



# Langlade County Historical Society Newsletter

## Winter, 2010

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### Annual Meeting

The Historical Society's annual meeting and banquet were a great success with almost 100 people attending.

Fred Berner of the Antigo Daily Journal recounted the history of newspaper publishing in the area. It began with the New County Republican in 1880 before the county was renamed Langlade. Several weeklies existed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, including two in German.

The Antigo Journal began as

a weekly in 1898, published by brothers Henry and Fred Berner. It became a daily in 1905 and has continued to serve the community as a local, family-owned newspaper ever since.

In the business meeting, Nancy Bugni and Joe Hermolin were reelected to the board for a three-year term. Joe Sveda chose not to serve again and will be replaced by Steve Bradley.



*Antigo Daily Journal Carriers in 1911*

### James Bradley Returns to Antigo



Author James Bradley (center) at the Antigo High School where he signed and spoke about his latest book: The Imperial Cruise.

With him are his mother, Betty, and Historical Society Board member Dean Blazek.

On Saturday, December 12, the Historical Society hosted Antigo native and respected author James Bradley at the Antigo High School.

Bradley discussed his latest book, The Imperial Cruise, which describes how United States initially became a power in the Pacific during the presidency of Teddy Roosevelt. Janet Maslin, book critic at the New York Times, put it on her list of ten best books for 2009.

James Bradley autographed

copies of the book and addressed a large audience in the Volm Theater telling how his interest in history was awakened by his high school teachers in Antigo.

His book tells how United States and Japan each set on a course that led to the conflict in which his father John Bradley fought and became known as one of the flag raisers at Iwo Jima.

Autographed copies of The Imperial Cruise are available for \$25 at the museum.

## Deleglise and the Civil War

The year 2010 marks the sesquicentennial of the election of Abraham Lincoln as president. He is considered one of our greatest presidents for his emancipation proclamation and for holding the union together. But these achievements occurred at the horrific price of the Civil War.

One soldier who fought in that war was a young man from Appleton who would later found Antigo, Francis Deleglise. He enlisted with Bragg's Rifles Fifth Brigade, saw action at Antietam and Gettysburg and was wounded in action.

He wrote home and to uncles



*The banner of the Iron Brigade listing the battles in which they took part.*

in Switzerland. Some letters are at the museum and vividly describe his training at Camp Randall and the horrors he lived through. From time to time, we will quote from those letters as we commemorate the Civil War sesquicentennial.

## Museum Visitors

In addition to general visitors, we hosted a party for Langlade Hospital doctors, hospital staff, and spouses at the museum recently.

Other special groups included school classes from All Saints 2nd grade and 6th grade, Middle School 8th Grade, Crestwood 2nd Grade, Elcho Cub Pack 646 and the Old Time Auto Group of Waupaca.



*A detail from the Crestwood Grade 2 class thank you card listing some favorite displays.*

## Santa Visits the Museum



This year, as in the past, Santa came to the museum and children could tell him what they wanted. Thanks to Erin Baginski, Nancy Bugni and Helen Morrissey each child received a gift at the visit.

Santa and others were also good to the museum itself.

Donations towards our new roof were made by James Aulik, John Barker, Dean and Polly Blazek, Glenn and Nancy Bugni, C.A.R., Co-Vantage Credit Union, June Diercks, Lee and Ludene DeWan, Caryl Hellmuth, Cliff and Marion Hoffmeister, Joe Hermolin, William and Janet Johnson, Red and Judy Turney, William Utnehmer, Class of 1943, Class of 1956, Langlade County 4H Horse and Pony Project, and two anonymous donations.

Other donations were made in honor of Dean and Polly Blazek from Patricia and Louis Dellios and Albert and Marianne Nijenhuis.

Further cash donations were made by Dr. Randy and Jaimie Myers and the Langlade County Genealogical Society.



