

ACHS NEWSLETTER

Arenac County Historical Society

May 2014

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Winter sure seemed very cold, windy and snowy. It's been a long time since we've had a Michigan winter like that. I always look forward to the seasons changing and I'm trying to wait patiently while Mother Nature decides whether spring will finally arrive. Green trees, beautiful flowers, planting gardens are certainly on my agenda. I hope you are feeling the same way.

The ACHS is in the process of planning summer activities. Our museum will be open on the 2nd and 4th weekends during the summer months. Appointments can always be made to visit the museum throughout the year. We are always happy to show off and discuss what our museum has to offer. We still get a lot of people requesting genealogical information and they seem to enjoy coming to the museum to look through all that we have.

This winter, Tom Mayer came to the to see his dad's old fishing boat that sits outside the museum. He had donated it to us several years ago and had recently found more information and artifacts on his father's business which he donated to us. He had receipts, fish orders, Coast Guard information and a boat tag that was still in a sealed envelope and had never been opened. We had concluded that it was about the same time his father had gotten sick and could no longer fish, so he never used the tag. He had fish orders that were sent around the country for all kinds of fish during the 1940's, 50's and 60's. Some types included trout, perch, pike and carp. We had a good laugh about the carp being sent to New York City. We wondered if any of the rich and famous knew they were eating carp. Joann Gulau has put together a scrap book with all this information so everyone may enjoy reading about commercial fishing from our area.

We have some summer programs planned and in progress. Eric Jhyla will be back in Au Gres June 10th to present a program on the logging industry. At one time Arenac County and the State of Michigan had a lot of logging companies that shipped all types of cut trees around the world. Logging and lumber companies made a lot of money during the logging boom. There is still a high demand for Michigan lumber and logs. On July 15 we will be having a program by Chris Czopek from Lansing. He will be discussing "Indians from Arenac County in the Civil War". Our August program will be announced later. Ye Olde Courthouse will also be having programs that are sponsored by the Omer library, a certain board member and spouse will be making their debut in the motion picture business. You will just have to come to the programs and find out who it is. Who knows, maybe we will see them on the red carpet at the Academy Awards!!!

We hope to see you this summer. Bring your friends and family and see what we have to offer. You may be pleasantly surprised!

Sandy Proulx
President

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THE DEPOT NEWS

The AHRA held their annual fundraising dinner on May 3rd. Proceeds from the dinner, raffles and silent auction are used by the Depot for operating costs. Thanks to all who donated items for the silent auction and our very generous guests for their support. Thanks also to the great group at the American Legion who were our hosts.

Mina, Angie and helpers are busy cleaning up all the old plants and planning the new plantings for spring. We are looking for people to "adopt" a flower bed and care for it this summer. Please call the Depot or stop in and leave your name and number if you could spare some time to help out.

We have many great events coming up this summer at the Depot. Our concert series includes Flipside, Lenny Hicks & Band, Steve Drzweicki's Polka Band, Point Blank, Murzyka, and Omer City Limits. The Model A & T Car Show is scheduled for July 12th. Please watch our website and the Arenac County Independent for all the dates and details.

Volunteers are always needed to staff the Depot and for various projects on the Depot grounds. Please call Sue at 989-718-3021 if you are interested. Staffing the Depot is a fun and interesting job. We will be busy soon with guests who are looking for information and stories.

The Heritage Route Authority meets on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Depot. This is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend. Memorial bricks are still available for the sidewalk. Forms may be picked up at the depot or printed from our website.

Brenda Matt

Depot Representative

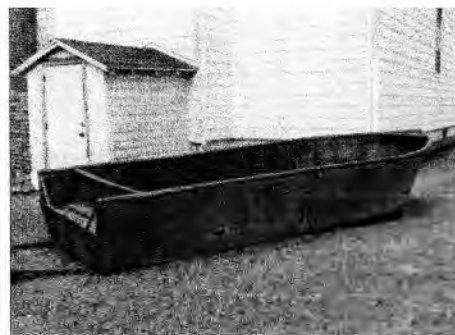
INDIAN BRAVE LAID TO REST
 Abraham David, an Indian boy of Saganing, made the supreme sacrifice in France during the recent world war. His body was returned home to his mother at Saganing and last Sunday was laid to rest in the Saganing Mission cemetery. One of the largest funerals in the history of Saganing was held in his honor. Six ex-service men were pall-bearers. Rev. A. B. Sutcliffe of the Standish M. E. church preached the sermon at the Saganing Mission church. American Legion members from Pineau and Standish were in Attendance. He was given a military burial.

