

# ACHS NEWSLETTER



*Arenac County Historical Society*

*August 2012*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is that time of year when we can enjoy so many events and fun times in Michigan: graduation parties, weddings, family reunions, county fairs, music in the parks, boating, swimming, fishing, picnics and so much more. We have that unique advantage of being surrounded by the Great Lakes. I hope all of you have had the opportunity to enjoy some of the many events and activities happening around us in Arenac County as well as our great State of Michigan.

We have had several splendid programs at the museum and Yea Olde Courthouse. Each one was well attended. We still have a few more programs to offer. Eric Jhyla will be at the museum on August 29<sup>th</sup> with another interesting program on Michigan and at the courthouse on August 25<sup>th</sup> is a program on Lady Lighthouse Keepers. Don't miss out on these historically interesting programs. They are open to the public and they are free, however, we do appreciate all donations to help support our organization.

Our genealogical section at the museum is being put to great use this summer. We have had interest from around the country. People have found our information and website very interesting and useful. Neighboring county historical society personal have visited and also found our museum very interesting. We have exchanged ideas and hope to make our organizations more successful.

We would like to thank all of you for your support of our organization. We can always use volunteers and financial support. We are doing the best we can with the support we receive. We hope you can continue to help us in the years to come. Saving our history for the future generations is so important for the appreciation of our county, state, and nation.

Thank You

Sandy Proulx  
President

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Arenac Heritage Route Authority  
Standish Historical Depot

The summer tourist season is in full swing at the depot. We are very busy with our guests, traveling in Arenac County and throughout Michigan. The new Arenac County Maps, the Arenac County Parks brochure and information on area events continue to be very popular with our visitors. The landscaping is in full bloom and beautiful. Thanks to our great volunteers, Mina, Angie, Carrie, Bobbi and all of their helpers for their dedication to the depot. We receive many compliments on the beauty of the depot site.

Our web site, [www.standishdepot.org](http://www.standishdepot.org), has been very successful. All of the depot events are listed on this site, historical information, area events and several links to sites related to travel, government, and sites we believe would be of interest to others including the Arenac County Historical Society. If your organization has information on your events please forward it to Sue at the depot, 989-718-3021 or e mail at [info@standishdepot.org](mailto:info@standishdepot.org) and Sue will list them on our website.

Our Summer Concert Series has once again been very popular. The last Thursday night concert at the depot will be held on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Local entertainers, Point Blank, will be our band. These guys are one of our most popular groups to entertain at the depot. The following Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, the concert will move to Omer. This concert will be held on the City of Omer property next to the Omer City Hall. The always popular Omer City Limits Band will be the entertainers for the evening. That concert will begin at 6:30 also. The following Thursday, August 23, the concert series moves to the City of AuGres. Our band for the evening's listening pleasure will be Flip Side (variety). On August 30<sup>th</sup> the last concert will be held in AuGres Township at the Arenac County Park. We will be entertained by a variety group, Double Delight. Admission to the park will be free for the evening, courtesy of the Parks Board and our Arenac County Commissioners. This is a great opportunity to enjoy an evening's entertainment and visit our beautiful Arenac County Park.

The memorial brick sidewalk and the landscaping surrounding the bandstand is also very popular with our visitors. We continue to accept orders for bricks and will begin another sidewalk soon. Order forms are on our website or may be picked up at the depot. The price is \$ 100.00. For more information you may call Brenda Matt at 989-846-0501.

The Arenac County Conservation District is holding their Farmers Market at the depot on Saturday mornings from 9 to 1. Fresh fruits and vegetables are available as they come in to season.

The depot hosted a Model A & T Car show on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Over 50 units were on display. People enjoyed the day and we have received many requests to host this show next year. Thanks to Curt Hillman who organized this successful event and to Wendy Hillman, Angie Pieniozek, Mark Winslow, Dr. Ron Schwab, Don and Ardith Fales, Brenda Matt, Joann Swartz, Ray and Sue Stein, and Andrew Kent who volunteered for the day. Thanks also to Mina Stodolak who made the very delicious sloppy Joes and the

anonymous donor who purchased the ice cream. Most of our entrants would like to return next year and believe a lot more of their club members would enter also.

