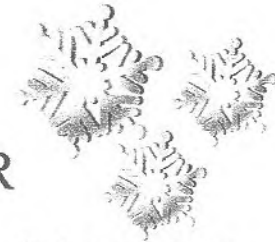


ACHS NEWSLETTER



Arenac County Historical Society

February 2011

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT . . .

Winter is a time for planning ahead at the ACHS. Summer programs, money making projects and arrangements for different displays are all discussed and acted on. Our volunteers have the new genealogy and research area all in place and ready for summer visitors. The computer will be updated with all our current indexes. We continue to accept information and pictures on families, townships, churches, the county, schools etc. We will accept copies of any historical information you would be willing to share with us. We just completed a new book on the soldiers and sailors that served from our county in World War One. It is for sale and you may purchase one at your convenience. Joann Gulau is looking for pictures and information on Arenac County Normal. We are intending to publish a book of information concerning the school that was used to teach and train men and women in the field of education. Many teachers that taught in our county school systems attended Arenac County Normal so they could be certified to teach in any number of schools in the area, as well as the state. If anyone has any information, please contact Joann or the museum. Leave a message and someone will return your call. You may also leave an e-mail. The address is on our website.

I am not sure how many of you are aware of the many talented authors we have in Arenac County. We have at both the museum and Ye Olde Courthouse many books for sale from authors within our county. We have biographies, autobiographies, history, poetry and other subject matter. These books are on display and may be purchased at the Museum, the Courthouse and some of them are at the Standish Depot. I am always amazed at the talent and the history told by these talented authors about Arenac County.

Our ACHS web site is awesome. There is so much valuable information and pictures to enjoy that will help anyone looking for information. There are many links that you may use to help in any search. Check it out. You will be amazed. We look forward to seeing many of you in the spring. Stop by and say hello. Bring your friends and family. Everyone is welcome. By supporting our small organization, you in turn support our local economy. In the overall picture the support you give also supports our great state of Michigan. Let's help get Arenac County and Michigan back on a positive track!

Sandy Proulx
President of the ACHS

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**ARENAC HERITAGE ROUTE AUTHORITY
STANDISH HISTORICAL DEPOT**

Arenac Heritage Route Authority members are busy planning for our annual dinner which will be held on March 19th at the VFW in Standish. Dr. Schwab has again been working with Dixie Dave Minar to host our "somewhat" Wild Game Dinner. Our unique appetizers include elk and venison pate, wild game smoked sausage, chicken liver pate, smoked turkey, Dr. Ron's specialty of assorted cheeses and a vegetable tray with dill dip and assorted crackers. You will then be treated to Beaver Barley Soup and Buffalo Chili. The main entree consists of Buffalo Meatballs, Pheasant with Michigan Cherries, Buffalo Beef Stew, Elk Tips in Red Wine and Mushroom Sauce and for our guests with an adventuresome palate, Marsh Rabbit in Jack Daniels BBQ Sauce. Tickets are once again \$ 50.00 each or \$ 400.00 for 10 tickets. Tickets may be purchased from authority members, at Arenac Abstract and Title and at the Depot. We will have a silent auction and a gun raffle at the dinner. If you would like to donate an item for the auction or for a door prize please drop it off at the Depot or call the Depot at 989-718-3021 and we will arrange for someone to pick up your donation.

We are on winter hours now at the Depot which are 12 to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Depot was decorated beautifully for the holiday season, including the bandstand which had a large decorated tree and hand made cedar garlands. This is all thanks to Mina Stodolak and Angie Pienonziek. Carrie Stodolak, Curt Hillman and Mark Winslow assisted with the decorations and securing the tree. Christmas music was played over a speaker system and we received many compliments from residents and neighboring businesses.

Our very popular Summer Concert Series will be held on Thursday evenings at the Depot. We are in the process of scheduling entertainers. Our plans include a variety of music. If you have any ideas for entertainers please contact us. Sponsorships are available for this concert series. They are \$200.00 for one night and you are welcome to set up a booth to promote your business during the concert.

Volunteers are making plans to complete the bandstand, including the memorial brick walkway and the landscaping. The completion date is set for June 1 so that all the remaining construction is complete before our first summer concert.

