

ACHS NEWSLETTER

Arenac County Historical Society

August 2010

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT . . .

Mother Nature certainly has given us a wonderfully warm and humid Michigan summer. I hope you have had a chance to enjoy some of the many events that have or will take place here in Arenac County. The museum in Au Gres is open on week-ends. Please come and enjoy our displays and historical artifacts. Our new lighting system really makes "old things look new again." Our scheduled programs have been interesting and well attended. Watch for our flyers and check out our web site, because we will be having programs throughout the year. Our web site has a lot of pictures and old news from by-gone days.

George Tolgo, a long time member and handyman for the ACHS, passed away in July. We will miss him. He maintained the building and the grounds of the museum. His most recent job was installing a new sink and cupboard in the kitchen. His happy smile, his bare feet (in the summer) and referencing his wife, Farol, as his girlfriend, will all be things that will be missed by the Society.

On July 28th, we honored Mike Melvin as an outstanding volunteer for the ACHS. He is our behind the scenes computer expert. He keeps the web site up to date, indexes and manages to keep much of our historical data in order. We appreciate all the time he donates to these tasks and the Society extends a big "Thank You" to Mike and all the volunteers who help out at the museum and Ye Olde Courthouse.

On Sunday, August 22nd, from 1-4 pm, there will be an Ice Cream Social and Open House to honor Annabell Goodman for her many years of service to the ACHS. You are cordially invited to come and share a special visit with Annabell, exchange some memories, thank her for all her good work, and enjoy a little refreshment at the same time.

We look forward to seeing you during these hot, lazy, crazy days of summer. Thanks to all of you for supporting the Arenac County Historical Society.

Sandy Proulx
President

PLEASE NOTE

Monthly meetings are now on
the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Programs are on the last
Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

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ACHS WEBSITE: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miachs/index.htm>

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ARENAC HERITAGE ROUTE AUTHORITY STANDISH HISTORICAL DEPOT

Area residents are enjoying The Summerfest Music Series 2010 which is held every Thursday evening throughout the summer at the Depot from 6:30 to 8:30. Local resident Lenny Hicks was our entertainer on July 29th and approximately 160 people enjoyed his county music. Our August 12th performer is Chris Solano, a Buddy Holly and Elvis impersonator. Cruise in to the Depot in your vintage automobile for the concert on Thursday August 12. Cruise participants will have space reserved in the parking lot. Door prizes will be given throughout the evening as you enjoy live music provided by Chris Solano, a Buddy Holly and Elvis Impersonator. Registration for the 22nd Annual Standish Car and Motorcycle Show will be held at the Depot on Saturday, August 14th at 9 a.m. For more information on the car show contact Curt Hillman at 989-846-6560 or e mail curtaat@charterinternet.com. On August 19th Indian Lyrical flute and drums will be presented by Silver Fox Lopez and on August 26th our local Omer City Limits Band will provide the entertainment. Our last concert will be on September 2nd and our guests will enjoy the Rusty Wright Band. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket and plan to enjoy these free concerts.

Our volunteers are again making progress on the bandstand at the Depot. Temporary railings have been installed for the safety of our entertainers. The bottom framing to cover the blocks is being installed, as is the fancy gingerbread which decorates the upper supports. As soon as this portion is completed we will begin installing the engraved bricks and the landscaping. The Arenac Heritage Route Authority has obtained a grant from the Standish DDA for one half of the cost of the landscaping, installation of the bricks, and completing the sprinkler system. This grant is for \$3500.00, which is half of the cost. Our landscape plan was provided by Indian Summer Landscaping of Standish and will be an outstanding improvement to the Depot property. You may still purchase engraved bricks for \$100.00. Forms are available at the Depot.

Trains rides are back for Depot Days. The Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society will present NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S FALL COLOR TOUR. The Timberliner is offering an exciting and nostalgic weekend of passenger railroading with a pair of excursions between Standish and Grayling on Saturday and Sunday, October 2nd and 3rd. Boarding will be in Standish and the route will be the historic former Michigan Central Line, now operated by Lake State Railroad Company. Tickets are available at the Depot in Standish. More information may be obtained by calling the Depot at 989-718-3021. You may also visit the Depot for a flyer and more details. The Depot will be hosting our annual Depot Days on this weekend, also. Entertainment will take place on the Depot grounds, which include live entertainment, family

fun, craft and business vendors and a carnival with old fashion amusements for your enjoyment.

On September 16 the National Society of Colonial Dames will be installing a historical marker on the Depot property. Please watch for future announcements of this event.

We now have brochures in the Depot for the Huron Shores Heritage Route which includes the counties of Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Alpena, Alcona, Iosco and Arenac. These brochures highlight attractions and outdoor recreational facilities in the counties mentioned and are very popular with our visitors and travelers to Northern Michigan. Arenac County Parks and Recreation have also provided us with a brochure which explains our parks in the county and the Summer Guide (UP NORTH FUN AND EVENTS) brochure is also available.