On Sunday, August 26, the USDA Dairy Truck will be at the depot from noon to 5 p.m. to serve a free sample of the new Pure Michigan Carmel Apple Ice Cream.

Depot Days is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Please watch our website and the Arenac County Independent for information on this popular community event.

The Arenac Heritage Route Authority meets at the depot on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. This is an open meetings and everyone is welcome to attend.

Brenda Matt  
Depot Representative

SPECIAL ATTRACTION AT THE  
**SILVER GABLES**  
Omer, Michigan  
Scar Bonds No. 3  
**One Night Only, Saturday, October 15**  
Presenting the Well-Known Broadcasting Band  
**THE ARISTOCRATS OF SWING**  
Members from the Great Plains, Chicago, and other famous jazz centers  
Some early changes to give this band a special sound for the night  
See our book store  
Showing from 10:00 to 1:00  
OTHER SCHEDULED SHOWS 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00

Anyone for a night on the town?

Do you remember THE SILVER GABLES ?

From THE ARENAC INDEPENDENT

10-18-38

You can see this flag at the ACHS Museum in Au Gres - October, 1941

## This Flag to be Presented to County



Arenac County Flag

Michigan is probably the first state in the Union to have a complete set of county flags. They're made of muslin, and with two exceptions there is only one of each in existence, but they are interesting, attractive flags, representing Michigan's progress and prominence in their colored designs.

These flags were created in 1870 by The J. L. Hudson Company of Detroit working in collaboration with Michigan editors, educators, public officials and other interested groups. They were made expressly for a grand display at the Union Fair last September.

Following the display the J. L. Hudson Company announced that it would give the flags to the various counties as soon as a plan could be worked out.

In Arenac county, the Civic Award Committee consisted of J. Naffziger, chairman, Owen

Naffziger, county school superintendent and Mrs. Nellie DeLore.

The presentation of this flag in this county will be made October 13 at 11:30 a. m. while the County Board of Supervisors are in session.

The chairman of the Award Committee has been invited to describe the County Flag proper, briefly and to introduce a special representative of The J. L. Hudson Company who will present it to H. J. Nuhls, chairman of the Board of Supervisors who will accept it for Arenac county and will acknowledge and ownership of the flag.

The county flag has such life by word flag, in form, are made of silk, and are hand sewn with designs applied in three or more colors on both sides. Each flag comes packed in its own wonderful case, upon which the award label is inserted.

## Ye Olde Courthouse/Masonic Hall

### ACHS August Newsletter

Thanks to all of our volunteers, friends and customers we are enjoying another successful summer season. Our annual 4th of July Junque Sale netted \$ 2,437.35. The bake sale profit was \$ 433.45 and our 50-50 raffle gave us an additional \$104.00. The balance on our mortgage is \$ 6,991.50. At this time next year this will be paid off. Our recent penny deposit was \$ 318.04 for a penny total of \$ 9,542.06. We are getting very close to our goal of one million pennies or \$ 10,000.00. It would be great if we could wind this up in 2012. You may bring your pennies in when we are open or call a member and we will be happy to pick them up.

Our committee has been busy planning events for the remainder of 2012. The next program to be held at the courthouse is Ladies of the Light (women who were lighthouse keepers) which will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. This program is free, donations are always welcome and refreshments will be served.

We will be open on Labor Day week-end on Friday, August 31 and Saturday September 1. Our Omer Bakers, as our wonderful bakers from Omer, AuGres, Standish and surrounding communities are known, will again provide us with delicious homemade goodies for sale. Another great Junque Sale will also be held. We are picking up and unpacking more good junque for this sale. If you have anything you would like to donate, please call one of our members and we will be happy to meet you to unload or pick your items up at your home.

Several boxes of books are also being donated to us from various libraries. We will be holding a book sale on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. These books will be sold by donation so plan to get your books for your winter reading.

Our annual Christmas open house will be held on Saturday, December 1, and Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Homemade candy, Christmas junque, and decorated trees and wreaths will be available for your shopping pleasure. A day of decorating trees and wreaths is planned for October 25<sup>th</sup> at the courthouse. We are inviting members and friends to help us on that day. We will have the trees, wreaths and lots of decorations available for all of you skilled crafters, so come and enjoy the day with us.

