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# Langlade County Historical Society Newsletter

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## Museum Events: The Cabin Moves (Again)

The major events at the museum this summer have been outside of the building. The Deleglise cabin, which has been on the north side of the building since 1914, has been moved to the south side.

Originally erected on the banks of Springbrook, just north of what is now Fifth Avenue, the cabin was moved to what was then the library. This was probably the first effort of historic preservation in Wisconsin.

However, drainage problems and the crowded appearance with the locomotive and caboose made it desirable to move the cabin. A grant from the Vanguard Charitable Endowment made the move possible.

We are seeking funds to turn the area vacated by the cabin into a small park

with picnic tables, clock tower and displays related to the locomotive and the history and importance of the railroad in Langlade County.

The plaques listing donors to the 440 restoration will be part of that display.



*The Deleglise cabin was built in 1878 on the banks of Springbrook. In 1914 it was placed on rollers and moved down Superior Street to the Carnegie Library grounds in what may be the first effort at historic preservation in Wisconsin*

## Annual Meeting and Board Members Nominations

The Langlade County Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, November 15, at the Knight of Columbus Hall. The evening will begin with cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a program at 7 p.m. This will include election of three new board members

and a presentation by Dean Blazek on the barns of Langlade County.

See the insert in this newsletter for fall banquet registration and information.

*Left: Drawing of a barn near Pickerel by Dean Blazek*



At the annual meeting three new board members will be elected. Individuals wishing to serve on the board should contact Mary Kay Wolf at the museum no later than November 5th for more details.

Board terms are for three years.

# Celebrating America's Pastime: The Candies

For many local sports fans, fall means the Packers; but for baseball fans it means the World Series and 2007 marks two anniversaries: the 50th anniversary of the Milwaukee Braves World Series win over the NY Yankees and the 25th anniversary of the Milwaukee Brewers series against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Before TV, fans would support their local team. On Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons up to 2,000 people would cheer on the Antigo Candies, a semi-

pro team sponsored by a local candy company.

The team played in the Wisconsin Valley League in the 1930's but the league was disbanded in 1942 due to the war. When it reformed in 1946 there was a strong field of 10 teams.

The Candies started slowly in 1946, losing its first three games but improved to finish second that year. By the early 1950's, they were a dominant power in the league and recruiting players from around the state.

The Candies were originally owned by Harry Taintor and later John Bartletti who continued owning the team until 1957.

One player, Pete Peterson was almost called up to the majors but the spot was taken by another promising player in Wisconsin: Hank Aaron.

Interest in the local team faded with the arrival of the Milwaukee Braves in 1953 and expanding TV coverage. The Candies folded in 1957.



*Rick Bartletti's ball boy uniform, team crest and cap from the Antigo Candies in the 1950's.*

*In front is the trophy for being league champions in 1950.*

*Courtesy of Rick Bartletti of the Superior Hobby Shop*

## When the Deleglise Family Moved to Antigo

The Deleglise cabin was Antigo's first home built in 1878 on the banks of Springbrook.

The family (parents and six children) moved from Appleton to the cabin the following spring. Two daughters had already moved to the area.

Daughter Sophie described the trip in a memoir now in the museum. It took five

days for a group of families and wagons to get to Springbrook. At one point a horse-drawn wagon slipped on a bridge and plunged into an icy river. Bystanders jumped in to help and the journey continued. Toward the end of the journey, young Sophie got impatient and went ahead on foot, in approaching darkness, to meet her sisters Mary and Virginia already in the Deresch cabin. After a brief

reunion they returned, in the dark, to Springbrook to guide the rest of the family who had lost its way.



*The cabin in its original location when occupied by the Deleglise family*

## Opportunities for Making a Donation to the Museum

Recent legislation presents new opportunities for making donations from IRA's.

For 2006 and 2007 people age 70 1/2 or older with traditional or Roth IRA's may make tax-free gifts directly to qualified charities, including the Langlade County Historical Socie-

ty. Donations may be up to \$100,000 per year.

Individuals must arrange for the gift to transfer directly to a charity from their IRA's, rather than taking a distribution and then writing a check for their gift.

While individuals between the

ages of 59 1/2 and 70 1/2 may not transfer a gift to charity they may withdraw funds and donate them without a 10% penalty for early withdrawal. They will be subject to income taxes; however, they can take a deduction for the gift, which may result in a "wash" for federal tax purposes.

For further information on donating to the Historical Society from a retirement account or through a bequest in a will, please contact Mary Kay Wolf at the museum or see your own qualified financial or tax advisor.

## Life in a Logging Camp: Part 2

Ada Moran who worked as a cook in a lumber camp recalled waking at 4:00am to start work, sometimes to a layer of snow that had blown in through the chinking during the night on her bed.

