YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT’S GOING TO HAPPEN…

...when we come across old documents. This piece from 1929 was part of Bill Marshall’s estate. It is one of many written to Minnie Scott from “Dirty Pete” Weigant. It was said that “Dirty Pete” had not taken a bath in years. One day he broke his leg and had to be taken to the Bigfork Hospital for treatment. Nurses finally had to cut off his offensive clothing and get him into a bath. But the story claims that when his pores were covered in water they soaked up so much fluid that the old man actually drowned!

This is the kind of story you may have stashed away in an attic or basement in the form of old letters, photographs, records or clothing.

There is not currently a plan for public display of these old treasures, but with enough of these types of relics we may be able to create an exhibit in the future.

Last Halloween during our presentation of ‘Spooky Timbers’ at the Forest History Center, our own Board Member, John Schroeder reenacted the persona of “Dirty Pete”, much to the enjoyment of all attended the event. Just one note here, John took a bath after every performance!

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TRAVELING DISPLAY EXHIBIT

ICHIS Executive Director, Lilah Crowe, visits the traveling exhibit of Nashwauk artist Terry Maciej featured in the ICHS display case at the Itasca County Courthouse (West Entrance). The display, prepared by volunteer, Barb Shipka highlights the man’s life and his art focusing on his paintings of the four seasons in Itasca County. The exhibition runs through September, after which a new display will be available for public viewing.

CHECK YOUR CLOSET

We would love to honor your donation in a future exhibit of rural county and/or township baseball teams. ICHS currently has uniforms from Arbo, Splithand, Trout Lake and Warba, but we need your help in locating more.

You may also have team photos that would enhance such an exhibition. So, please contact us, and don’t forget any stories you might have.

This was a county-wide baseball program begun by Art Frick in the late 1920s and featured rural teams from Pengilly to Blackberry and all across Itasca County.

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