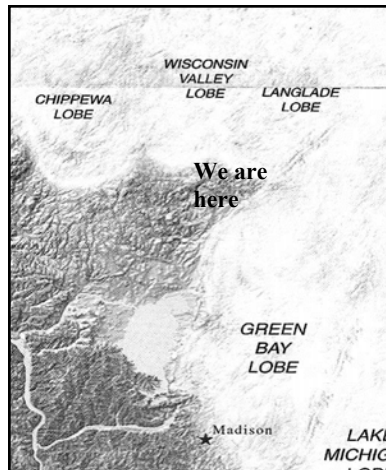
*Our new roof was completed this fall. You can still make donations to this project.*

# Langlade: A County of Trails

Langlade County is known as “The County of Trails” because of its cross country ski, hiking, bicycling, snowmobiling and ATV trails. Many of the trails we now enjoy had their origins in the glaciation that covered most of northern North America as recently as 15,000 years ago. The most recent series of glacier advances and retreats, from 100,000 to 10,000 years ago is called the Wisconsin Glaciation. This ice movement created a number of landscape features that formed the basis for the trails we enjoy today.

Thirty years ago Congress established the Ice Age Trail with the goal of creating a

hiking trail that would follow the furthest advance of the ice shield. So far roughly 600 miles of the trail are “complete” but some sections are in the form of tenuous agreements and some connected by walks along back roads.



To many residents and visitors to Langlade County some of the best sections of the trail are right here.



*Left: The map shows the Green Bay Lobe meeting the Langlade Lobe  
Above: Skiers enjoy the hills at Jack Lake, a glacier feature, part of the Ice Age Trail*

## Thank You:

**Beverly Adkins:** Quilt in memory of Rosina Neitzke  
**Ronald Arin:** 1899 map and Antigo promotional material  
**Tom Arndt:** Railroad material  
**Joann Belanger:** School books  
**Wilma Bisonette:** Uniform, post cards  
**Steve Bradley:** Misc. items  
**Peg Brandt:** School pins, maps  
**Carl Buettner:** Map  
**Janice Cahak:** Opera House Stock certificate  
**Community on Aging:** Photos  
**Mary Damos:** Lamps  
**Mike Donahue, Sr.:** Japanese flag from Tom Donahue  
**Kay Doran:** Booklet on St. Mary’s, Vulcan bowling pin  
**Barbara Finkler:** Class ring of 1928, pictures  
**Juliet Galarowicz:** Jewelry tree  
**Olga Getts:** Women’s clothes, swim suit

**James Hahn:** Books  
**Mrs. Dan Hoznik:** WWII Trench coat  
**Joann Jones:** Sketch by Al Linden of his homestead  
**Jane Kielcheski and Dan Nicholson:** Items in memory of the Brush family  
**Mary Kolpak:** 1909 Wallpaper  
**Dan Kramer:** Railroad items  
**Kryshak Jewelers:** Display cases  
**Elsa McKenna:** Suitcase, dress patterns  
**Michels Family:** Farmers’ Elevator items  
**Susan Moseman:** Chaps  
**Tom Nelson:** Campaign poster  
**Mike Ramer:** Biography of Art Ramer, tightrope walker  
**Cathy Roth:** Children’s items in memory of Dr. E. J. Roth  
**Lucienne Stege:** Child’s rocker  
**Debbie and Paul Syrjala:** Santa Claus in the 440 cab

### New Members:

Rodney Barta  
 Bill & Beth Kelly  
 Tom & Joyce McGrath

### Member Renewals:

Elaine Artymiuk  
 Mary Damos  
 Jim & Jeanne Darling  
 Lillian Fronck  
 Jerry Geiger  
 Cliff & Marion Hoffmeister  
 William Johnson  
 Mary Josvai  
 Northern Business & Maintenance Supply  
 Jacquelyn Reynolds  
 Arleen Schmiege  
 Red & Judy Turney  
 Helen Tuska  
 Gregg & Mary Kay Wolf  
 William & Mary Zelinski

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**Museum Hours:**  
Wednesday to Saturday:  
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**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

**Items from the Museum: Bird Stones**

These stone figures are about 4 inches long and made by Paleo-Indians east of the Mississippi. Their function is unknown but most theories consider them decorative ornaments to be worn or placed on household objects. They are a gift from Richard Brock.

**What's New:**

Make sure you add us on **Facebook >Langlade County Historical Society**  
Coming soon we will be on **YouTube** as well.

If you have any questions contact us. Thanks to Patrick Blood for his efforts.



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