“For breakfast we had fresh pork, beefsteak or sausages, griddle cakes, fried spuds, doughnuts and coffee. For dinner we had beef stew or

pot roast, potatoes, onions or rutabagas, good brown gravy and butter, pie or pudding and coffee. For supper there was provided fried potatoes cold meat or fish, batter cake, prunes, coffee or tea, mince, apple or prune pie.”

She noted that one winter the beef was provided by oxen that were no longer fit for work.



*Mess Hall in the Lumber Camp*

## Antigo's Aviation History



*Fred (Bud) and Meda Mates and their Piper Cub*

The museum recently received a scrapbook of Fred (Bud) Mates and his wife Meda. Both are now in their 90's and live in Colorado.

In the 1940's they were known as “The Flying Mates.” Both earned pilot licenses and Bud taught aviation in Antigo.

Various Langlade County residents received pilot's licenses in the 1930's, and in 1941 the city established an

airport, using a barn on the grounds as a hanger.

Bud Mates was the airport's first manager and did private pilot training there until called for military duty.

During the war the Anderson Flying Service used the airport for glider pilot training.

Bud Mates again managed the airport and taught flying after leaving the Navy and continued until 1950.

One interesting item in the scrapbook is a telegram dated December 7, 1941 (Pearl Harbor day). It reads: “Effective immediately do not allow any Japanese or suspected Japanese to fly or ride in any aircraft until further notice.”

### Thank You to the Following:

Gloria Anderson: wedding dress from 1944

Ludwig Bauer: 2 old bicycles

Dean Blazek: railroad mail cart, Republic of Poland war bonds

Boy Scout Troop 644: scout manuals

Rory Clark: matchbooks of the C&NW 400 line

David Duchac: high school yearbooks & magazines

Cindy Fisher: autoharp

Carolyn Fraley: 1913 Plat book

Connie Grabowsky: barber manuals from 1937

Fredrick Gruner: household items

Sharron Hanson: high school yearbooks

J&B Hollister: cast iron school desk

Lola Johnson: military uniforms

Didi McKenna: ethnic dolls, chamber pot

John Mertens: historical scrapbooks

David O'Brien: high school yearbook

Ardelle Petzold: United Church of Christ booklet of 1913

Sharon Reissmann: fur coats

Tom Taylor: pictures of the Wolf River dam at Lily, about 1900's

James Teske: Bible from St. John's Lutheran in Polar

Red Turney: military cartridge boxes

Ivan Schultz family: dictionary

Marion Sutherland: oil painting, books

Jean Weaver: man's & woman's wool bathing suits

### Cash Donations:

Edward Henke, Helen Morrissey, Anna Passante, James and Bernice Teske, Casimir and Helen Winski, Wayne and Sherri Link who were married in front of the 440 locomotive and the Langlade County Board of Supervisors

### Grants:

Braun Woodlands Foundation, Inc., the Vanguard Charitable Endowment, Andy L. and Leone Sheldon Charitable Trust

**Displays:** Chris Hall for a book-binding display

**New Volunteers:** Judd Hollister, Alice Gamsky

**New Membership Dues**

Individual, 1 year: \$25  
Individual, 3 years: \$50  
Family, 1 year: \$30  
Family, 3 years: \$70  
Junior (18 or younger), 1 year: \$3  
Business, 1 year: \$100  
Life Member: \$250

The Langlade County Historical Society is organized to preserve, advance, and disseminate knowledge in the history of Langlade County. We try to achieve these goals by maintaining the museum, the Deleglise cabin, a railroad caboose and locomotive on the grounds. In addition, we use our archives to prepare presentations for the public and assist researchers.

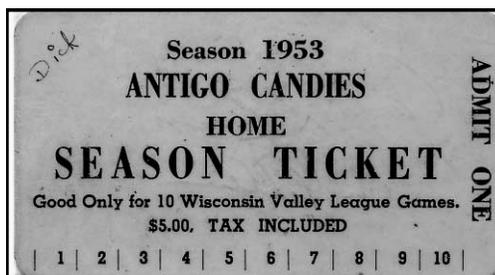
The Society is always looking for volunteers to greet visitors at the museum, to help organize and catalog our material, and to maintain our holdings. Anyone who can help on a regular basis or just from time to time is encouraged to call the museum. If you have an interest in helping preserve our past, we have a job for you.

The museum lobby has display cases of changing exhibits. Currently Chris Hall has an exhibit of bookbinding methods and examples of his books.

If anyone has ideas or items for future displays, please contact Mary Kay Wolf at the museum.

**Items from the Museum:**

Season's ticket pass for the 1953 season of the Antigo Candies.



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