

# Historic Argyle's PAST TIMES

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## Argyle's 175th Anniversary Celebration July 26, 27, 28, 2019

For a full list of activities throughout the weekend visit the website at: [www.argylewi.org](http://www.argylewi.org).

Historic Argyle events will take place at the Saxton House, 204 N. State Street; and the Red Front. Both sites will be open to the public all three days.

### Saturday, July 27th

**9:30 to 11:00 a.m.** Cemetery walk at old Argyle cemetery on South State St. across the street from RBS Activewear. Costumed portrayals of local historical figures.

**Noon-Saxton House:** Tim Connors will be portraying Fighting Bob Belle LaFollette. Connors is an actor from Freeport, and is very well known for portraying Stephen Douglas in the portrayals of the Lincoln-Douglas debates.

**1:30 p.m. Saxton House:** An original play about Argyle, written by Ron Daley, and produced with the assistance of locals actors.

### Sunday, July 28th

**2:00 p.m.** Wisconsin's First Brigade Band will perform at American Legion Park. The band will also march in the parade. The band is being sponsored by the Argyle Community Fund.

### LaFollete Day Button Making

Throughout the day, the Argyle Library staff will have a button making stand. LaFollette Day events are free and open to the public. A silent auction, food and beverage stands are available throughout the afternoon and evening.



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#### Membership

Individual: \$20 per year  
Family: \$25 per year  
Business: \$30 per year  
Lifetime membership: \$100

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Historic Argyle is a non-profit organization created to preserve, protect and promote the cultural heritage and architectural history of the people and places of the Argyle, Wisconsin area. Incorporated in 2000, for the primary purpose of acquiring and restoring Argyle's "Saxton House", the boyhood home of Robert M. La Follette from 1862-1870.

## Annual LaFollette Day Saturday, June 15th

Saxton House • 204 N. State St.

**3:00 p.m.** Immigration Adventures with Ma and Pa. This program demonstrates the difficulties of our early immigrant ancestors as they traveled across the ocean in the 1800's. What would you pack if you were coming to Wisconsin from a different country? The many questions surrounding the hardship of travel and resettlement are covered along with the joys of discovery. The program is presented by Tom Kleist, a former elementary school teacher and auctioneer, and Sandy Fisher, former accredited education coordinator who worked at Old World Wisconsin prior to retirement. They mix humor and history into their programs.

**4:30 p.m.** Presentation by Norman Stockwell, current publisher of "The Progressive", the magazine that Bob and Belle LaFollette started back in 1909.

**5:00 p.m.** Music by the band, "The Accidentals", with Peggy Miller Steil and others.