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OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 6:00 PM at the Highland Town Hall

For our Program Mr. Brian Klawiter will give a power point presentation on “the History of the Lake Superior Brownstone Industry.” Brian, who has a Master’s Degree in Geology, last talked to us on October 12, 2005, in the Town of Hawthorne during his time as an Archaeological Technician for the Superior National Forest. He showed us slides and spoke about restoration of log structures in the Forest. Shortly after he left the Forest Service and started his own restoration business called Glass Oak LLC. He has spoken before the Northern Lakes Archaeological Society and the Duluth Preservation Alliance on his extensive research on the early building stone industries in our region.

Again please note that we are back on the second Wednesday of the month with our meetings.

The evening begins at 6:00 PM with our pot luck lunch held at the Highland Town Hall. Please bring a covered dish to pass, or refreshments to share. The talk will begin about 7:00 PM with our business meeting to follow. Thanks to the Town of Highland for the free use of their hall and kitchen.

Friends, Guests and New Members are always Welcome!

FROM THE EDITOR:

On Friday evening, April 1, 2016, an excited audience gathered in the Commons at Northwestern High School in Maple, waiting for the start of an encore solo performance by the gifted Spanish pianist, Joaquín Achúcarro. The maestro teaches between concerts worldwide at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. His son happens to be the son-in-law of Larry and wife Patricia Luostari for whom the NWHS Theatre of the Performing Arts was named in 2010, the year Joaquín last performed in Maple, then in his mid-seventies.

All of this is almost incidental to the act of performing that we witnessed, which some said was like being transported to Carnegie Hall...without exaggerating. No recording method will ever duplicate what we as a live audience experienced. It was an historic event, a fast flying two hours with an intermission, two standing ovations and two encores. At the reception in the Commons that followed Joaquín graciously signed programs and stood for photographs with scarcely a sign of fatigue after the long evening. The concert also served as a fundraiser for the Northwestern Fine Arts Scholarship.

Yet all this said, what does this concert in its entirety mean as it relates to Old-Brule history? The composers whom Joaquín Achúcarro chose were famous in the Classical Tradition: Johannes Brahms, a composer from Germany who lived from 1833-1897; Frédéric Chopin who lived from 1810-49, Polish, and a composer in France; Claude Debussy, a composer from France who lived from 1862-1918; Maurice Ravel, also a composer from France who lived from 1875-1937; Sergei Rachmaninoff, who lived from 1873-1943, a Russian composer, conductor and pianist; George Gershwin, an American composer, who lived from 1898-1937; and Isaac Albéniz, a Spanish composer and pianist, who lived from 1860-1909. The music of all, except Gershwin, might have been heard by our ancestors, if they were very fortunate, before they left Europe to settle here in America and in Old-Brule. Blended in these pieces were folk melodies drawn into the great Tradition.

The Classical Music Tradition has the power to bind us across multiple generations within an experience of transcending excellence. I hope the young especially within the audience might have been touched by this. Joaquín Achúcarro delivered a great gift to us, in person, from across time and space. Our deep thanks to him and to all in the Northwestern Community who had a part in making it possible. -Jim Pellman

1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2016 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, (715) 372-4948. Our 2016 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are for sale at \$9.00 each. Earlier issues are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2013), 2014 at \$6.00, & 2015 at \$7.00 in limited numbers. 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, 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.

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 April 11th, 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 FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 5:30 p.m. Maple Town Hall

Members and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner; thanks to those who brought food and who helped set up for the meeting. 34 members and guests signed the attendance roster. Thanks to Maple for use of their Town Hall.

PROGRAM: Dr. Ron Mershart, Emeritus Professor of History at UWS from Superior, chronicled the early history of Douglas County, emphasizing the life and role of Mr. James Bardon. Those present were aware of his influence in the area, such as the naming of Bardon Creek, our local boundary between Maple and the Village of Poplar and the Town of Lakeside. However, Dr. Mershart described the rich history of this man beginning with the Irish famine and Bardon's family immigrating to the United States and eventually moving to Superior in 1857.