TWINGING POSTMASTER MARRIES
 G. B. Moat, the obliging and efficient postmaster of Twining, was married on Sunday, May 4, to Miss Alma Desmarais of Bay City. The marriage ceremony took place in Bay City. The young couple will make their home in Twining where they have already started keeping house. Their many friends extend heartiest congratulations. 5-15-1919

Above - Arenac Independent 5/15/19

Left - Arenac Independent 6/30/21

Clips and Pics



This commercial fishing boat belonged to Lawrene "Buster" Mayer.

NOTICE
 My wife, Hazel Brookins, having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, I hereby warn all parties against trusting or harboring her on my account as I will pay no bills of her contracting.
 Dated Dec. 27, 1917.
 David Brookins, Twining, R. 2.
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Some domestic disturbance from the Arenac Independent on January 10, 1918

13 MEN GO
APRIL 30
 Special Train Will Take Men To Camp Custer

Arenac County's next contingent of men to be called to the colors will leave Standish on a special train at 4 a. m. on Tuesday, April 30. 17 men have been notified to report at Standish at 1 p. m. on Monday, Apr. 29. From this number 13 will be chosen to go. More than the required number are called each time so that in case of sickness or some unavoidable cause a registrant was delayed in appearing.

248—Otto Wm. Canuteson, Deep River
 274—John Otis Mutch, Deep River
 278—Frank Lentner, Turner
 287—Ora Keitner, Arenac
 291—Maryan Kovytkowski, Deep River
 292—Wm. Henry Merrick, Moffatt
 298—Wm. J. Brown, Au Gres City
 298—Stanley Sirva, Arenac
 303—George Grier, Lincoln
 312—George Weigandt, Sims
 315—Robert N. Dunn, Moffatt
 328—Carl Cecil Coolbaugh, Standish City
 335—Frank Knack, Deep River
 336—Arthur Henry Trefchel, Adams
 339—Harry Brown, Lincoln
 341—John Gleason, Omer
 345—Geo. Rockwell, Carscallen Omer.

From the Arenac Independent 4/25/18

COURTHOUSE and ACHS NEWS

The Arenac County Historical Society and the Ye Olde Courthouse Committee lost a good friend and benefactor with the passing of Marian Maday.

Theda (Marian) Maday **1934-2014**

Author and Friend of the ACHS

Marian Maday, author of A History of Maple Ridge, passed away on March 15, 2014. Theda, known as Marian, was born on June 2, 1935, in Maple Ridge to Ithamer and Loah (Anderson) Poole. Marian grew up on her parents' farm in Maple Ridge and attended Maple Ridge School. She graduated from the Sterling High School in 1954. She married Robert Maday on October 15, 1955. Bob and Marian lived in Sterling where they raised their five children. Marian was extremely proud of her children and grandchildren. She spent several years compiling scrapbooks of her family and compiled the genealogy of the Poole, Shaw and Anderson families. She very generously shared all of her information with family members and the Arenac County Historical Society.

Marian's memories of Maple Ridge inspired her to write a book, The History of Maple Ridge. She spent countless hours researching, writing letters, corresponding through the internet and calling and visiting with other residents and descendants of the people from "The Ridge". Marian's book was published by the ACHS in 2008. Marian donated all the rights and proceeds from the sale of her book to the Historical Society. The ACHS will long remember Marian's generosity, her smiles and friendliness to all of us at the historical society who had the good fortune to know her and work with her. She will be missed.

