

ACHS NEWSLETTER

Arenac County Historical Society

August 2014

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

It has been wonderful seeing so many people I have not seen before attending our programs at the museum. Eric Jyhla gave a program on Logging in Michigan in June. Chris Czopek gave a program in July on Indians serving from Arenac County during the Civil War. In August Jill Brumwell will be presenting a program on the History of Drummond Island. I hope many of you will be able to attend the program in August. I think it will be another interesting one.

I think many of us are interested in many aspects of Arenac County history and Michigan history. Last fall I was doing research for someone and it took me to Cedar Valley Cemetery. I found what I was looking for, but I also found something that I didn't know. We have Spanish American War Veterans buried in Arenac County. I also found something else; someone from Arenac County serving during the Civil War was aboard the steamboat Sultana that exploded in the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee. I am so interested, that I am working on doing a program at the museum about this person and events that occurred. It may take me a while and I am hoping to have my research and program ready for next summer.

Summer seems to be the time for a lot of family reunions. We do a lot of family research for people requesting information. I have also heard from some of these families thanking us for the information we have sent them. I have found that when we were young, history didn't seem so important. We were busy working and raising families. History took a space in the back of our minds. I know many people feel the same way. As we mature history moves forward in our minds and we have more time to inquire about our family heritage. Sometimes we find things that are amazing and sometimes we find things that maybe should be left alone. In either case we can put our family history together and find things that make us who we are. So I say be proud of your heritage, no matter what happened in the past. The important thing is living your life to the fullest and learning from past mistakes or past accomplishments. It makes us better people and citizens of our communities, state and country. Be proud of what we have done and move forward to make a better world for all to enjoy. I am proud to serve as president of this historical society and I am proud of our ancestors who sacrificed so much so we can enjoy the communities we live in. Saving our history is an important part of our heritage and adds to what we can accomplish in our future.

We are looking for people to serve on our board and volunteers to help us from time to time. If you are interested you can contact us and let us know your interests. Even if it's only one time, we appreciate any and all help. Check out our website and like us on Facebook. You just may find interests you never knew you had.

Sandy Proulx
President

The Point Lookout Book...A POINT TO
REMEMBER IS AVAILABLE AT THE "POINT
LOOKOUT STORE" THANKS TO JANET
FOR DOING THIS FOR US.

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ACHS WEBSITE: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miachs/index.htm>

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THE DEPOT NEWS



Summer has been very busy at the Standish Historical Depot. Our visitors stop at the depot seeking information on Arenac County including historical data about their ancestors and where they lived. We direct them to the books we stock from the ACHS and they are impressed with the information they find there.

Our volunteer groundskeepers have done a beautiful job in keeping the depot grounds in order and the many flower beds weeded, mulched and watered. This is a big job and we are thankful for the many people in the community who have volunteered their time and talents to this project. More people are always welcome to both maintain the depot and to staff it. Please stop in and leave your name and number if you would like to join us. Dr. Ron Schwab's tree project is doing well as is the new grass on the north end of the grounds.

The Heritage Route Authority held a Model A and Model T Car show in July. Many of the same people return every year to display their vehicles and are always impressed with the hospitality shown them and with the depot and grounds.

We are conducting a raffle this summer and the 1st prize is a Husqvarna riding lawn mower. Second prize is a large set of Pampered Chef Cookware and third is an antler lamp and wine holder. Tickets are \$ 5.00 ea. or 3 for \$ 10.00. Tickets are available at the depot and from authority members.

Our summer concert series is nearly over and we are busy making plans for Depot Days which will be held October 4th and 5th. We will again have a chili making and pie baking contest on Saturday as well as vendors and entertainment. The Making Memories Petting Zoo is scheduled for Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. The ACHS will have several scrapbooks available both days as well as representatives from the Historical Society to assist our visitors.

The Depot will be celebrating its 125th anniversary on October 13. Please watch our website (www.standishdepot.org) for an announcement on the time. Everyone is invited to share this celebration with us. We have ornaments available for purchase at the depot for this event.

The Arenac Heritage Route Authority meets at the depot on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. This is an open meeting and all are invited to attend.

Brenda Matt
Authority Representative

OLDEN TIMES AND OLDEN LINES

HORSES FOR SALE

We always have some good horses for sale.
We buy all kinds of live stock at any time of the year.

Highest Prices Paid and a Square Deal is our motto

George Kerr **Harrison & Kerr**
Sterling Standish

ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL

Murder and other things will come out. A couple of weeks ago Charley Jennings and Rob Russell were over to Standish from AuGres to attend Masonic lodge and banquet. On the way home they got mixed in directions or else Jennings went to sleep at the wheel. Anyway they ran off the gravel road and into the ditch. This necessitated the cutting of brush and a lot of pushing and cussing to get the car on the road again and they didn't get home until 2 o'clock a. m. (They left Standish at 11.) Both men felt guilty over the mishap and tried to hush it up but it leaked out.

4-24-1919

Good Things To Eat

Following is a partial list of the good things to eat that you can buy at the Standish Bakery:

Fried Cakes.....	per doz.	15c
Doughnuts.....	per doz.	12c
Cookies.....	per doz.	12c
All Two Crust Pies.....		15c
All Soft Pies.....		20c
Cakes.....	from 20c to 50c	
Jelly Rolls.....		10c
Bread.....	5c and 10c	
Cup or Drop Cakes.....	per doz.	20c

Anything baked to order at reasonable prices.