We learned about James Bardon's significant impact to our area. He taught school and was active in real estate, mining, and banking. He served as President of Superior State Bank and was Chairman of the Town of Superior. At various times in Douglas County, he served as Clerk of the Circuit Court, as Commissioner, and Chairman of the Board. He played a key role in bringing the first railroad to Superior and in early efforts to create a Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Seaway.

The informative and interesting presentation was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you, Dr. Mershart.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Audrey Hakkila called the meeting to order at 8:15.

MINUTES: Doreen moved to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2015 General Meeting as published in the OBHS February 2016 News. Following a second by Marion, these minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Janine Seis emailed the following report effective 02/10/2016.

	<u>Current Balance</u>	<u>Activity since 12/31/15</u>	<u>12/31/15 Balance</u>
CD	\$ 5,823.16	Interest + \$ 5.06	\$ 5,818.10

Windmill	\$ 2,200.11	ECE Electricity -\$ 30.41	\$ 2,230.52
MSMA	\$13,001.44	Donations + \$325.00 (Arlene Johnson, Gordy Lahti, Don & Julie Anderson, and Evelyn Culhane)	\$ 12,676.44
General	\$ 332.52	Total Debits* -\$ 1,962.35 Total Credits** 977.50	\$ 1,317.37
*Debits include \$100.17 Wisconsin Sales Tax; \$100 for <i>Wisconsin Far Northwest</i> printing down payment; \$440.00 for sweatshirts; \$955 for printing of 2016 Calendars; \$124.20 to Richard Jerrard for 12 <i>Brule River of Wisconsin</i> books; \$224.12 and \$18.86 for checks to Jim Pellman for printing newsletters, postage, & calendar plastic bags.			
**Credits include memberships, calendar sales, and donations.			
TOTAL CASH ASSETS: \$21,357.23			\$22,042.43

Jim moved to buy the hooded sweatshirts that were on display. (Purchase of 22 of these sweatshirts @\$20 each was approved by the Board at their January meeting.) These hoodies will be sold for \$35.00 with related costs and profits to be handled through the General Fund. Betty seconded this motion. Motion was carried.

Thanks to Jim's successful ECE Grant application we have been awarded \$1,000 for the MSMA fund.

Jim reported that he has heard positive remarks from some of the major participants of the Music Fund-raiser and some conversation about it becoming an annual event (including Dean Baillie).

Mary Ann made a motion, seconded by Doreen, to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION:

Insurance Option for Non-Profits by Non-Profits: Jim reported that the non-profits work with a local option, so as far as expense is concerned, it's a wash.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE: Jim will check on the closure of the shutters at the Eskolin House. Janine checked with Dean Baillie about his three pavers; he would prefer that they be placed at the MSMA site. Jim reported that Pat brought in eight pavers and the quality looks good. We will need to decide if Dean's pavers should be placed at the Windmill site first, then moved if and when we produce a sidewalk at MSMA.

MSMA FUND-RAISING:

The grant request Jim submitted to the ECE Power Coop, our power supplier to the Windmill site, was successful; we have received a \$1,000 grant. A thank you note and any related press coverage we get will be sent to ECE. ECE rounds up all invoices to the dollar, which money is used to support non-profits, as was the case in our grant.

Discussion about future music benefits was tabled.

Janine is sending thank-you notes, including descriptions of gifts for IRS purposes, to those who contributed to the success of the Music Benefit. (This list of donors also can provide information as OBHS applies for grants.)

Doreen will give a calendar to Dean, thanking him for his major contribution to our Music Benefit

Future plans include ordering MSMA shirts (gray w/red lettering) from *Carey's Lake Life* in Lake Nebagamon.

ARCHIVES: A typist is needed to accession information to our library and to scan and crop photos. OBHS has submitted unsuccessful applications for mini-grants from the Wisconsin Historical Society for the past three years. Our MSMA project should improve our chances to receive assistance in recording our local history.

PUBLICITY: Thanks to Audrey and Mary Ann for submitting articles to *Poplar Press* and other publications.