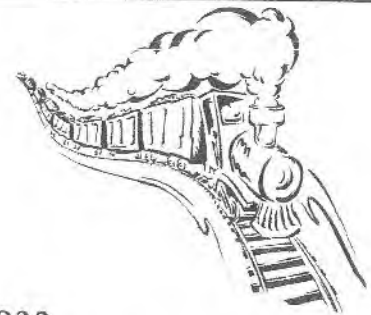
The Story of Standish by Gene Gillette is available at the Depot. This book will provide you with some early history of Standish and lots of memories for people who lived and grew up here.

If you are planning your calendar for 2011 please, reserve Saturday, March 12th, for our annual Diamonds, Denim and Camo Fundraiser.

We are always interested in donations of class year books, pictures and stories of the area. If you have stories or pictures connected with the Depot and trains we would appreciate it if you would share them with us.

The Arenac Heritage Route Authority meets at the Depot on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

Brenda Matt, Authority Representative



February 10, 1932

An interesting note: 3,000 carloads of ice will be harvested off Lake Margrethe near Gaylord. Solid trains of ice on flat cars pass through Standish daily.



Ye Olde Courthouse/Masonic Hall

Summer is flying by and the Courthouse has been very busy what with picking up donated Junque for our sales, making improvements to our building, and conducting our Junque and Bake Sales. We also have great news concerning our million penny drive. Our total on pennies is \$ 6,091.47 which puts us over half way to our \$ 10,000.00 dollar goal. Thanks to everyone who has donated their pennies and change and also to the wonderful merchants who keep our canisters in their businesses.

We are saddened by the passing of George Tolgo and will miss him at the Courthouse. George and Farol have always been very supportive of the Courthouse project and attended most of our events. George was instrumental in installing the brick sidewalk in the front of the building.

Please join us on August 16 at 7:00 p.m. for another exciting program by Ric Mixer. Ric will be presenting THE MACKINAW, THEN & NOW. Legend has it that the Mackinaw was built as the largest icebreaker in history just so she couldn't leave the Great Lakes. The "Mighty Mac" certainly made a name for herself, even in retirement. Save September 16 for another program at the Courthouse on the history of Michigan's Largest Commercial Fishery on Saginaw Bay. Both of these programs are funded, in part, by the Iosco-Arenac District Library.

We've replaced several shades in the second story with a grant from the Arenac Community Foundation. Now we have purchased several more to complete the installation in the main room. The shades are white on the outside and black on the inside. These were needed to help preserve our drapes and carpet and add to the looks of the building from the exterior. We plan to continue until all shades are replaced.

Our annual 4th of July Junque Sale was once again a huge success. We sold over \$ 3,000.00 in junque and our bake sale profit was \$470.00. The deposit for July totaled \$ 4,214.60 which included the sale, bake sale, e bay sales, book sales and additional junque sold in the days after the sale. We will be open during the Labor Day week-end and will again be hosting a Junque and Craft Sale. We have several totes full of craft items and lots of new junque for this sale. We will continue to collect junque for future sales. Call us if you have something you would like to donate and we will make arrangements to meet you there to drop things off, or we will pick them up. Our total for junque sold so far in 2010 is \$ 4,775.92. This has become our main fundraising event and has enabled us to reduce our mortgage to \$ 25,750.56. Many thanks to Benny's Party Rentals for once again providing us with a tent for the sale.

One of our main volunteers, Jim Steward, is recovering from open heart surgery. We appreciate that Jim has his grandson mowing the

lawn for the rest of the summer and we are looking forward to having Jim back with us.

Don't forget that we are adding a display of family pictures of early settlers and families from Omer and Arenac Township. We would also like the history of these families. Please contact us if you have some you would be willing to share.

We continue to seek pledges and would be glad to provide more information. Please call one of us if you would like to help us out by volunteering. Stop in to visit and shop at our mini craft, junque sale and bake sale during Labor Day week-end.

Brenda Matt	Committee Chair	846-0501
Phyllis Klender	Reporting Chair	653-2762
Joann Gulau	Financial Chair	876-6468



September 1, 1943

Hiram Taylor, custodian of Standish Schools for 23 years, has retired. The Standish Schools enrolled 475 students last week. For the first time in history a married teacher is on the Standish teaching staff. She is Mrs. Olive Yantz of West Branch.



March 19, 1941

Three chicken thieves were found guilty in the circuit court last week and were sentenced to state prisons.

ACHS Looks for Volunteers

The Society is always looking for volunteers. Can you index (computer required), bake for meetings, host an afternoon on a summer week-end at the museum, dust? Many hands make light work.

