

ACHS NEWSLETTER

Arenac County Historical Society

November 2012

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a great summer. Fall is here and Christmas will soon be upon us.

This past summer the local VFW in Au Gres closed. We received many articles from the post, so we will be putting up a display for the next summer at the museum. We received many pictures, flags, uniforms, plaques and various other memorabilia. We will be inviting former members for a brief service to thank them for all the memorabilia they have given us. Eric Jyhla will have a program on the importance of honoring our veterans and about Memorial Day. We do not have the date scheduled yet for the program, but as soon as we work out the details, we will let you know.

The museum will be having an open house with Christmas displays and a bake sale on the first Saturday in December. We are limiting it to one day because we don't seem to get much traffic through the museum on the second day. Any leftover baked goods will be taken to Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer on Sunday. Any volunteer baking will be greatly appreciated. The proceeds will be used to support the museum. We are hoping to purchase new padded folding chairs for the museum.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Thank You

Sandy Proulx
President

We regret to inform you that our dear friend and Director of the Arenac County Historical Museum, Annabell Goodman, passed away on Nov. 12, 2012. She was instrumental in the successful operation of the museum for many years. We will miss her smiling face. A more detailed tribute will follow in our next issue.

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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

The Standish Historical Depot would like to extend an invitation to everyone to visit the depot during the Christmas season. Mina, Angie, Bobbi, Pam, Carrie and friends have been busy starting to decorate for the holiday season. These very talented volunteers turn the depot into a Christmas wonder land. On November 23rd, Santa will arrive in Standish to light the tree in the Lions Park. Santa and his followers will then proceed to the depot to visit with Santa in the caboose and enjoy hot chocolate.

On Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Standish Chamber sponsors a Kids' Craft Day. Children visit various businesses where they participate in a craft project. The depot will be hosting this event.

The depot will host a book signing by John Cuthbertson on Saturday, December 15th at 10:30 a.m. John's new book "COMING TO SCRATCH OR DOWN FOR THE COUNT," MEMORIES OF BOXERS WHO GAVE US ANOTHER CHAPTER OF SPORTSMANSHIP IN THE FINE ARTS OF FISTICUFF will be available for purchase. This book features turn of the century and early 20th century boxers. It is loaded with nearly 500 vintage photographs, many of which have never been published before. This fascinating boxing history, which covers Arenac County, is certain to have a real local appeal to many people.

Depot Days was held on the first week end in October and many residents and guests enjoyed our entertainment which consisted of Lemon Frog, Gunsmoke Express, Point Blank and the Steve Dzewicki Polka Band. Tim Dixon provided music and sound to keep the festivities moving. We hosted a chili cook off, a pie baking contest, raffles and a silent auction. The Arenac County Historical Society was present at depot days with their collections of scrapbooks of Arenac County cities, villages, schools, townships and events. Angie Pieniozek was also present with her extensive collection of scrapbooks for the Bentley area including the recently honored Civil War Veteran,

Oscar Bentley. Many of our guests spend several hours at the depot reviewing these scrapbooks and many provide us with more information for them. Schmidt Amusements provided rides at Depot Days, which were greatly enjoyed by our guests.

Plans are underway for our annual fundraiser, the Diamonds and Denim Depot Dinner. Please watch for this announcement in the Independent and on our website.

Our website: www.standishdepot.org is available and all of the depot events are listed on this site. You may also access several links which include historical information, area events, travel, government and the Arenac County Historical Society from this depot web site.

Bricks may still be purchased for the memorial brick walkway at the depot. This is a great way to remember a family member at Christmas time. (It's a great idea for that hard to shop for person on your Christmas list, too) Order forms are available at the depot and on our website. This cost is \$100.00. You may call Brenda Matt at 989-846-0501 if you would like more information.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed at the depot. If you have a few hours to spare please contact the depot at 989-718-3021 or email at info@standishdepot.org.

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 meeting and all are welcome to attend.

Brenda Matt
Depot Representative

MERRY CHRISTMAS ACHS

Our wish list:

Garbage Bags
Large and Kitchen Size
Paper Towels
Bathroom Tissue
Dish Soap



Christmas is in the air at Ye Olde Courthouse. Phyllis Klender organized a day for our talented volunteers and friends to spend the day decorating Christmas trees and wreaths. These beautiful trees and wreaths will be for sale at our annual Christmas Open House, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 1st and 2nd. We will also be holding our yearly Christmas Junque Sale, as well as our very popular homemade candy sale. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase delicious candy and treats for the holiday season. We will have coffee, hot chocolate and cookies for you to enjoy while you visit with us during our open house.