PUBLICATIONS: The 2016 Calendar is available for sale at \$9.00. Randy Jones is waiting for software to continue work on the Pollari Map. Poplar Hardware continues to support our publications sale with their purchase of five additional copies of *Brule River of Wisconsin*, leaving OBHS with seven.

MERCHANDISE: A copy of *Looking Back at Lake Owen*, was passed around for members to review. The retail price of this tabletop book is \$70.00, but Nan Wisherd would give copies to OBHS for \$40.00. Jim moved that we order two copies. After a second by Dennis, the motion passed.

At their January meeting, the OBHS Board approved purchase of 100 reprinted books of *Wisconsin Far Northwest* from *Publishers Express Press* in Tony, WI. Cost will be \$10 per book. Since then, Jim has updated the old book files and approved the proof that this publisher sent back. Scott Wisherd will be picking up our order when it is ready.

On May 1, Jim and Nan will begin creating a table top book which will include images and texts from our old and current calendars and from the Brule History Research Group's calendars. Their first step will be to review all resources and sequence them. Nan is planning to produce 1,000 books, with all proceeds to be gifted to OBHS.

Sisu and Sauna -- Jim has a copy from Paul of the CD sent to the publisher for the first edition. Earl and Lila will talk about a plan of work.

Hoodies ordered from *Shirts Unlimited* -- Refer to decision made under Treasurer's Report.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP Site: Thanks to Janine and Nancy Moreland for their maintenance of this independent site with over 500 members. We will encourage them to publicize OBHS activities. Jim noted the importance of being able to extract and index information that we wish to keep.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: Thanks to Charlene Harms who served as Acting Secretary from August to December 2015. Charlene is now an Alternate Board Member. Lila has been installed on the Board in the role of Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPOSAL TO INVOLVE LOCAL STUDENTS IN DRAWING/PAINTING DAVIDSON WINDMILL:

Hope presented an idea to involve local Maple District Students in an art project at the Windmill site. She and Paul Hakkila, who will return to the area in April, would meet with the local art teacher and the Superintendent, to propose that students be bussed to the site for at least one hour to complete pencil sketches of the Windmill. They would complete their paintings within approximately two weeks, after which time a committee comprised of Hope, Paul, and possibly Pat Luostari, would select winner(s). Prizes would be awarded. Hope said that the project costs would not involve OBHS. Members in attendance supported the activity.

ACE Program on Cyber Security: Mary Anne described a program sponsored by ACE on cyber security and internet safety precautions to be presented at the Superior Public Library on Thursday, February 18, at 1:00 p.m. The public is invited.

OPT OUT OF NEWSLETTER MAILING: Ron noted that OBHS would benefit if members chose to opt out of receiving a mail delivery of the OBHS Newsletter and access an electronic copy instead. Jim noted that some have already done so. Interested members should contact Jim.

AVAILABLE BLACKBOARD AT OLD AMNICON TOWN HALL: Dennis will see if he can get it.

2016 MIDSUMMER ACTIVITIES: Mary Ann needed a date set for our Midsummer Celebration activities. The Board will make a decision at the March meeting.

SYMPATHY AND ENCOURAGEMENT: Aune Justina (Hakkila) Maula, sister of Paul Hakkila has died.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at Audrey's house

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, April 13, 2016. Jim will contact Kathy Emons to see if the Highland Town Hall is available. Time, place, and program to be determined at the March Board meeting.

WORK CREW NEEDED: The move of the Johnson gristmill to Finnworks is temporarily on hold. Crews will be notified.

HALF-PRICE BONG CENTER COUPONS: Mary Ann had some coupons for those interested to pick up after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Dennis moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hope. 1st Vice-President Audrey adjourned the meeting at 9:08 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, *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 of the MARCH BOARD MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., Residence of Audrey Hakkila, Poplar, WI
Attendance: Jim Pellman, Hope Swenson, Betty Wood, Audrey Hakkila, and Mary Ann Gronquist

BUSINESS MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Audrey Hakkila called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes published in the February OBHS NEWS of the previous Board meeting held on January 13, 2016 were read. Hope moved to accept the minutes as read, Mary Ann seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Janine Seis emailed the following report effective 3/08/2016.