All of our book selections are for sale at the MUSEUM, the DEPOT, and the NORTHEAST ART CENTER in Standish

HISTORY OF STERLING PRICE \$8
A reprint of Virginia Adam's book

HISTORY OF STERLING PRICE \$8
(2ND Generation)

AU GRES CENTENNIAL 1865-1965 PRICE \$6

ARENAC COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM BOOK
Printed in 1885, it describes the first Arenac County Fair that was held in Omer when it was the County Seat
PRICE \$5

THE STORY OF STANDISH and ITS PEOPLE: 1876-1976
This is a reprint of Allan McCready's book; an index of names has been added
PRICE \$10

ARENAC COUNTY PLAT BOOK, circa 1920 PRICE \$6

THIS IS THE WAY WE WENT TO SCHOOL PRICE \$6

8 1/2 "x 11" ARENAC COUNTY MAP - Shows location of each of the 43 early Arenac County Schools
PRICE \$1.25

WAH SASH KAH MOQUA by Mary Sagatoo
This is a reprint done by the Book Nook in East Tawas
PRICE \$10

THE HISTORY OF ARENAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN
This best-seller is in its 4th reprint! PRICE \$20

THE HISTORY OF ARENAC COUNTY ROADS PRICE \$6

24TH ANNUAL ARENAC COUNTY FAIR BOOK
PRICE \$3

ONE ROOM ARENAC COUNTY SCHOOLS,
Vol. 1,2,3,4 PRICE \$7 each

1947 ARENAC COUNTRY DIRECTORY PRICE \$6

FIRST FAMILIES OF STANDISH TOWNSHIP PRICE \$10

ARENAC COUNTY PIONEER SOCIETY, AUGRES 8-26-1911 PRICE \$6

A HISTORY OF MAPLE RIDGE, ARENAC COUNTY, MI
Marion Poole Maday PRICE \$28

THE HANDY COOK'S BOOK
Written and compiled by members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the M.E. Church of Au Gres in 1915 with most of the contributors' names with it.
PRICE \$6



The Summer Trail Inn in Standish was popular with travelers in earlier years.

**Arenac County Historical Society
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2010**

Jun 30, 10

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Certificate of Deposit

CD #1 1,149.85

CD #2 10,000.00

CD #3 5,688.29

Total Certificate of Deposit 16,838.14

Courthouse Checking 6,483.54

General Checking Account 193.25

Money Market (Savings) 8,859.61

Petty cash 100.00

Total Checking/Savings 32,474.54

Total Current Assets 32,474.54

TOTAL ASSETS 32,474.54

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Building Fund 3,951.37

Courthouse Fund 6,533.54

General Fund 9,604.39

Memorial Fund 12,385.24

Fund Reconciliation -17,149.19

Net Income 17,149.19

Total Equity 32,474.54

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 32,474.54



With the death of our good friend, George Tolgo, the Society will need to look for a good handyman to take his place. Your help would be greatly appreciated in filling this need.

The ACHS is still interested in obtaining any old Arenac Independents that readers may want to contribute. If you have some to send our way, Joann Gulau at 876-8530, would be very interested in getting them from you.

ARENAC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Arenac County Historical Society (ACHS) was incorporated in 1970, and operates the County Museum in Au Gres, Michigan and Ye Olde Courthouse and Masonic Lodge in Omer, Michigan. Membership is open to anyone. Dues are payable IN ADVANCE of each fiscal year, September 1st to Augusts 31st. Dues of a NEW member joining after March 1st will be credited through the following fiscal year. Renewals are accepted at any time.

I would like to: Join Renew

Name _____
 Street Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone (with Area Code) _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for Membership circled below:

Category	Dues	Category	Dues
STUDENT (under 18 years)	\$3	PATRON	\$250
SENIOR (over 55 years)	\$10	BUSINESS	\$50
SENIOR COUPLE (over 55 years)	\$15	LIFE – OVER 55 (individual)	\$150
INDIVIDUAL	\$15	LIFE – OVER 55 (couple)	\$225
COUPLE/FAMILY	\$20	LIFE – 55 AND UNDER (individual)	\$300
CONTRIBUTING	\$50	LIFE – 55 AND UNDER (couple)	\$400
BENEFACTOR	\$100		

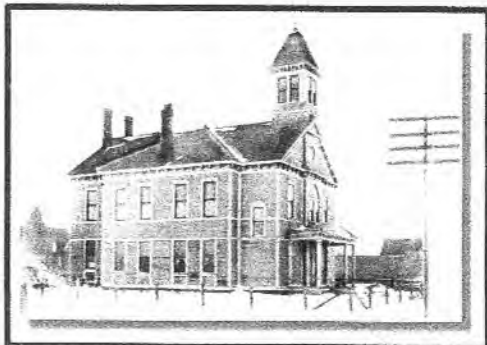
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Au Gres Museum Dates:

Museum open Saturday and Sunday 1-4 pm through Labor Day

Sunday, August 22 - Open House and Ice Cream Social honoring Annabell Goodman's years of service - 1 - 4 pm

Wednesday, August 25 - 7:00 - Gene Gillette - Slide presentation of his new book HISTORY OF STANDISH and book signing

Omer Olde Courthouse Dates:

August 16th - 7:00 pm - Ric Mixter presents: "THE MACKINAW, THEN AND NOW"

September 3-4-5 - Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9 - 5 CRAFT and JUNQUE SALE - BAKE SALE

September 16 - 7:00 - Al Eicher presents: THE HISTORY OF MICHIGAN'S LARGEST COMMERCIAL FISHERY

The above programs are funded, in part, by the Iosco-Arenac District Library.