Two organizations have come together to preserve a local treasure—the memories of our elder neighbors. Age to AGE, an initiative to bring youth and seniors together for mutual learning experiences, is teaming with Two Harbors Community Radio to gather the stories. The plan is to broadcast the digitally recorded memoirs in the form of podcasts when the radio’s website goes live.

Last week, Michelle Miller and Jackie Rennwald from the radio’s board of directors lead a workshop to help students — Malachi Schubert, Will Peterson, Henry Rennwald and Dale Peterson — develop their skills as documentarians before meeting with their elder partners. Jackie Rennwald has worked in radio for a number of years and agreed to guide the process.

“The workshop covered such content as preparing for an interview, good techniques, improving speaking habits and ways of delivering questions to get the best response,” Rennwald said.

The four boys were among several students selected to participate in the project and a number of adults have also approached the board about doing interviews with subjects of their choosing. Rennwald said she is planning to offer additional workshops in the summer and fall for other would-be broadcast journalists.

Four students from Two Harbors High School attended a workshop last Friday as part of a collaboration between the Two Harbors Community Radio and Age to AGE. The boys will be interviewing local elders to gather stories and historical narratives. The workshop was intended to help them develop the skills they’ll need for conducting the interviews. THCR board members Michelle Miller and Jackie Rennwald instruct Malachi Schubert Will Peterson Henry Rennwald and Dale Peterson.