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Credits include memberships, calendar sales and donations.			
TOTAL CASH ASSETS:	\$22,865.47		\$21,357.23

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

We discussed ordering, and the need for only one person doing the ordering.

A motion was made by Hope and seconded by MaryAnn that if one of our accounts needs funds, as determined by the treasurer, that we borrow it from one of our group accounts, as determined by the treasurer, rather than from outside the group with the funds returned ASAP. The motion was passed.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION:

1. Wisconsin Humanities Fund Brochure describing their programs. This was reviewed.
2. Wisconsin Historical Society Mini-grant Application Packet for their matching grant program. We will be applying for funds for acid-free containers to go onto the shelves that have already been donated to MSMA.
3. Letter ordering *Sisu and Sauna* book with check. Will return the order as the book is not available yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ESKOLIN HOUSE/TAYLOR'S BRIDGE: Jim's cousin Ted Pellman closed the shutters at the Eskolin House when in area. Bridge work and windmill maintenance is waiting for the weather to break.

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Sisu and Sauna-- Jim has a copy from Paul of the CD sent to the publisher for the first edition. Earl and Lila are talking about a plan of editing work preparing for the reprint.

Windmill Hoodies have come in and are available. Cup prices and merchandise shipping costs need to be addressed due to rising prices for both.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: Thanks to Janine and Nancy Moreland for their maintenance of this independent site with well over 500 members. We will encourage them to publicize OBHS activities, Jim noted the importance of being able to extract and index information that we wish to keep.

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2016 MIDSUMMER ACTIVITIES: Our Midsummer Celebration will be on Sat., June 18, with tours on Friday and Saturday. A General Meeting on Thursday will be a workday to prepare the mill for Saturday. Friday we will meet at the town hall to do the cooking.

NEW BUSINESS:

SYMPATHY AND ENCOURAGEMENTS: Recent deaths are Brett Zinner and Aune Justina (Hakkila) Maula, Paul Hakkila's sister.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at Eskolin House.

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WORK CREWS NEEDED: The move of the Johnson gristmill to Finnworks is on hold. Crews will be notified.

ADJOURNMENT: Hope moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Audrey. Vice-president Audrey Hakkila adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

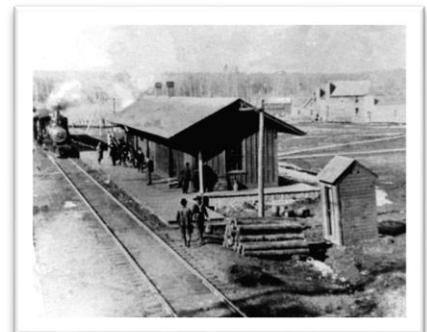
Following the meeting, members enjoyed a pot-luck. Thank you, Audrey, for the use of your home.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Wood, Acting Secretary

Area History: No. 109

This picture and text appears for the month of June in our 2016 OBHS Historical Calendar.

16.06. **Brule Station, Northern Pacific Railway, c. 1910.** Looking west in the direction of the W. B. Follis Farm, the large buildings to the right or north are part of the village of Brule in its logging heyday, a time when several hotels were needed to handle the guests arriving for business. Roads and sidewalks join the station to the commercial district. Prevailing winds are from the west. The Brule Valley is this side of the Brule Copper Range visible on the horizon. The Percival Mine site on the range had recently gone into a permanent state of dormancy. *A photo from the upcoming history of Brule by the Brule History Research Group.*



NOTICES ~

MEMBERS: Dues collection for 2016 began at our Annual Meeting in August & continues into 2016. Please check your newsletter label for the expiration date we have in our records. Also, please keep filling in your volunteer hours on your Blue Sheets. Our current hour tally runs annually from August 1 (2015) to turn-in date July 31 (2016). Please contact our Secretary or Jim for a current Blue Sheet. Good to hear from **Ramon & Jeanette Jones** of CA upon their family renewal.

THANK YOU'S & RECOGNITIONS: Thanks to all members caught up on their memberships.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY: To family & friends of the many following whom we have lost recently: **Helen T. Ernst, 91**, longtime Superior area resident formerly of Lake Nebagamon, Wis. and Spicer, Minn. Who died March 20, 2016 at St. Mary's in Duluth, born in Corydon, Iowa. to Ray and May (Liley) Thomas.

