

# ACHS NEWSLETTER

*Arenac County Historical Society*

*February 2013*



## A TRIBUTE TO ANNABELL GOODMAN

Last November the Arenac County Historical Society lost its most treasured member Annabell Goodman. For over 50 years Annabell diligently and lovingly spent enormous amounts of time helping preserve the history of Arenac County. She developed this interest in history from her father Calvin Ennis who was a founding member of the historical society. Mr. Ennis also wrote many books and stories about our county. Annabell probably read and knew a lot of these stories and people from the county. Before many people could afford a radio or TV, storytelling was a form of entertainment and the passing of knowledge from one generation to the next. Many people came to her in search of information about their family's ancestry. Her computer storage was what she kept in her memory. If she couldn't remember, she knew right where to find it, in the historical data kept at the museum.

Annabell was born and raised around the Au Gres area in Arenac County. She married John Goodman in 1948 and moved to the Detroit area where work was more readily available so she and John could raise and support a family with 7 children. In the 1970's they moved back to the Au Gres area where they pleasantly lived out their lives together. She will always be remembered as a soft spoken and kind hearted person. She always went that extra mile for anyone who asked.



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Not only was Annabell soft spoken and kind hearted, she was a woman who thought and acted ahead of her time. This woman was a liberated woman. She learned to drive a car and fly an airplane before it was considered appropriate for a woman to do so. She

was not going to take a back seat to anything if she could be in the front and in control. She never felt women were weak and to be under control of any man. She loved her husband and family dearly and took excellent care of them. She always carried the thought that women had rights too. For as long as they were married, the marriage certainly must have been a joyful and positive one.

Annabell was also a very active member of the Au Gres United Methodist Church. She served in various positions, helping the church, ladies group and children learn and understand the importance of faith and service. In a funny little God Wink moment, I remember a former pastor talking to Annabell during a Bible Study about women's duties and the look and the motion she proceeded to give the pastor were priceless. She raised her eyebrows and pressed her thumb firmly on the table and stated she felt horrible about the way women were treated in Bible times. The pastor got the message and vowed never to cross her path again when it came to discussing women's rights and equality. They were equals and that was the end of it!! Our group loved to hear their somewhat quiet comical bantering when it came to discussing women's equality.

This fine lady was also involved in politics, serving on the election board for many years. She served as secretary for the Retired School Personnel. She gave a part of herself in blood donations to the American Red Cross. Near the end of her life I remember her telling me she must have tired blood because she could no longer donate it. She felt terrible, but realized that this was beyond her control.

Annabell will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Now that she is in God's hands, I hope she is looking down upon us and smiling. Her memory and influences on our lives will be with us always. Thank you, Annabell for your good and faithful service. We will try to do our best to preserve what you have started.

Written in Tribute by  
Sandy Proulx

## ARENAC HERITAGE ROUTE AUTHORITY

### STANDISH HISTORICAL DEPOT

The Depot board is busy planning their annual fundraiser for spring. Please watch the Independent and our web site for the date and more information. We are also planning the Summer Concert Series which will begin in June. Our web site is [www.standishdepot.org](http://www.standishdepot.org).

Some early depot history found in the archives of the Arenac County Independent includes the following:

**April 11, 1889** — Standish in on the boom. The M.C.R.R. will build a new stone depot this coming summer

**May 2, 1889**—The mill trams on the site of the new depot have been removed and the building will soon be started.

**May 23, 1889**—The Kiley house has been moved so as to make room for the new depot..

**Sept. 12, 1889**—The new depot at Standish is practically completed. James Norn is planning on building a new home opposite the depot. He will then move to Standish from Sterling.

**February 6, 1908**—Forty passengers and the train crew were stalled in snow banks over the roof of the cars on the Michigan Central railroad at Bentley for 16 hours Saturday. The fire in the engine went out and the passengers were forced to seek aid from nearby farmers.

**February 20, 1908**—It required a locomotive and two plows and a gang of workmen to release a railroad engine and a snow plow in the cut on the M.C.R.R. cut near Moore's Junction following a stretch of 48 hours in which the outfit was stalled there.

**February 27, 1908**—The Gladwin passenger train was stalled at Woodville and also five miles out of Pinconning when it hit several large snow drifts Saturday.

The Arenac Heritage Route Authority meets at the depot the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. This is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend. Volunteers are needed to staff the depot. Please call Sue at 878-718-3021 if you are interested.

Brenda Matt  
Arenac Heritage Route Authority Representative

**YE OLDE COURTHOUSE/MASONIC HALL**



**OLD CLIPS n' SNIPS**

Dear Friends of the Courthouse,

We continue to be amazed and delighted with contributions/donations, such as yours, allowing us to continue our preservation efforts of "Ye Olde Courthouse." We are thankful that others share our belief that preservation of historic buildings, such as ours, is essential for future generations to enjoy. We also know that it take a "whole community" working together to accomplish this effort. The Bowring Lodge # 377 Free & Accepted Masons continues to use our building and support our day-to-day operations with their rental fees.

The old saying "One man's junque is another man's treasure" continues to ring true for us as we made \$ 7,547.90 selling the junque we were given this year. A special thanks to the ladies who decorated over 50 table top trees and wreaths using the Christmas items that were donated during the year. We made over \$ 700.00 and we donated 12 of the trees to the Trackside Senior Center for home-bound seniors in Arenac County. Combined with monetary donations, the penny drive, rent, and bake sakes we took in a total of \$ 17,456.00 We also surpassed our goal of 1 million pennies this year, but DON'T STOP saving your pennies because they are valuable to use for our future preservation efforts! Our mortgage balance on January 1, 2012 was \$ 11,220.00 and today it is \$ 3,879.80.

