

ACHS NEWSLETTER

Arenac County Historical Society

Preserving The Heritage of Arenac County, Michigan

May 2015

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

A new Summer and Fall Season will begin at the Arenac County Historical Society. We have a wonderful line up beginning at the museum in June through August. Starting in September Ye Olde Courthouse will have several programs that are equally fantastic. We hope you enjoy them. They will be listed later in the newsletter as well as our website. Flyers will also be distributed throughout the communities and county.

Again, we are always looking for volunteers. Our buildings need cleaning and updating. There may also be some minor repairs to be done to make the buildings more eye appealing. We need people to help guide groups (such as grade school children) through the buildings. We have had several groups come through our buildings and are so impressed with the artifacts we have. Children are really impressed with the apothecary corner. They see barber shop items and bottles of medicines. The dentist chair and barber chair are also questioned. But, the best question of all is when they see the bottle of Castor Oil. So we tell them the story in the time of their grandparents about its use. You want to really pay attention to them because their eyes become very large and very scared when you tell them it tastes really bad. It tastes worse than brussel sprouts. And if you had a stomach ache, you received your dose of Castor Oil. If you broke your leg, more castor oil. Finally if you were faking some illness to get out of school, you received a double dose. We tell them it is still made today and they hope their parents never find out about this great miracle medicine.

We hope you will take time to enjoy some of the many events that will take place throughout Arenac County. Our county is small but it is rich with history and our job is to help preserve that history. Check out our website and face book page. Watch for flyers. There are some amazing things to see. If you are possibly looking for family members, check out the cool photos in that section. The museum has quite a few scrapbooks with pictures and old newspaper articles. Our genealogical section is very interesting too. You may be able to find out about the politics of your ancestors. How did they register? Were they democrats or republicans? You possibly may not want to know. In any case it is worth a few laughs.

Visit us this summer because we are looking forward to seeing you again. If you cannot visit us at times we are open, we can always arrange a visit by appointment. Then it becomes more personal. You are all special to us, so we hope to see you soon.

Sandy Proulx
President

Thanks to all who made a donation to "GIVE LOCAL BAY" in our name.

Total donated was \$5,800.00. Our group had the most \$\$\$. After incentives were added we ended up with \$15,669.61. More details in next newsletter.

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Does anyone remember "Basket Pete" He and his wife lived just north of AuGres on the right side of US23 going towards Tawas, probably near where Tonkey Road is. We are trying to find out his last name. He and his wife used to sit outside by their house and make baskets, My Mom used to get her clothes baskets from him. Please contact the museum if you can help with this.

**Ye Olde Courthouse/Masonic Hall
ACHS Newsletter, May 2015**

The committee at the Ye Olde Courthouse began 2015 with a book sale which was held in March. We netted \$ 678.00 from this sale. We were open on March 28th and held a bake sale and a mini Junque sale. This was the weekend that the Omer Sucker Derby for Kids was held that was a great success. Our bake sale profit was \$425.00 and our Junque sale profit was \$ 400.70.

The Community Dinners have been well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The next dinner will be held on May 18th at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to pass and enjoy an evening with friends and acquaintances.

We will be doing some spring clean-up around the building, watch for the dates on our sign and join us.

The Arenac County Historical Society, Ye Olde Courthouse Project is participating in the Arenac Bay Community Foundation, Give Local Bay held on May 5th. This is a matching grant fundraiser and we will report on this in the next newsletter.

Dan Ellison has completed obtaining bids for the foundation stabilization at the Courthouse. Our committee will be making a decision on this soon. We have applied for several grants to help fund this expensive but necessary project.

Our first big Junque Sale will be held during Memorial Day week end, May 22, 23 and 24. Our Junque Sales are our major fundraiser and we appreciate all of you saving your "good" Junque for us. Our next big sale will July 2, 3, and 4th. Call one of our committee members and we will make arrangements to pick up your good Junque and garage sale or estate sale leftovers.

Our committee meets at the courthouse on the fourth Friday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome to participate in this fun project. Contact one of our members if you are interested.