Our ramp and universally accessible entrance is complete, thanks to the Community Foundation and the Carol C. Noeske Arenac Disability Fund. We were awarded \$ 3,000.00 for this project from the foundation. It was very difficult for many of our guests to enter the building and this ramp and entrance now make it possible for all of our guests and volunteers to have access to the Courthouse. We would like to thank this great group of volunteers who devote their time and talents to provide grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Arenac County.

Please join us on Memorial Day Weekend for another delicious bake sale, tours and junque sale to benefit the courthouse. We will be open on Friday, May 23rd thru Monday, May 26th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Masons are joining us for a junque sale and will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers cooked on a grill. A great opportunity to have lunch, shop and visit with us!

Future plans include another Junque Sale for the 4th of July week-end and a book sale in August.

Please save your good "Junque" for us. We will be glad to pick up your leftovers from garage sales and the good junque from attic, garage and basement cleaning. You may call any of our members or committee chairs for pick up.

Ye Olde Courthouse Committee

Brenda Matt

Chair 989-846-0501

Phyllis Klender

Recording Secretary 989-653-2762

Joann Gulau

Financial Chair 989-876-6468



Thanks to the generosity of the Arenac Community Fund and Questors Loggin Wheels, Chapter 328, and the ACHS has purchased a high resolution scanner. We have accumulated many volumes of historical documents and pictures (many of them originals) and we have been very concerned about the possible loss of these through fire or disaster. This scanner will enable us to copy these records and store copies of them at additional locations. Many thanks to the Arenac Community Foundation and Questors for their thoughtfulness in helping us to preserve the history of Arenac County.

HEADSTONE DEDICATION TO FALLEN SOLDIERS

Saturday May 31, 2014

10:30 a.m.

Clayton Township Cemetery

1100 Reed Road . . . Sterling

Light Lunch Provided

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides by 3P's

Stones will be laid on the graves of the following Civil War soldiers:

Pvt. Luther H. Johnson – died in 1906

Q.M. Sgt. George E. Fish – died in 1913

Corp. Alva Scofield – died in 1925

Pvt. Charles Hamlin – died in 1930



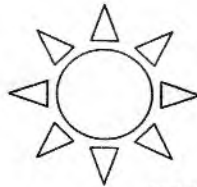
MUSEUM BOOK STORE

All of our book selections are for sale at the MUSEUM, the DEPOT and YE OLDE COURTHOUSE

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
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
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	\$25
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
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
HISTORY OF ARENAC COUNTY NORMAL 1904-1957 Joann Gulau and Mike Melvin	PRICE	\$30
PLAT BOOK of ARENAC COUNTY 1906	PRICE	\$12
PLAT BOOK of ARENAC COUNTRY 1920'S	PRICE	\$8
A POINT to REMEMBER	PRICE	\$30.00

Arenac County Historical Society Balance Sheet As of April 30, 2014

	Apr 30, 14
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Certificate of Deposit	
CD #1	1,186.50
CD #2	10,318.94
CD #3	6,309.85
Total Certificate of Deposit	17,815.29
Courthouse Checking	27,162.61
General Checking Account	1,673.33
Money Market (Savings)	8,332.74
Petty cash	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	55,083.97
Total Current Assets	55,083.97
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Building Fund	4,269.94
Courthouse Fund	26,106.22
General Fund	11,584.85
Memorial Fund	14,560.86
Net Income	-1,437.90
Total Equity	55,083.97
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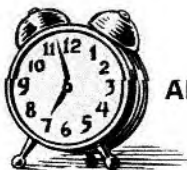
UPCOMING ACHS EVENTS

AT THE MUSEUM

June 10	Eric Jyhla	Logging
July 15	Chris Czopek	Indians from Arenac County in the Civil War

AT THE COURTHOUSE

May 14	Introduction to Roses
	Omer Library Adult Program
May 23-24-25	Bake and Junque Sale
9 - 5	Masons also selling their good Junque and serving lunch
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August 16	Ric Mixer
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August 30	Weird Michigan
	Omer Library Program



ALL PROGRAMS START AT 7:00 PM

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 August 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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