From "All" of us to each of you "THANKS" for your contributions/donations toward making 2012 a huge success. We hope you will continue your support of "Ye Olde Courthouse" preservation project in 2013.

"Ye Olde Courthouse" Committee

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**HOW CLEAN**  
IT LEAVES YOUR PANS

NO BLACKENED  
PANS WITH  
ELECTRIC HEAT

YOU CAN WEAR YOUR BEST DRESS IN THE KITCHEN WITHOUT FEAR OF SOILING IT.  
LET US TELL YOU OF OUR TRIAL-RENTAL PLAN

**Northern Power Co.**

**ARENAC INDEPENDENT**

**1/30/35**

**Omer School to Open Soon**

The Omer school will open for again take up the duties of super- for 1935-37 term on Monday,intendent and Ray Blodge as Sept. 7 Francis V. Brink will principal.

**ARENAC INDEPENDENT**

**8/26/36**

**Consolidation is Causing This**

The Modern Course of school consolidation has caused this to take place over to the AuGres sec- tion this fall and emblematic of several other activities of a like nature in this and other counties. In the above picture workmen are moving the Pine Grove school to the premises of the AuGres school. Dewey Farver of Santiago did the job. Jack Duvall of Standish on the building and Fred Osterman, also of Standish, were on the job to move wires of the Consumers Power Co.

**ARENAC INDEPENDENT**

**12/24/41**



**BIG BOOKSALE**

**Olde Courthouse**

**In Omer**

**FEB 16 - 17**

**9am to 4 pm**

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 December 31, 2012

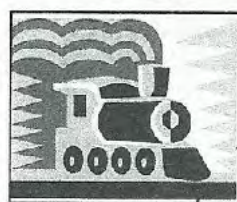
<b>HISTORY OF STERLING</b> A reprint of Virginia Adam's book	PRICE	\$8
<b>HISTORY OF STERLING</b> (2 <sup>ND</sup> Generation)	PRICE	\$8
<b>AU GRES CENTENNIAL 1865-1965</b>	PRICE	\$6
<b>ARENAC COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM BOOK</b> Printed in 1885, it describes the first Arenac County Fair that was held in Omer when it was the County Seat	PRICE	\$5
<b>THE STORY OF STANDISH and ITS PEOPLE: 1876-1976</b> This is a reprint of Allan McCready's book; an index of names has been added	PRICE	\$10
<b>ARENAC COUNTY PLAT BOOK, circa 1920</b>	PRICE	\$6
<b>THIS IS THE WAY WE WENT TO SCHOOL</b>	PRICE	\$6
<b>8 1/2 "x 11" ARENAC COUNTY MAP</b> – Shows location of each of the 43 early Arenac County Schools	PRICE	\$1.25
<b>WAH SASH KAH MOQUA</b> by Mary Sagatoo This is a reprint done by the Book Nook in East Tawas	PRICE	\$12
<b>THE HISTORY OF ARENAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN</b> This best-seller is in its 4 <sup>th</sup> reprint!	PRICE	\$25
<b>THE HISTORY OF ARENAC COUNTY ROADS</b>	PRICE	\$6
<b>ONE ROOM ARENAC COUNTY SCHOOLS, Vol. 1,2,3,4</b>	PRICE	\$7 each
<b>1947 ARENAC COUNTRY DIRECTORY</b>	PRICE	\$6
<b>FIRST FAMILIES OF STANDISH TOWNSHIP</b>	PRICE	\$10
<b>ARENAC COUNTY PIONEER SOCIETY, AUGRES 8-26-1911</b>	PRICE	\$6
<b>A HISTORY OF MAPLE RIDGE, ARENAC COUNTY, MI</b> Marion Poole Maday	PRICE	\$28
<b>THE HANDY COOK'S BOOK</b> 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
<b>RECORD OF ARENAC COUNTY SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN SERVICE IN THE GREAT WAR</b> Joann Gulau and Mike Melvin	PRICE	\$28

	<u>Dec 31, 12</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>Certificate of Deposit</b>	
CD #1	1,181.78
CD #2	10,277.77
CD #3	6,284.72
<b>Total Certificate of Deposit</b>	<u>17,744.27</u>
<b>Courthouse Checking</b>	12,264.32
<b>General Checking Account</b>	586.74
<b>Money Market (Savings)</b>	11,347.73
<b>Petty cash</b>	100.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>42,043.06</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>42,043.06</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>42,043.06</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
<b>Building Fund</b>	4,258.22
<b>Courthouse Fund</b>	12,314.32
<b>General Fund</b>	11,254.60
<b>Memorial Fund</b>	14,215.92
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>42,043.06</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>42,043.06</u></u>

Also available for purchase is John Cuthbertson's **MIGHTY RIFLE RIVER** and his latest book, **DOWN FOR THE COUNT**. These are available at the Depot, Museum and Courthouse.

Gene Gillette's **HISTORY OF STANDISH** is available at the Depot.

Sally Hinds' poetry books are available at the Museum.



Aren't you glad you weren't on that train stuck in Bentley on 02/06/1908? Don't you wish it snowed like that now?

Need a clue ? - pg. 2