**.

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: To our 2015 calendar business sellers, and our volunteer distributors: **Poplar Village Market, Poplar Hardware, Sharon's Restaurant in Lake Nebagamon, Twin Gables, Round Up North, and Northland Tax Services in Brule** have been selling them. **Laila Magnuson** continues to sell and distribute.

To **President Dennis Hill** for fund-raising leadership on our MSMA project.

To **V-P Brian Paulson**, for his leadership at the Davidson Windmill site.

To **Vivian Lund, 97**, of Gordon for her recent note to me about her history of Douglas County education.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY: To family & friends of the following who we have lost recently:

Edward Walman, 78, of Maple, Wisconsin, who died Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015 at Essentia Health, St Mary's, Medical Center, Duluth. Edward was a farmer in Maple for most of his life. He was also employed by the O and M grain elevator for over 35 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hjalmer and Hannah Walman; one brother, Clifford Walman.

Kenneth Olson, 62, Poplar, Wis., who died Aug. 2, 2015, at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. Son of Willis and Mildred (Neft) Olson, Kenneth is survived by his wife, Cindylla; one daughter, Melissa (Shane) Rice, New Richmond, Wis.; one son, David (Tracy) Olson, of Olson Auto Repair, Poplar, Wis.

Marion (Lundberg) Olson who died on July 29, 2015 in Hospice at St Luke's Hospital after a brief illness. She was born at the family farm in Poplar nearly 104 years ago, the daughter of William and Hulda Lundberg & one of ten children.

Betty (Bouchner) Nordell, 85, Lake Nebagamon, who passed away July 19, 2015. Betty was born Nov. 22, 1929 in Hawthorne to the late Stephen and Martha (Kasper) Bouchner.

Richard Lane Gann, Lake Nebagamon, Wis., 75, born Nov. 23, 1939 & died Dec. 10, 2014.

Shirley Mae (Hanson) Gann, Lake Nebagamon, Wis., 69, born Sept. 28, 1944 & died Sept. 18, 2014.

David T. Typpo, 96, Superior, who passed away on June 4, 2015 at St Mary's Essentia Hospital after a brief illness, who worked as a printer for the Midland Coop Print Shop in Superior for more than 30 years. There he met his future wife, the former Marcella LaValley. David worked at Midland for more than 30 years

Walter A. "Hog"- "Butch" Hautamaki, 58, who died peacefully on Saturday, July 4th, 2015, at his home in Exeland, Wis. after a long battle with health issues. He was born on Dec. 1, 1956, in Superior, a son of Alex and Dorothy Irene Shepard Hautamaki. He married Gina Marie Seltrecht in Poplar on Aug. 6, 1977. Walter and Gina moved to Exeland, Wis. almost 36 years ago from Maple, Wis. to lead the life of a farmer. He leaves behind two brothers, Ronald Hautamaki & Eugene Leckron, & four sisters, Susie Gimberlin, Linda Trapp, LaVerne Jacobson & Delores Hakkila.

Harvey John Maki, 77, who passed away suddenly July 5, 2015 at his cabin, surrounded by his family. Harvey retired from the BN Railroad in 1998 after 31 years of service.

Bette Pearson, 87, of Poplar who died July 4, 2015. Bette was born to Ernest and Helen Gustafson in Cloverland on Jan. 17, 1928. As a child, she loved caring for animals and working on the family farm with her father. Bette attended King School in Cloverland and for many years enjoyed reunions with her classmates. She married Dean Pearson and they were wed for 59 years. Bette and Dean raised seven children and together they built the Chickbee Poultry Farm in Poplar. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Paul and Henry Gustafson, and sisters, Astrid King & Martha Sarazin.

Richard A. Adolphson, 65, Lake Nebagamon, Wis., who passed away June 17, 2015, at St. Luke's Hospice, Duluth, Minn. He was born Sept. 13, 1949, in Superior to Ivaloe and Herbert Adolphson. He had been employed by Range Building Supply and Midland Co-op, and Co-op Services. He is survived by his wife, the former Stella Hoyt.

Jeanne M. Hazuka, 84, Lake Nebagamon, passed away May 28, 2015, in Riverview, Fla. She was born Jan. 22, 1931, in Superior, the daughter of John and Loretta Fair, and was united in marriage to Donald A. Hazuka on Nov. 26, 1949.

May these, our dear friends and neighbors, rest in peace.

. . . and who have we missed or forgotten?

RETURN ADDRESS:**OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

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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, Paul Colby, at the same address. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable at the annual meeting in August. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

CALENDAR.

August 15, Saturday, 10-3 p.m. Third Saturday Summer Monthly Windmill Tours.

August 16, Sunday, 1 p.m. OBHS Annual Meeting at the Oulu Cultural & Heritage Center. Pot Luck. Steven Fortney speaks on his new book *The Cabin: a North Woods Memoir*. Business meeting. Brief Board Meeting.

August 24, Monday. OBHS Archives Committee meets at Pellmans'. Please call to confirm.

September 7, Monday. Labor Day.

September 11, Friday. Patriot Day.

September 13, Sunday. Grandparents' Day.

September 14, Monday. Rosh Hashanah.

September 16, Wednesday. OBHS Board Meeting.

September 23, Wednesday. First day of Autumn. Yom Kippur. Deadline for items in the October OBHS News.

October 12, Monday. Columbus Day.

October 21, Wednesday. OBHS General Meeting.

October 24, Saturday. Rumors of a Musical Benefit Fundraiser for Monticello School Museum & Archives in Brule.

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.