Brenda Matt, Committee Chair 989-846-0501
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Joann Gulau, Financial Chair 989-876-6468

**Our Specials for Friday and Saturday
September 20 and 21**

SUGAR, 10 Pounds	47c
HOME BAKER FLOUR, 24 1/2 -Lb. Sack	70c
CAMAY SOAP, 3 Bars 19c, Curlee Comb 1c, all for	20c
SUN AID CLEANSER, 2 Large Bottles	15c
CAMPBELL'S TOMATO SOUP, 3 for	25c
CRYSTAL WHITE SOAP CHIPS, Giant Box	29c
SUPER SUDS, Blue Box	20c
STORE CHEESE, Pound	15c
Pure Lard, pound	7c
Bacon Squence, pound	9c
Boiling Beef, pound	10c
Bologna, 2 pounds	25c

Gee's Cash Grocery, Turner Mich.
Meats and Groceries

9-18-1940

9-6-1917

WANT ANOTHER TOWNSHIP
Residents of Point Lookout and others of the southern part of Whitney township as now constituted will petition the board of supervisors at their October session to divide Whitney into two townships. Whitney is now composed of a town and a half, 19 and 20.
Residents of the south half of the township claim get little consideration on roads at present is why they want a separate township. Ed. Simms, a big land owner in the southern part of the township, is engineering the work with the legal assistance of Attorney B. J. Henderson of Standish.

4-3-1940

Dance at AuGres
There will be a dance at the Roe Restaurant at AuGres this Saturday night with the Pintosky Sisters furnishing good music. You are invited to come. 49-1

M. J. Murray and wife, relief agent for the M. C. railroad, will take J. E. Hisey's place at the depot while Mr. and Mrs. Hisey take their annual summer vacation. They will visit at Grand Rapids, Lansing and Langsburg and expect to return about October 1. 9-15-1988

**Arenac Heritage Route Authority
Standish Historical Depot
ACHS Newsletter, May 2015**

The tarps were removed from the English Passenger Cars, spring flowers are blooming and travelers are stopping at the depot seeking information about places and people in Arenac County. Mina, Angie, Carrie and crew have removed the dead foliage from the plants and are beginning upkeep on our beautiful gardens. The Frozen Tea (based on the Disney movie Frozen) was held on Saturday, May 2nd. Tickets were sold out several weeks ago and all our guests enjoyed the exquisite decorations, being served special tea for children (punch), visiting with Elsa and Anna, treats, games, gift bags and horse drawn carriage rides in a beautiful white carriage. Many thanks to everyone who donated their time and talents to this very successful event.

Our summer concert series of eight concerts are all arranged. Six will be held at the Depot in Standish, one in the park in Omer and one in AuGres. Entertainers and dates will be published in the Arenac as well as on our web site, www.standishdepot.org.

Events at the depot include a Trunk Sale to be held on May 16th and a Craft Show on June 6th. A City Wide Sale in Standish is planned for June 5, 6 and 7th. Call the Depot if you would like to register for the city wide sale. Maps will be prepared for locations for this sale.

The Model A & Model T will be held on Saturday, July 11th at the Depot. We are arranging an art show to be held at the depot in June. These artists belong to an art guild in Gladwin and will have their paintings on display and available for purchase. Watch our website for the date and time.

The Model A & Model T cars from the Standish car show, will be at the Olde Courthouse on Friday evening the 10th.

Volunteers are always needed and welcome to staff the depot as well as maintaining the flower beds and necessary maintenance work on our buildings and decks. Call the Depot at 718-3021 if you are interested in helping us.

Brenda Matt, Depot Representative

A remarkable train passed through Standish Monday morning. It was a freight train drawn by a six driver engine, and contained 36 large sized box cars all loaded with flour. The train was made up at Duluth, from where the flour was shipped, and was enroute for the eastern market. We are informed by Station Agent Hisey that the load was valued at \$75,000. 7-7-1899

Thomas Powell, who was recently a pleasant caller at the Independent office, says he was the first settler of the village of Standish and kept a boarding house, was a foreman for John D. Standish before the town was laid out in lots and when the Michigan Central was not completed within a mile of the present enterprising place. It is 31 years since Mr. Powell was in Standish and he was so surprised and pleased at the way things have progressed, that the old soldier said he wanted to be buried here, and may his wish finally be gratified. He now resides at 1636 Trumbull street, Bay City and expects to come here to live. 11-13-1902