The Depot is in the process of publishing an Arenac County Map. The map will be in full color and will highlight several attractions throughout the county. One of our main functions at the Depot is to direct visitors around Arenac County. Many of our visitors are seeking lodging, restaurants, golf courses, canoe liveries, shopping, hospitals, campgrounds, churches, marinas, swimming and parks.

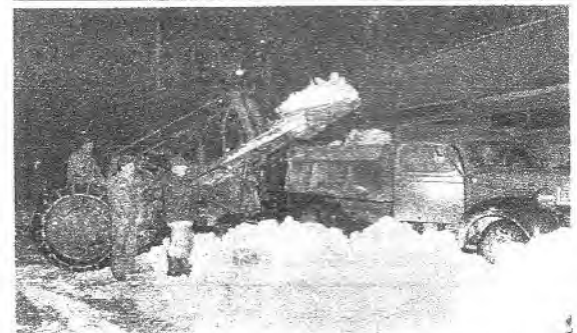
People seeking genealogy information are interest in cemeteries and places away from the main roads. This map will be of great benefit in assisting visitors to our county and to the businesses operating in the county. There will be 26 spaces available for advertising and the cost per space is \$ 100.00. Please contact Brenda at 989-846-0501 if you are interested in advertising on the map.

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. We are seeking volunteers to staff the Depot. Contact Sue at the Depot if you are interested.

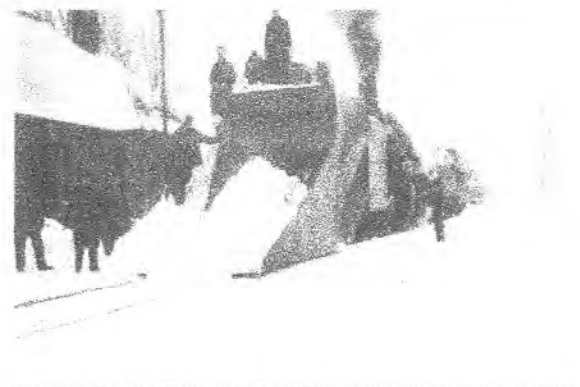
Brenda Matt,
Authority Representative

**The Photographer's Corner presents
a couple of "wintery" scenes in
honor of our recent
"Snowmageddon".**

AND OMER PROGRESS 1977 1977



SNOW REMOVERS ARE AT IT AGAIN—If early December is any indication of the snow to hit winter, the snow will be repeated many times before April. Adam Mikol, the Kujaszewski brother with their tractor and loader and other snow removal services started right out Friday so operation of past record they made last year by having all snow cleared off Cedar Street within 24 hours after storm. Pictured above are: Tommy Kujaszewski (on the tractor), Andy Kujaszewski, Adam Mikol on wheel loader or not, that's Bob Savage driving the truck. The street was done by shortly after midnight so the snow had melted now in the middle of the street that usually is cleared until after Saturday's the



PHOTOGRAPHER'S CORNER

YE OLDE COURTHOUSE/MASONIC HALL

Dear Members and Contributors,
 2010 continued to amaze & delight us as contributions, such as yours, kept coming in to help us preserve "YE OLDE COURTHOUSE" in Omer. We continue to believe it is well worth "ALL" our efforts to preserve a bit of our history for future generations of Arenac County residents and all who may pass by in coming years. As you can see from the following financial statement, again this year, we have made significant progress toward paying off the mortgage as-well-as paying for the day-to-day operations. This year we welcomed the Bowring Lodge # 377 Free & Accepted Masons of Michigan back into our building. They will help to share the day-to-day operational expenses of the building and be ambassadors to share their history with visitors. As you may or may not know, the Masons occupied our building for much of its existence. The Courthouse also has hosted several Omer Library speaker programs, showers, family gatherings, junque sales, candy sales, bake sales and tours. Truly, we know it takes the determination and effort of the whole community and beyond for us to be successful!

Again, "THANKS" for you contribution (s) toward making our effort a success in 2010! We hope you will continue your support of "YE OLDE COURTHOUSE" preservation project in 2011.