STANDISH BAKERY
STANDISH, MICHIGAN

BIRTHS

Mrs. John Freckling, Whitney, a girl.

Mrs. Mose Campbell, Omer, a girl.

Mrs. Joseph Donnelly, Melita, a boy.

Mrs. W. P. Reaver, Omer, a boy.

Mrs. Frank Yanna, Gibson, a girl.

Mrs. Peter Halero Jr, city, a boy.

Mrs. Frank Pearsall, Arenac, a girl.

5-8-1913

**NOTICE OF TELE. 12-12-18
PHONE MEETING**

A meeting of all telephone owners on lines 7 and 23 operated from Sterling central will be held at Melita hall Saturday evening, Dec. 14 at 7:30. All members are requested to be present, as we must settle for switch-board service and toll accounts. An assessment of \$3 each for repairs and maintenance also falls due on this date. Treasurer Wm. Daniels will be preparing to show an itemized statement of each member's account and receive assessments and switch-board dues. Officers are to be elected for ensuing year and other business of importance attended to. Be on hand and don't forget your check books.

A. M. Knight,
Jno. Christie,
Jno. Donnelly,
Committee.

COURTHOUSE and ACHS NEWS

Ye Olde Courthouse/Masonic Hall
ACHS August Newsletter

The Ye Olde Courthouse has had a very successful summer thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers and friends. Please join us for our Labor Day weekend which will consist of another great "Junque" Sale and bake sale. We will be open on Thursday, August 28th thru Saturday, August 30th. Our committee has been busy picking up lots of good "Junque" from several sales and from our friends who are cleaning house, garage, attic or basement.

The sales of "Junque" from our 4th of July sale gave us a profit of \$ 2,187.25 and the bake sale profit was \$ 554.00. Our Omer Bakers continue to amaze and support us with their delicious baked goods. We made \$ 615.00 on our last book sale and we will continue to hold book sales in the future.

Our guests are enjoying our new Universally Accessible Ramp on the south entrance to our building. This ramp was paid for through a grant from the Carol E. Noeske Fund of the Bay Arenac Community Foundation. It has been a great deal of help to us also when we are carrying in our merchandise for our Junque Sales. One of our members, Jim Steward, has installed a stone and blacktop driveway so that vehicles can now drive directly to the ramp. Jim keeps our lawn mowed in the summer and our snow plowed in the winter. Thanks, Jim for all you do.

Improvements are being planned for the courthouse which includes replacing several of the old windows (which are original to the building) and painting the exterior.

Our committee is very willing to come to your house and pick up your leftovers from sales or other good junque that you wish to donate. You may call one of our committee members to make arrangements.

Pledges are always welcome as are volunteers for this great project. Please join us for Labor Day week end. It is your opportunity to purchase lots of good "Junque" and delicious baked goods.

Ye Olde Courthouse Committee

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

AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTEREST

The HURON SHORES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Presents

A CIVIL WAR VETERAN CEMETERY WALK



At the Clayton Township Cemetery
1100 Reed Road, Sterling, MI
Sunday September 7, 2014
2:00 p.m.
Everyone Welcome Free Event
Light Refreshments

For more information contact:
Lugene Daniels
989.756.3852



The old Arenac Township School

School's about to start again, drive carefully !

MUSEUM BOOK STORE

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

A 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: and 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, MI 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 COUNTY 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	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

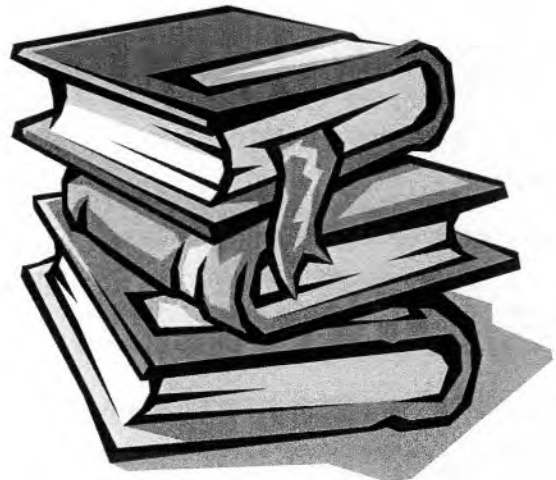
(NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PT. LOOKOUT STORE)

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

	Jun 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	23,211.53
General Checking Account	586.23
Money Market (Savings)	10,404.87
Petty cash	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	52,117.92
Total Current Assets	52,117.92
TOTAL ASSETS	52,117.92
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Building Fund	4,270.11
Courthouse Fund	23,261.53
General Fund	10,024.84
Memorial Fund	14,561.44
Total Equity	52,117.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	52,117.92

Financial Notes

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Net Income	-\$655.46	\$355.49



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 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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UPCOMING EVENTS

Junque Sale and Bake Sale

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
August 28, 29, 30

Omer Courthouse

Civil War Veteran Cemetery Walk

Clayton Twp. Cemetery
Sunday 2:00 pm
September 7th

Ric Mixer – Lighthouses

Tuesday,
September 16th
7:00 pm
Omer Library Program
Held at Omer Courthouse

Weird Michigan

Tuesday
September 30
7:00 pm
Omer Library Program
Held at Omer Courthouse