Lucille M. Becker 88, Crown Point, Ind., formerly of Lake Nebagamon, who passed away March 16, 2016, at St. Anthony Medical Center, Crown Point, whose burial will take place at Mason Cemetery.

Keith F. LeBard, 72, Hawthorne, who died March 18, 2016, at his residence due to diabetes, born in Superior to Keith & Margaret LeBard, worked for Russell Creamery & then LeBard Distribution, survived by wife of 50 years, Janet.

Earl Pearson, 84, Superior, who died March 14, 2016 at home, born in Sargent, Neb. to LeRoy and Ida (Milton) Pearson, served in the US Army, worked at Great Lakes Storage, married Virginia Heidemann in 1955 in Lake Nebagamon, who survives.

Robert "Bob" G. Lawler, 85, Wascott, who passed away March 12, 2016 at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth, born in Gordon to Gail and Nellie Lawler, served in the Army, was a Conductor/Brakeman on the Soo Line, survived by wife Shirley & son Dr. Mike Lawler.

Shannon Marie (Johnson) Snyder, 41, Porter Corners, N.Y., who passed away Feb. 27, 2016 with husband and their daughter by her side, born in Superior to Cheryl & Dan Johnson, grew up in the Poplar-Hawthorne area, attended Northwestern High School, excelling in music, appearing as "Anna" in "The King and I" during her senior year, married George F. Snyder in N.Y., granddaughter of Harvey & Helen (Winkka) Johnson, & Calvin Haworth, survived by her parents, Dan Johnson of CA & Cheryl Haworth of Hawthorne.

Jack M. Harnstrom, Sr., 88, Superior who died March 20, 2016, at Essentia Health S. Mary's Hospital in Duluth.

Dolores E. Liska, 87, Poplar, who died March 22, 2016, born in Oak Park, Ill., the daughter of Edward and Lucille Steinbring, married Edward Liska, in 1948, in Berwyn, moved to their dairy farm in Maple in 1972, survived by her many children and families in the area.

Paul M. Brown, 91, Superior, who died March 21, 2016, in Superior, born in Superior, the son of Paul and Edna (Johnson) Brown, was a dairy farmer & landlord active in his community, survived by son, Daniel & brother, Clarence "Snooky" Brown of Poplar.

Ann Shirley (Konstant) Zach, 80, Webster/Danbury area & Maple, who passed away March 19, 2016, at Essentia -St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth, born in Chicago in 1936 to Joseph J. & Josephine V. (Gerdzos) Konstant, 1954 Webster HS grad, married Robert Jerome Zach in 1956 in Webster who survives, moved to Maple in 1978, back to Webster in 1989, interment in Oakland Cemetery.

MaryJane Bridge, 69, Lake Nebagamon who passed away March 3, 2016 at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth, born Aug. 18, 1946 in Milwaukee, Wis. to Clifford and Betty (Renquist) Hanson, survived by daughter, Robin Row, and son, Robert Bridge, Lake Nebagamon; She is preceded in death by her husband Gary Bridge and her parents.

Carol Jane (Guay) Mullen, 80, Iron River, Wis., who died Feb. 22, 2016, at Diamond Willow Advanced Care Assisted Living facility in Proctor MN, born to Joseph & Dorothy Guay in Fairchild, WI, graduated from Fairchild HS in 1953 & became a RN in 1956 after graduating from nurses training in Marshfield, WI, married Kelton Mullen in 1957, in 1961 moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, in 1975 moved to back to WI, in 1985 to Iron River where the late Kelton worked as a forest ranger.

Raymond Philip "Ray" Meysman, 67, Superior, who passed away Feb. 27, 2016 after a brief illness, born to Philip and Elizabeth (Hudacek) Meysman in Superior, the oldest of nine, received the Bronze Star in Viet Nam with D BTRY 3/13 ARTY 25th Infantry Division, survived by son Cal Gould, his mother Betty, his brothers & sisters, among them Ken of Poplar & Patty Lier of South Range.

