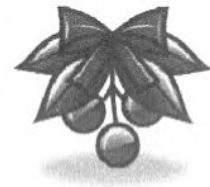


Arenac County Historical Society

ACHS NEWSLETTER



November 2010

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT . . .

This time of year all of us are planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas with our families. It's a time of year to reflect on events that have happened in our lives and look forward to a happy time of year. We cook and decorate our homes to make them smell and look wonderful. We often visit friends and family to spread that holiday cheer. This holiday cheer will be evident at the museum and courthouse, also. Take time this season to visit the museum and courthouse on December 4th and 5th and enjoy the festivities. There will be a candy sale at the courthouse and a bake sale at the museum to help you prepare for the season. We will also have books for sale and our Rada © Cutlery, which make wonderful gifts. There will be a new book for sale at the Christmas open house. It is a book on the WWI veterans from Arenac County. Thanks go to Joann Gulau and Mike Melvin who researched and put these materials together. This was a huge, time consuming task and they did a fantastic job.

Joann and Brenda have headed – up a reorganizing and revamping task to set up our new genealogy department. We are excited to see the changes take place. Moving and setting up an area that holds all our data and information in a common area is a daunting task.

The ACHS is putting together ideas for the following year that will help us utilize the museum more and encourage more visitors. Planning for this as well as projects, programs and events for the 2011 season are under way. Information will follow in up-coming newsletters. Please remember, if you are looking for particular information, pictures or history, you may call anytime and leave a message at the museum and someone will get back with you.

The ACHS board wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope to see you over the holidays, as well as future events.



Sandy Proulx
President

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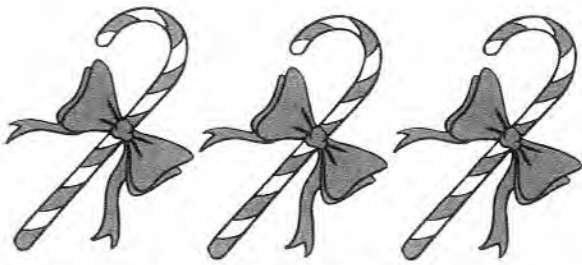
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Ye Olde Courthouse/Masonic Hall

Christmas will be celebrated at the Courthouse on December 4th and 5th. We will be hosting an open house and our annual home made candy sale. This is a great opportunity to purchase some very good candy to serve to your guests during the holiday season. Our Christmas Junque sale is all ready for your shopping enjoyment.

We held another mini-junque sale during the Labor Day weekend. Our profit from the sale was \$ 1,641.85 and the profit from the bake sale was \$ 525.25. Our financial chair, Joann Gulau will provide us with a total for all of our fundraisers for 2010 in the next newsletter. The balance on our mortgage is now \$ 24,169.00. The success of this project has been made possible by the tremendous support of the entire community and our wonderful volunteers who donate their time and skills.

Pennies, Pennies, Pennies, we still need more pennies. We will continue to collect pennies until we have reached our goal of one million pennies. We only need around three hundred and fifty thousand more.

Our last program for 2010 featured Ric Mixer and several of his exciting adventures, including flying in the Goodyear Blimp, alligator hunting with Ted Nugent , bungee jumping from a crane in Bay City during his early days with Channel 5, his short career in skydiving, interviews with several well know musical groups, flying a jet, filming a music group from the highest point of the Mackinac Bridge and several other mini adventures. Our guests are always transported on Ric's adventures through his enthusiasm for his subject. These programs are made possible through funding from the Iosco-Arenac Regional Library and the Omer Library.

After the Christmas season we will continue working on our display of family pictures and histories of early settlers and families from Omer and Arenac Township. Brenda Matt is researching the settlement of Arenac and is uncovering many interesting family histories and pictures. If you have any information you would like to share please call her at 989-846-0501. The Arenac County Historical Society will publish this in book form when it is complete. Research of the old Arenac Township records has provided this resolution enacted by the Arenac Township Health Board on April 15, 1903:

Whereas Rabies is widely decimated & is epidemic in Michigan & whereas the State Board of Health has recommended that municipal & township authorities order the muzzling of all dogs at large & make & publish regulations to that effect, therefore be it resolved that the Board of Health of Arenac Township County of Arenac, State of Michigan, hereby make the following recommendation as all dogs male or female effectively muzzled running at large on any street, alley or public grounds on private premises not the premises of the owner or keeper there of may be killed by any person & it shall be the duty of every constable and other peace officers of said township & he is hereby ordered to kill any & all such dogs. Moved and carried that the above resolution be printed 4 consecutive times in Omer Progress and 100 cards printed for distribution. There being nothing further the Board adjourned.

We will continue to provide you with a few of these interesting articles as the research of Arenac progresses.

We are still seeking pledges to support Ye Olde Courthouse 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 and visit us on Dec. 4th and 5th, purchase your holiday candy and enjoy some coffee and cookies with us. We are very excited about our new research center at the Museum in Au Gres. Please plan to visit the Museum and see our "new look".

- Brenda Matt Committee Chair
846-0501
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**ARENAC HERITAGE ROUTE AUTHORITY
STANDISH HISTORICAL DEPOT**

November is Veteran's Month and the display in the freight room at the depot is in honor of our local veterans. Mina Stodolak and Angie Pieniozek have done a wonderful job with our collection of pictures, uniforms and stories about our veterans. Several uniforms from the Civil War to Desert Storm are in this exhibit. Most of our veterans from Arenac County, who served in World War I and World War II, left on a train from the depot. This exhibit honoring our veterans will remain throughout November.

