

LANGLADE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



LCHS Annual Meeting

The Langlade County Historical Society annual meeting has been scheduled for November 20 and will be held at the Hoffman House Hotel. The event begins at 4 p.m. with a social gathering, then a meal from 5 to 6 p.m. prepared by the Fifth Ave./Dixie Lunch. At 6 p.m. there will be a brief business meeting, which will include election of three board members followed by a presentation about the 107th Trench Mortar Battery Company by Joe Hermolin.

The 107th TMB consisted of soldiers primarily from Langlade County who fought in World War I. This is

the centenary of the onset of the war; it is appropriate to acknowledge the role of local men in what was then called “The War to End All Wars.”

There will be a cash bar with wine and beer. Tickets to the dinner and event are \$15. People may attend the presentation only at no cost.



Above: The 107th TMB in the trenches of France during combat in the Chateau Thierry region.

Details and registration forms for the meeting are enclosed.

LCHS Museum Board

The Langlade County Historical Society is governed by a board of directors of nine people who either reside or work in Langlade County. Each year three board members are up for reelection. This year Dean Blazek, Glenn Bugni, and Lisa Haefs have terms that are expiring. They have agreed to be considered for another term and the board recommends that they be reelected. However, nominations from the floor will be considered at the annual meeting. For more information contact the museum.

The Museum Needs Bakers

One of the museum’s fundraisers is the Civic Music concerts held at the Volm Theatre in the Antigo High School. This fall we will be serving at the intermission of the concert on Saturday, October 25. You can help the museum by baking cookies, bars, brownies or other “finger food snacks” and dropping them off at the museum on Friday, October 24 or Saturday, October 25, during regular hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

CURATOR:
Mary Kay Wolf

DIRECTORS:
Dean Blazek
Fran Brown
Nancy Bugni
Glenn Bugni
Judy Grimm
Lisa Haefs
Joe Hermolin
Dave Zingg
Diane Zuelzke

THANK YOU

Items Donated:

Lloyd Anstutz:	Gun cabinet
Phil Beck:	Fast Buck brand 50lb potato bag
Harold Borkovec:	railroad map of 1900
Ed Brebel:	Antigo commemorative plates
Joan Cook:	Antique children's furniture
Jerry Jacobus:	Model ship
Jerry Kramer:	Sheet music "Old Antigo Waltzes"
Krzysiak family:	Model locomotive of Ron Krzysiak
Joanne Norem: (In memory of Rueben & Helen Krause):	Krause store items, certificates, Civil War cannonball
Lacy Palmer:	WWII mine detector
Jim Roesner:	Campaign memorabilia
Jim Strube:	Blacksmith vice
Bobbie Tradewell:	Photo scrapbook
Judy Turney:	Cigar case, seamstress ruler
Beverly Vernon:	Photo album
John & Linda Warpehoski:	Antique children's furniture, WWI memorabilia
Kathryn Wield (In memory of Rudy Wield):	Reproduction of a 1927 Sears Roebuck catalog, Peace Lutheran booklets, camera

Memorial Donations:

In memory of Dr. Robert Cromer from Dean & Polly Blazek, Jim & Connie Hubatch, Jim & Mary Draeger

In memory of Jim Suick from Dean & Polly Blazek

Monetary Donations:

Braun Woodlands Foundation within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin

Langlade County Genealogical Society
Jim & Toni Thomas

For the Summer Picnic: Antigo Vision Clinic, City Gas, Covantage Credit Union, McCormick-Klessig Insurance, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Brian & Karen Prunty

Membership Renewals:

Elvera Frisch

Lifetime Membership:

Kevin & Catherine Kirchner

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107 TMB Reunion

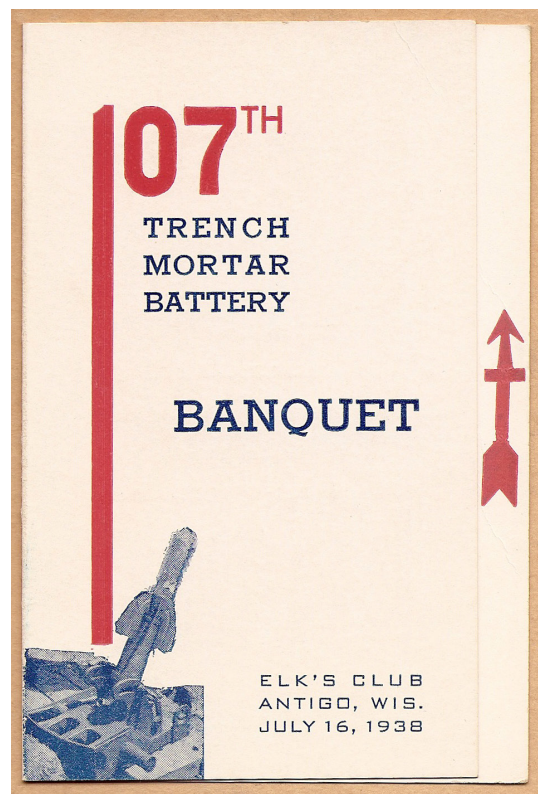
Soldiers in the 107th Trench Mortar Battery Company grew up together, trained and fought together, and continued being friends after their return home and as they moved to various parts of the country. They formed an association that met regularly and supported each other and each other's families financially and in any way possible.

Almost immediately upon returning home, they began issuing mimeographed newsletters to members as a means of keeping in touch. Beginning in 1934, they planned annual reunions held in Antigo. Beginning in 1938, they upgraded their newsletters and produced a printed newsletter every two months with updates and recollections. William Wessa who had photographed the unit throughout training exercises and combat served as the official historian of the association for many years.

In 1961 the reunion had 31 attendees. In 1976 they participated in the American Bicentennial Parade in Antigo with a horse drawn float carrying surviving members. On July 12, 1978, the association met for the last time. Six members

Special Thanks from the Curator

Special thanks to all who helped at the summer picnic: Mike Haefs, Steve Bradley, & Gary Kieper for grilling, and Helen Morrissey for the



Above: Invitation to the first reunion banquet of the 107th TMB

attended the meeting and voted to disband. The minutes show that they voted to give each surviving member \$10; the same amount they allotted to families upon the death of a member. The remaining funds were donated to an organization for handicapped children. In another decision they donated all their records to the Langlade County Historical Society. Those records are now in the museum and are a resource both to researchers looking into the history of the 107th TMB and to descendants of the veterans.

donation of two raffle items. Thanks also to all who donated pies for the Music in the Park fundraiser in July.

A Look at Antigo Local Newspapers

From its beginnings Antigo had a tradition of local newspapers. On January 3, 1890, just three years after Francis Deleglise moved to Antigo, the *New County Republican* began publication. It was named the *New County Republican* because Langlade County had not yet been named. The newspaper continued to publish from 1890 until 1901 as the *New County Republican*, then the *Antigo Republican*, and then as *Forward*.

Other early newspapers included the *Weekly News Item* which began publication in 1882 by the Millard brothers. The *Langlade County Special* began as a school newsletter in Phlox and grew into a weekly newspaper, publishing until 1918. In the early 20th century The *Farmers' Journal* was published in Antigo and was "Devoted to the Interests of Northern Wisconsin Farmers."

The Berner family was involved with publishing from the county's early days. In 1884 Henry Berner Sr. began publishing the Antigo Pioneer which was a German language weekly.

In 1898, the *Antigo Journal* began publication as the *Democrat*, a weekly. It was taken over by the brothers Henry and Fred Berner in 1901 who changed the name to the *Antigo Journal*. On September 15, 1905 it began publication as a daily.

From 1901 to 1923 Antigo had a weekly published in German. It was originally called the *Antigo*

Herold and in 1919 changed its name to the *Banner*. The *Banner* would sometimes mix German and English text in its stories and ads. The newspaper did well in serving the German speaking community in spite of some animosity created by the conflict of World War I.