**Arenac County Historical Society
Balance Sheet
As of February 28, 2015**

	Feb 28, 15
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Certificate of Deposit	
CD #1	1,191.22
CD #2	10,318.94
CD #3	6,376.49
Total Certificate of Deposit	17,886.65
Courthouse Checking	31,997.83
General Checking Account	942.95
Money Market (Savings)	9,694.22
Petty cash	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	60,621.65
Total Current Assets	60,621.65
Other Assets	
BACF Endowment Fund	
Courthouse Agency Fund	2,500.00
Total BACF Endowment Fund	2,500.00
Total Other Assets	2,500.00
TOTAL ASSETS	63,121.65
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Building Fund	4,281.35
Courthouse Fund	34,547.83
General Fund	9,294.28
Memorial Fund	14,998.19
Total Equity	63,121.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	63,121.65

Arenac Historical Society Books & Publications – Mail Order Form

The Society has a number of books and publications for sale related to Arenac County history and people. All of our selections are also for sale at the Museum, the Depot, and Ye Olde Courthouse.

Mark selection box in left column, and add price to subtotal for each item desired. Then add shipping as detailed at bottom.

Title & Description of Book or Publication	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> "A Point to Remember" - A Pictorial History of Point Lookout, Michigan - Val Korth, 2014 - Second Edition	\$ 30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Arenac County Normal, 1904-1957 - written and compiled by the ACHS; 2013	\$ 30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 1906 Standard Atlas of Arenac County, Michigan: including a plat book of the villages, cities and townships of the county - includes index - reprinted by the ACHS; 2012	\$ 12.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Soldiers & Sailors of Arenac County That Served in the Great War. (WWI)-written and compiled by the ACHS 2010. 300pg	\$ 28.00
<input type="checkbox"/> A History of Maple Ridge, Arenac County, Michigan - written & compiled by Marion Poole Maday & Friends; 2008 282 pgs	\$ 28.00
<input type="checkbox"/> A History of Arenac County, Michigan - by Calvin Ennes; edited, compiled and amended by Paul Michalke; 2003, 208 pgs	\$ 25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Wah Sash Kah Moqua, or Thirty-Three Years among the Indians - by Mary A. Henderson Cabay Sagatoo; 1897 - Reprinted by Printer's Devil Press. Content: 140 pages plus illustrations	\$ 12.00
<input type="checkbox"/> The Story of Standish and its People, 1876-1976 - by Allan McCready, 1976 - Reprinted. 108 pages plus illustrations.	\$ 10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Families of Standish Township, 1974 - Reprinted; Lots of family names and pictures. 32 pages.	\$ 10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Omer Centennial Book, 1872-1972 - Reprinted.	\$ 10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> History of the Sterling Area - by Virginia Adams, 1976 - Reprinted, 16 pgs	\$ 8.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> The Handy Cook's Book - 1915 - by the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church, Au Gres.	\$ 6.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Arenac County "First County Fair" Premium Book - 4 1/2" x 6", originally printed in 1885. Reprint	\$ 6.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 100th Anniversary - Omer Masonic Lodge #377 F. & A. M. - Reprint; Includes a history of Omer & Free Masonry	\$ 6.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Arenac County Fair Premium Book - 1914 - Reprinted, Includes ads of the period, showing businesses in the County	\$ 3.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Short History of Arenac County Roads - 2004 - With 3 different color maps of the county. 30 pages.	\$ 6.00
<input type="checkbox"/> This is the Way We Went to School; West and Northwest of Saginaw Bay Around the Turn of the Century	\$ 6.00
<input type="checkbox"/> One Room Country Schools, Arenac County, Michigan - edited by Marie Bauer & Friends of Arenac County Historical Society, 1992. Reprinted with additional photos, names and information. 4 volumes with illustrations and maps.	\$ 7.00 Per Vol.
<input type="checkbox"/> One Room Country Schools Map - Content: Map of Arenac County showing all of the 42 One (and two) room schools that were in the County at one time. 8 1/2" x 11"	\$ 2.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Arenac County Directory - 1947 - Reprinted. Lots of local information. 90 pages.	\$ 8.00
<input type="checkbox"/> St. John's United Church of Christ - Au Gres 1912 - 1981 - Content: Known as "Old German Church", located on Delano Road. Later closed and now sits in park in Au Gres across the street from the ACHS museum.	\$ 5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Plat Book of Arenac County - villages, cities and townships - circa 1920 - Reprint; aps showing land ownership + index	\$ 10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Au Gres Centennial 1865-1965: From Timber to Tourists - History of Au Gres Area, 1965 - Reprint	\$ 6.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Rifle River Centennial Sucker Festival, Omer Michigan, April 8, 9, 10, 1983 - Content: Schedule of events, committee members, history on Omer and sucker fishing, sucker recipes history on logging and more.	\$ 4.00
<input type="checkbox"/> POINT LOOKOUT, The Famous old Summer Resort located on the West Shore of Saginaw Bay. Unrivaled as a Summer Resort. - 12 pg booklet, to promote the area when the Steamers were bringing in tourists. Pictures, time tables and more.	\$ 3.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Au Gres Harbor Story - Short story of how Au Gres got the Harbor of Refuge and Marina, spanning 1945 -1973 12 pgs	\$ 3.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Program Pioneer Picnic & Homecoming - Au Gres - 1942 - Published for the annual Pioneer Picnic in Au Gres. 20 pg bklt	\$ 3.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 1883 to 1983 - Arenac County Centennial - One Hundred Years of Growth - Road Tour Guide; Small 12 page booklet	\$ 3.00
<input type="checkbox"/> The Early Au Gres Area - A Series of maps with Buildings and Landmarks. Edited and Modified by Mike Melvin	\$ 5.00