Thanks to all of our wonderful supporters, we have reached our goal of ONE MILLION PENNIES! We were getting close when Chuck Hillyard donated a bucket of pennies. The bucket contained \$88.20, which put us over the top. Thanks, Chuck, and everyone who contributed to this very successful fundraiser. Our mortgage balance is now \$5,134.27. If you missed donating your pennies we will be happy to take them off your hands and apply them to our balance.

On October 14th several of our committee members went to the Midland Dow Library to pick up books that they donated to us. We filled Klender's covered trailer and the bed of Dick's truck with books. Our members unloaded them and sorted them for the sale held later in October. The sale netted us \$587.00. We have a lot more books, so watch for an announcement of another book sale in the coming months.

The Courthouse Committee is planning more improvements to the courthouse building. A ramp and entry for universal accessibility and painting the exterior of the building are being discussed. We are considering fundraisers to help finance these projects. Please contact one of our members if you have any ideas you would like to share with us. Our "Junque" sales continue to be our main fundraiser, so please keep us in mind if you have any good "Junque" that you would like to donate to us. We will be happy to pick up your items.

The Saganing Eagles Landing Casino donated \$350.00 to the Courthouse on Friday, Sept. 14, from their jeans day fundraising. Casino employees donate money one day a month in order to wear jeans to work and give the money raised to a nonprofit organization., Brenda

Matt and Joann Gulau accepted the check from Casino Manager Tony Federico. Many thanks to these great casino employees.

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 are 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	Committee Chair 989-846-0501
Phyllis Klender	Recording Chair 989-653-2762
Joann Gulau	Financial Chair 989-876-6468

SCHOOL DAZE
from
THE ARENAC INDEPENDENT
04-10-36

**Miss Farol Marsh is
1936 Valedictorian**

Tuesday came the decision to name the valedictorian for the 1936 graduating class of the Stan-dish high school and when the averages were all compiled it was discovered that Miss Farol Marsh sustained the highest average of her class to gain the honor. Misses Dorothy St. Clair and Miss Mary Ann Kolevar came out a tie for the honor of being salutatorian of the class. The girls will be given an opportunity to work out this feature of the class honors on an equal basis.



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

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

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

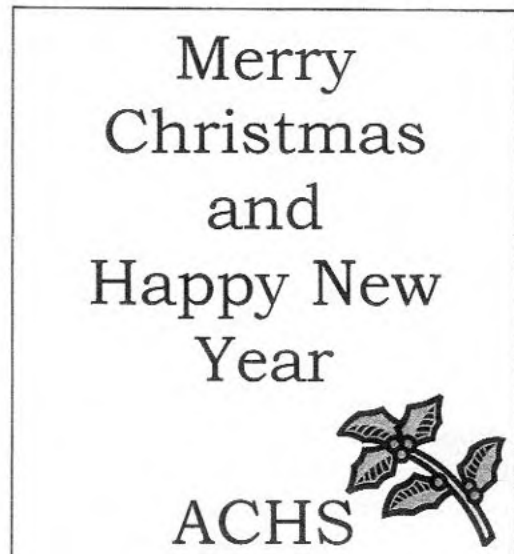
RECORD OF ARENAC COUNTY SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN SERVICE IN THE GREAT WAR
Joann Gulau and Mike Melvin
PRICE \$28

Sep 30, 12

ASSETS		
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		11,220.50
General Checking Account		666.78
Money Market (Savings)		8,486.98
Petty cash		100.00
Total Checking/Savings		38,130.03
Total Current Assets		38,130.03
TOTAL ASSETS		38,130.03
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Building Fund		4,094.82
Courthouse Fund		11,270.50
General Fund		9,099.47
Memorial Fund		13,665.24
Total Equity		38,130.03
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		38,130.03

Financial Notes

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Net Income	\$1,844.79	\$1,844.79
Building Equity	\$618.73	\$618.73



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:

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

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ACHS Newsletter for:

or Current Resident



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AND BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, DEC. 1ST

9 - 5

ACHS MUSEUM in AU GRES



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

**WREATH AND TREE SALE
CHRISTMAS JUNQUE SALE
and
CANDY SALE**

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

9 - 5

YE OLDE COURTHOUSE in OMER