An interesting sidelight to newspaper publishing in Langlade County was the *Clipper*, printed in 1942 and 1943. It was a collaboration between the Antigo Junior Chamber of Commerce and the *Antigo Daily Journal*. This 16 page monthly was sent free of charge to the more than 1,700

county residents in the military and stationed throughout the world. It gave them a glimpse of what was happening back home.

The range of newspapers has contracted in Antigo over the years but the *Antigo Daily Journal* continues as one of only a few locally-owned daily newspapers in Wisconsin. In 2005 on the centenary of its existence as a daily newspaper, it was acknowledged by the Wisconsin Newspaper Association for its "dedication to the community, and to fair, balanced and objective news coverage."

Useful Christmas Presents

Haben Sie Vorbereitungen für Weihnachtsgeschenke gemacht?

Die Tage bis zum Feste entstehen schnell und jeder Tag bringt viele Weihnachts-Gin'äuser in un'ren Laden. Sind Sie einer davon oder warten Sie bis zum letzten Tag? Unser Rat ist: Besorgt eure Einkäufe jezt! Sonstige Bögen bringt oft viele Enttäuschungen.

Machen Sie praktische Geschenke.

Nachstehende Liste dürfte Ihnen helfen.

Für die Mutter: Müde, Handschuhe, Kaschuh, Taschentücher, Kleider, Korsetts.	Für den Vater: Regenschirm, Handschuhe, Müde, Schermaterial, Hafersack, Handschuhe.	Für den Bruder: Hafersack, Hede Mantel, Stoppers, Zahntastchen, Kaschuh, Zweiden..
Für die Schwester: Kleiderstoffe, Kaschuh, Kaschuh, Toilettenartikel, Warmer Coat.	Für's Baby: Sweater Coat, Werkstoffes Plumeau, Zwanz Drefen, Hühlerkleidung, Unterkleidung, Spielzeug.	Für die: Seidenen Unterrod, Hühler, Kaschuh, Leber Strümpf, Frischoden.

Der Laden wird um 7 Uhr fest geöffnet.

Goldberg's

Unser Motto: Bar, Qualität und niedrige Preise.

Macht Ihre Weihnachtseinkäufe jezt!

Die Frauen. Sind besonders eingeladen vorzusprechen. Sie finden hier alles, was Ihr Gatte oder Sohn an Ausstattungsartikeln gebraucht. Unser Laden ist nicht groß, die Auslagen gering und dementsprechend auch die Preise gering. Die Feiertags-Besuche sind jezt am auffälligsten und das Einkufen kann mit Komfort gefehen.

A A R O N'S
Herren Ausstattungs-Geschäft

70 Degrees Breakfast Time!
Nice warm rooms to dress in, a comfortable kitchen and a cheerfully warm dining room on the coldest mornings help to start the day right. All this comfort is yours this winter if you install an INTERNATIONAL ONEPIPE HEATER. Through one pipe and one register it delivers the healthful moist heat to every room—upstairs and down. It can be installed in a few hours. Costs little more than one good parlor stove, but gives more heat.

Above: The *Herold* was an Antigo newspaper published in German. It became the *Banner* and often mixed German and English text in ads.

Hunting

Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote “In the spring a young man’s fancy turns to thoughts of love.” But in the Northwoods in fall a man’s thoughts (and many women’s thoughts) turn to deer hunting.

The traditions associated with hunting have a long history. Before contact with Europeans, the Ojibwe of northern Wisconsin depended on deer not only for food but also for clothing, tools, and shelter construction. Once ricing season in fall was over, tribes broke up into smaller groups and made their way to winter camps where they knew the hunting would be good. These traditions were first recorded by the French explorer Radisson in 1662. By the time the English dominated northern Wisconsin, the popularity of deerskin in European clothing had led to overhunting by “market hunters” causing a significant decline in the deer population.

By the time Wisconsin became a state in 1848, a network of railroads had been established which allowed for the shipment of venison (once a by-product of the hide trade) to wider markets in large cities. This created even greater pressures on the deer population. In 1885, 10,000 deer were shipped out of state. Even before this declining deer populations and the growing realization that abundance of wildlife was not limitless had forced the state government to enact some restrictions. In 1851



Above: Kingsbury’s postcards of hunting and fishing scenes helped promote sports tourism in northern Wisconsin.