John Burgraff, Jr., 82, Lake Nebagamon, who passed away surrounded by family at Middle River Health Care Center in South Range.

Elaine (Pearson) Barkley, 76, El Cajon, CA, who passed away Feb. 14, 2016, born in Superior to Carl and Elna (Aho) Pearson, graduated from Northwestern High School in 1957, moved to Minneapolis, in 1968 she & husband Doug moved to El Cajon, (San Diego), Calif., survived by her sister Louise Luthens of Brule.

Joyce G. Klugow, 91, Brule, who passed away Feb. 17, 2016 at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth, born in Turtle Lake, Wis. to Elmer & Glennie (Lewis) Barnes, received her MA Degree from UWS, taught in the Maple District for many years, survived by daughter Karmyn Brown of Superior & son Richard of Johnson City, TN, preceded in death by husband Bernard & daughter-in-law Susan Klugow.

James Swanson, 83, who passed away Feb. 19, 2016, at St. Luke's Hospice Center in Duluth, was an Army veteran & lifelong Brule resident, a longtime teacher in the Maple School District, outdoorsman & caretaker on the Brule River, survived by wife, Anna, son, Walt, Superior; daughter, Liz Schank, Holmen, sister Mildred Canepa, Baraboo, & brother, John "Jody" (Doreen) Swanson of Brule.

Brett Gerald Zimmer, 53, Poplar, who died Feb. 17, 2016, at the St. Paul United Hospital in St. Paul, MN, born in Fridley, MN to Gerald and Carrie Ann (Barsness) Zimmer, was a self-employed contractor & owned and operated Sundown Truck Stop in Maple, Wis. for many years, married Mary Bonneville in 1994 in Poplar, survived by Mary, his mother Carrie Ann, a daughter & four step-kids.

William and Patricia Bensen, longtime residents of Hawthorne, who died respectively Aug. 16, 2015 & Oct. 21, 2015.

Aune Justina (Hakkila) Maula, 92, of Superior, who passed away Feb. 4, 2016, in Middle River Nursing Home, owned & operated of Bud's Sunnyside Bar for many years, preceded in death by husband, Bud Maula, daughter, Cynthia Rae; sisters, Erma and Violet; brothers, Raymond and Toivo Hakkila, survived by one son, William (Jane), brother, Paul Hakkila and sister, Frances Wick.

Roger Lagae, 82, Solon Springs, who passed away Feb. 8, 2016, at Mille Lacs Health Center, Onamia, MN, born in Superior to Marshall & Irene (Shears) Lagae, graduated from Cathedral HS, served in the U.S. Army, married Darlene (Heirman) & recently celebrated 59 years of marriage, had a lifetime building career in the family business, Allouez Lumber Company, Inc. & later in his own company, Lagae Cosgrove Rowe Contractors, with his two sons-in-law, retiring in 1993, survived by his wife, & his daughters' families.

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

... and who have we missed or forgotten?

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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 at the annual meeting in August. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

CALENDAR.

April 11, Monday 1 PM. OBHS Archives Committee meets at Pellmans'. Please call to confirm.

April 13, Wednesday, 6 PM. OBHS General Meeting, Highland Town Hall. Program: Mr. Brian Klawiter will give a slide talk on "the History of the Lake Superior Brownstone Industry." Pot Luck lunch first. Business meeting last.

April 22, Friday. Earth Day. Passover begins at nightfall.

May 5, Thursday. Ascension Day, *Cinco de Mayo*.

May 8, Sunday. Mother's Day.

May 11, Wednesday, 2 PM. OBHS Board Meeting. Eskolin House.

May 21, Saturday. Armed Forces Day. Deadline for submissions to the June *OBHS News*.

May 30, Monday. Memorial Day.

June 6, Monday. D Day.

June 16, Thursday, 6 PM. OBHS General Meeting, Midsummer Prep Day. Lakeside Town Hall.

June 17-18, Friday & Saturday. Midsummer Celebration tours, Scandinavian Dinner Saturday 11 to 2.

June 19, Sunday. Father's Day.

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.