Mina and Angie have been busy planning and beginning our Christmas decorations. Several of the flower boxes are filled with greens and winter accessories. They have very exciting plans for decorating the bandstand. A large decorated and lighted tree, several garlands and large ornaments will contribute to an outstanding display to greet travelers to our county and for the enjoyment of our residents. The interior of the depot will also contain beautiful displays and decorations. Please stop and visit us during the holiday season. Santa Claus arrives at the depot the day after Thanksgiving and will visit with children in the caboose.

Our Summer Concert Series was a success and we are working on plans for the summer of 2011. We will again host a variety of performers. If you have any ideas for entertainers please contact us at the depot. Sponsorships are available for this concert series.

Depot Days was held the first weekend of October complete with train rides to Grayling. Schmidt Amusements again provided us with carnival rides, several vendors were present, we held a pie baking contest a 50-50 drawing and a raffle. Casino player coupons were available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Saganing Eagles Landing Casino. We are very appreciative of the sponsorship we have received from Eagles Landing. They have played a tremendous part in making Depot Days a success.

On September 16th the National Society of Colonial Dames installed a historical marker on the depot property. The plaque reads: "HISTORIC STANDISH DEPOT. Built in 1889 by Michigan Central Railroad with help of local farmers. Presented by Elizabeth Walker Warren Chapter of Michigan. National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century. September 16, 2010." We are honored to receive this historical recognition. The plaque is placed in the flower bed on a large rock in front of the depot.

We have had several items donated to the depot recently: a 1945 class picture from Standish High School, two rail car jacks and a red glass lantern, donated by Burton Palmer, class pictures from 1926 and 1951, a Standish Sterling Class of 1961 was donated by Marv Schwab. Train Man Mike (Mike Reed) donated his train uniform; a framed photograph of the Standish Silver Coronet Band was donated by Shirley Cruzen Stevens from Dexter, MI. Kathy Borgioli Borello donated several yearbooks from Standish High School and many pictures that her father, Edmund Borgioli, collected during his many years in Standish as a teacher and administrator. An Arenac County Directory was donated by Delbert Engerer, Dale Mahoney donated an award winning water color

photograph taken at the depot and a World War I 23rd Engineers picture by John Weible. The depot is interested in collecting class year books, historical pictures from Arenac County and railroad pictures and stories.

Please save March 19th for our annual fundraiser, the Diamonds, Denim and Camo Dinner. Dixie Dave will again be our chef with his fabulous not so wild, wild game dinner. Please watch for advertising concerning this event.

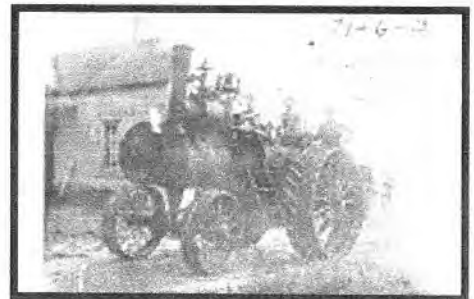
The Arenac Heritage Route Authority meets at the depot the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. This is a public meeting and everyone is welcome to attend. Please visit us during the holiday season and enjoy our beautiful decorations.

Brenda Matt,
Authority Representative



The Photographer's Corner presents a couple of pictures of threshing in the early days of Arenac County as our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving.

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our grateful hymn of praise.



PHOTOGRAPHER'S CORNER

MUSEUM BOOK STORE

Arenac County Historical Society Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2010

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

HISTORY OF STERLING A reprint of Virginia Adam's book	PRICE	\$8
HISTORY OF STERLING (2 ND Generation)	PRICE	\$8
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	\$12
THE HISTORY OF ARENAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN This best-seller is in its 4 th reprint!	PRICE	\$20
THE HISTORY OF ARENAC COUNTY ROADS	PRICE	\$6
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
RECORD OF ARENAC COUNTY SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN SERVICE IN THE GREAT WAR Joann Gulau and Mike Melvin	PRICE	\$28

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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	10,918.91
General Checking Account	469.03
Money Market (Savings)	10,041.80
Petty cash	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	38,367.88
Total Current Assets	38,367.88
TOTAL ASSETS	38,367.88
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Building Fund	4,086.44
Courthouse Fund	10,968.91
General Fund	10,704.16
Memorial Fund	12,608.37
Fund Reconciliation	-1,764.35
Net Income	1,764.35
Total Equity	38,367.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	38,367.88

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 876-6468, would be very interested in
getting them from you.



WATCH FOR THE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF
OUR NEW ACHS
GENEALOGICAL
CENTER

OPENING SOON

ATTENTION – The ACHS has published a
new book! RECORD OF ARENAC COUNTY
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN SERVICE IN
THE GREAT WAR contains 300 names
with their personal and war record. It
will be available December 4th and 5th at
the ACHS Museum and the Courthouse.

ARENAC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 272
 Au Gres, Michigan 48703-0272

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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ARENAC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
COMING EVENTS



ACHS Museum
Annual bake sale and Christmas Walk
December 4th and 5th
December 4th from 10:00 to 4:00
December 5th from 1:00 to 4:00



Ye Olde Courthouse
Courthouse Christmas Open House
December 4th and 5th from 9:00 to 5:00