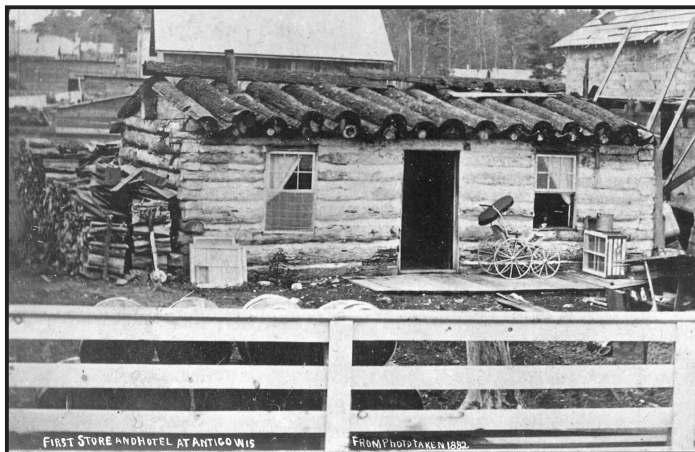
they enacted the first official deer season. Hunting was forbidden from February 1 to July 1. But there were no limits on amount or type of deer taken. By the late 1890s, laws were enacted to restrict the sale of venison and methods of hunting such as shining and the use of salt licks or dogs. In 1897 bag limits were established for the first time (two of either sex) and hunting licenses were required (\$1 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents).

While market hunting declined in southern Wisconsin, increased logging and the “cutover” in the Northwoods allowed for increases in deer population. Increased settlements and logging camps created a greater demand for venison. By the early decades of the 20th century, deer populations in the Northwoods also began to decline and there was an increased awareness that conservation efforts were needed. With more regulation and greater enforcement the concept of market hunting declined, to be replaced by the idea of the sport hunting.

The ever-increasing network of rail lines brought sport hunters to the Northwoods for what was generally a 20-day season. Poor roads meant that many hunters came by rail and took their harvest home on the train. Regulations, sometimes controversial, continued to change all with the intent of maintaining a sizeable herd. And so began the growth of a tourism industry based on hunting and a tradition of families and friends, spanning generations, getting together every fall at deer camp.

Facebook

The museum is slowly catching up with developments in social media. We are now on Facebook. You can connect to our Facebook page by “liking” us through our web site. We hope to provide updates on museum activities, latest acquisitions, and small facts about the county’s history on our Facebook page.



Antigo Hotels

Finding a place to rest your head for a night has improved since Niels Anderson built Antigo's second home in 1879 which also served as a store and hotel (upper left). That year Julius and Charles Teipner built the Teipner Hotel also called the Springbrook Hotel (center left). It

would be remodeled and renamed the Market Square Hotel (center right). It served as headquarters for drivers, lumbermen, and teamsters. It burned in 1929. Another early hotel is almost forgotten now. The Twin Valley Inn, built in 1880, lasted only six months before being destroyed by flames. But in its brief life span, it hosted an important meeting between Antigo and county

officials to discuss incorporation of Antigo. The Hoo-Hoo Hotel (upper right) was built in 1882, was remodeled and became the Windsor Hotel (lower left). While Antigo was a major rail hub several hotels were located near the depot. The Hoffman House was one of these (lower right).

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MUSEUM HOURS:

October 1 to May 1,
Thursday to Saturday

May 1 to October 1,
Tuesday to Saturday

10 a.m. to 4 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 25:** The museum is at the refreshment stand at the Civic Music concert at the high school
- November 20:** Annual meeting at the Hoffman House from 4 p.m. Dinner at 5 p.m. and presentation at 6 p.m.

ITEMS FROM THE MUSEUM

William Wessa was an Antigo based studio photographer when he enlisted in the army during World War I. He traded in his large studio camera for this portable model and used it to document the events experienced by the 107th TMB. His photos using this camera form the basis of this year's presentation at the Society's annual meeting.