Subtotal

Mail orders, please include the following shipping and handling charges in addition to the price at the right of each item:

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- \$3.50 for "A History of Arenac County, Michigan"
- All other items:
- \$3.50 for the first item
- \$0.50 each additional item

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 Au Gres, Michigan 48703-0272

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Arenac County Historical Society (ACHS) was incorporated in 1971, 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

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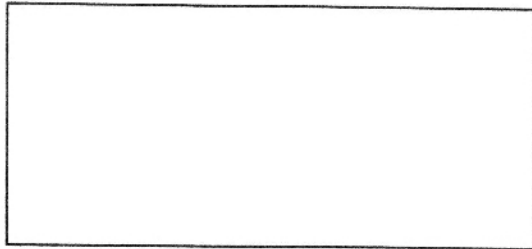
Category	Dues	Category	Dues
STUDENT (under 18 years)	\$3	PATRON	\$250
SENIOR (over 55 years)	\$10	BUSINESS	\$50
SENIOR COUPLE (over 55 years)	\$15	LIFE - Over 55 (individual)	\$150
INDIVIDUAL	\$15	LIFE - Over 55 (couple)	\$225
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ACHS Newsletter For:



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COMING EVENTS

- May 22, 23, 24; 9am – 4pm:** Huge Junque Sale. Olde Courthouse in Omer
- June 10, 7pm:** Eric Jylha. History on Indians in our Area. ACHS Museum in AuGres
- July 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 9am - 4pm:** Another Huge Junque Sale. Olde Courthouse in Omer.
- July** Program pending.
- July 10, 6pm:** Standish Model T and Model A cars on display at Olde Courthouse in Omer.
- Aug 7, 7pm:** Genot Picor, (Winter Elk) Stories, Song and Dance of Voyageur. ACHS Museum in AuGres
- Sept 23, 7pm:** Chris Czopek. Michigan Indians in the Civil War. Omer Library program at Olde Courthouse in Omer.
- Oct. 7, 7pm:** Dick Smith. Living with the Bears. Omer Library program at Olde Courthouse in Omer.
- Oct. 21, 7pm:** Larry Massey. Stories of Michigan's Past. Omer Library Program. Held at Olde Courthouse in Omer.