The date has not been set for the opening of our Settlement of Arenac Exhibit. Please watch the Independent and our website for this announcement;

Pledges to support the Courthouse/Masonic Hall are still available and forms may be obtained at the courthouse, museum and from committee members. Pictures and information from Arenac Township and the City of Omer is gladly accepted to add to our scrapbook collections.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Please contact a committee member if you would like to help us out.

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

Thanks to John N. from Standish, a 9 year old who gave the Olde Courthouse 2 quart jars of pennies.

**WE ONLY NEED  
45,794 MORE!**



**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  
(2<sup>ND</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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



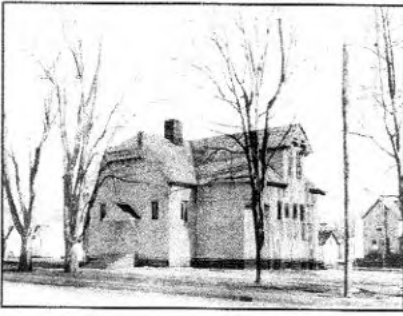
**Arenac County Historical Society  
Balance Sheet  
As of June 30, 2012**

	Jun 30, 12
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Certificate of Deposit	
CD #1	1,175.89
CD #2	10,226.50
CD #3	6,253.38
Total Certificate of Deposit	17,655.77
Courthouse Checking	7,407.53
General Checking Account	499.92
Money Market (Savings)	9,103.11
Petty cash	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	34,766.43
Total Current Assets	34,766.43
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>34,766.43</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Building Fund	4,094.82
Courthouse Fund	7,457.53
General Fund	9,549.26
Memorial Fund	13,564.73
Total Equity	34,766.43
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>34,766.43</b>

Financial Notes

	CURRENT	YTD
Net Income	\$1,851.31	\$340.69
Building Equity	\$609.71	\$5,971.42

The Ye Olde Courthouse Committee needs your help. We have several bare Christmas trees and wreaths that need to be decorated for our Christmas Sale in December. We have scheduled a decorating party day for Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 8 pm at the Courthouse in downtown Omer. You can come any time during the day. We need lots of "elves" to come and help us complete this project. We have lots of ornaments, greens, baubles, bulbs, ribbons, etc. for you to use. We will provide food and drink and lots of friendship and fun. Would you like to help us with the fun and rewarding project? If so, please call Phyllis Klender at 989-653-2762. Hope to hear from you.



**COMING SOON  
ARENAC COUNTY NORMAL 1904 –1957**

The Arenac county Historical society is working on a new book we plan to publish by the end of the year, **ARENAC COUNTY NORMAL,1904 – 1957.**

We are offering individuals and businesses the opportunity to include an ad for your business or a remembrance of your loved one or friends who graduated from Arenac County Normal in a special section of this book.

The space will be the size of a business card. Your space may be used for your business card or filled with a personal message. The cost for each business card size will be \$25.00. This will be used to help defray the costs of the publication. The books that we publish are the main source of income for the historical society.

*To Honor the Harding Girls  
Arenac County Normal graduates  
Ola Harding Rohn – 1925  
Alta Harding Witherspoon – 1926  
Alva Harding Neiman – 1926  
Margaret Harding Poole – 1930*

EXAMPLE

For more information, or to mail your business card size ad or remembrance, and your check, please contact:

Joann Gulau  
2274 Bay Ridge Drive  
Au Gres MI 48703

989 876 6468

Gulau2@charter.net

Or

Arenac County Historical Society  
P.O. Box 272  
Au Gres MI 48703

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### At the Olde Courthouse in Omer:

Lady Lighthouse Keepers on the Great Lakes	August 25 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm
Labor Day Junque Sale and Bake Sale	August 31 <sup>st</sup> and Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>	9 – 5
BIG Book Sale	Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup>	9 – 5
Craft Day for Trees and Wreaths	Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 8
Soup Supper for Our Omer Bakers	Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm
Christmas Junque and Bake Sale, Wreaths and Trees	Dec. 1 – 2	9 – 5

### At the Museum in AuGres:

Eric Jyhla – POLITICS 150 YEARS AGO	August 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm
Christmas Open House and Bake Sale	Dec 1	To Be An.