YE OLDE COURTHOUSE FINANCIAL REPORT 2010

Junque Sales (Sale of stuff given to us)	\$8,230.88
Bakes Sales and Christmas Candy Sale	\$2,429.75
Penny Drive	\$1,388.27
Other Income (Pledges, rent, donations)	\$6,982.50
Total	\$19,031.40

MILLION PENNY DRIVE
Pennies collected in 2010

Pennies collected in 2010	138,827
Pennies collected since 2008	690,030
Pennies need to reach goal of one million	309,970

MORTGAGE

Balance on mortgage on 1-1-2010	\$34,312.78
Balance on mortgage on 12-31-2010	\$ 23,102.60



The above letter and report was written and compiled by Dick and Phyllis Klender and mailed to our contributors who donated to our junque sale or who have canisters in their businesses for the penny drive. If we missed you please consider the above with our thanks for your generosity.

Our committee is now making plans for 2011. We will, of course, continue our penny drive until we reach our goal. The Omer Head Start children visited our building and will be returning in the spring with pennies they are collecting for us.

In reviewing our budget for 2011, we voted to pay to make a lump sum payment of \$ 5,000.00 on our mortgage.

The Winter Witchy Wolf award ceremony was held at the Courthouse on January 22nd. This is an annual event that brings many visitors from out of town to enjoy themselves in the frigid cold on the trails that include the Omer Plains and the fear of our very own legend of the Witchy Wolf.

We are planning some improvements to the building. Some interior painting will be completed this winter and we will be installing some picture rails and a display of families from Arenac Township and the City of Omer. Our committee is also in the process of making plans to remodel our bathroom so that is universally accessible. Future plans include widening our doorways through the kitchen and a ramp leading to the South door.

We are still seeking pledges to support Ye Olde Courthouse and would be glad to provide more information. Please call us if you would like to help out by volunteering or if you have items to contribute for this year's Junque Sale.

We will be open the first week end in April for our annual Sucker Opening event. Please join us and take advantage of the bake goods for sale made by our great Omer Bakers.

Brenda Matt	Committee Chair	989-846-0501
Phyllis Klender	Reporting Chair	989-653-2762
Joann Gulau	Financial Chair	989-876-6468



MUSEUM BOOK STORE

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 \$12

THE HISTORY OF ARENAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN
This best-seller is in its 4th 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

**Arenac County Historical Society
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2010**

	Dec 31, 10
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Certificate of Deposit	
CD #1	1,149.85
CD #2	10,000.00
CD #3	6,200.44
Total Certificate of Deposit	17,350.29
Courthouse Checking	12,830.44
General Checking Account	908.59
Money Market (Savings)	9,528.61
Petty cash	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	40,717.93
Total Current Assets	40,717.93
TOTAL ASSETS	40,717.93
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Building Fund	4,091.62
Courthouse Fund	12,880.44
General Fund	10,659.50
Memorial Fund	13,086.37
Fund Reconciliation	-5,713.68
Net Income	5,713.68
Total Equity	40,717.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	40,717.93



From the ARENAC INDEPENDENT
May 31, 1906



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:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Dues</u>
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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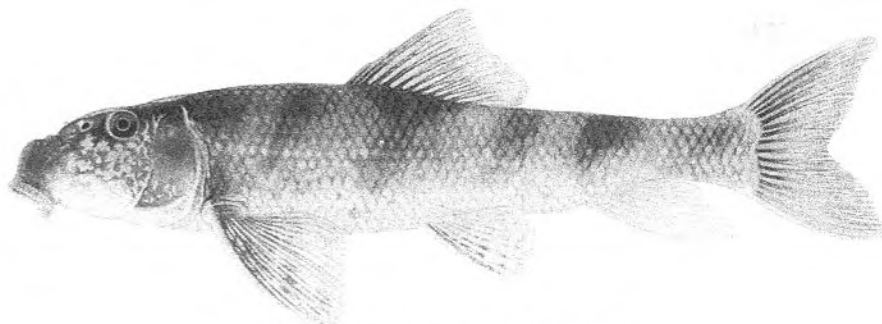
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ARENAC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
COMING EVENTS



COURTHOUSE EVENTS
SUCKER WEEKEND in OMER

APRIL 1 – 2
FRIDAY and SATURDAY
BAKE SALE