

ACHS NEWSLETTER

Arenac County Historical Society
Preserving The Heritage of Arenac County, Michigan

August 2015

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

So far this summer we have had two great programs by Eric Jylha. Eric graciously offered to do another program for us in July when the one we had scheduled had to cancel. He did a fantastic job and everyone seemed to enjoy both programs. On August 7th Genot "Winter Elk" Picor will present a program about the life and times of a French Voyager. I saw his program in Monroe, Michigan last year and I was so impressed I asked him if he could do a program for us. He explains through stories and songs how the missionaries and foreign people could communicate with the native Indians. The Arenac-Iosco County Library System is helping us sponsor the program. I would like to thank Linda Kauffman from the Au Gres Branch for helping us work out the details and the offer to help us sponsor the program.

Here I am again asking for volunteers to help us at the museum. We are also looking for people to serve on our board. Our museum and Ye Olde Courthouse are wonderful places to visit, preserve some history, dig through genealogy, and share stories. Arenac County has some unique history and funny tales of the past. We enjoy visitors, so bring your friends and visit us some time. We would be glad to set up appointments for personal tours if you can't come when the museum is open.

Work is being done on Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer. This work will firm up its foundation and flooring. The building is over one hundred years old. It was time to give it a better foundation so it may stand another one hundred years. It was a costly expense that you may not see, but this work had to be done so that other work on the building could continue when finances are available.

Arenac County and Michigan have so much to offer during the summer months. There are county fairs, local events in many towns and cities, boating, camping, swimming, tubing, canoeing, and kayaking along the river banks and lakes. If you enjoy lighthouses, there are a lot to see in Michigan that are accessible. Outer Islands and different types of animal and bird sanctuaries are wonderful places to visit too. Driving across the Mackinaw Bridge and seeing the Upper Peninsula shows you a panoramic view of our great state. We hope you can get out and enjoy some of the many places here in our county and our state. I think Michigan is one of the most beautiful states in our country. We have the great lakes surrounding us giving us a good climate and beautiful places to visit. Enjoy your summer and we hope you will visit us soon.

Sandy Proulx

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Ye Olde Courthouse/Masonic Hall

AWESOME NEWS FROM THE COURTHOUSE ARENAC BAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION "GIVE LOCAL BAY"

We promised you a report in our last newsletter on the Give Local Bay Fundraiser held by the Arenac Bay Community Foundation. The Ye Olde Courthouse Committee of the ACHS began an endowment fund with the foundation to provide for the future of this historic building. We had started the fund with a small amount of money and as a result of this fundraiser, our fund grew quickly. This 24 hr. event was held on May 5th. Funds could only be deposited by phone (credit card), e mail, or by presenting the money to the foundation office in Bay City. An incentive pool of \$ 80,000.00 was established by several Saginaw and Bay City area businesses. Hourly prizes were also awarded throughout the day.

Because of the generosity of our neighbors and friends the Ye Olde Courthouse received the largest percentage of the incentive pool. Donations included \$ 5,600.00, prize money totaled \$ 200.00 and \$9,869.00 in incentive funds were awarded for a total of \$15,669.00. Ricky Rockwell did a great job in the Arenac County Courthouse and collected a great deal from courthouse employees, commissioners, elected officials and several area organizations. Karen Rockwell and her granddaughters drove to the foundation office in Bay City to deliver the funds. Our committee members notified their friends and relatives and many of them donated. Committee member Joann Gulau sent an e mail to her friends and relatives and they were very generous. We want to thank the Bay Community Foundation, the incentive pool contributors and all of our supporters for participating in this event. Funds invested with the foundation help to secure the future of the Ye Olde Courthouse.

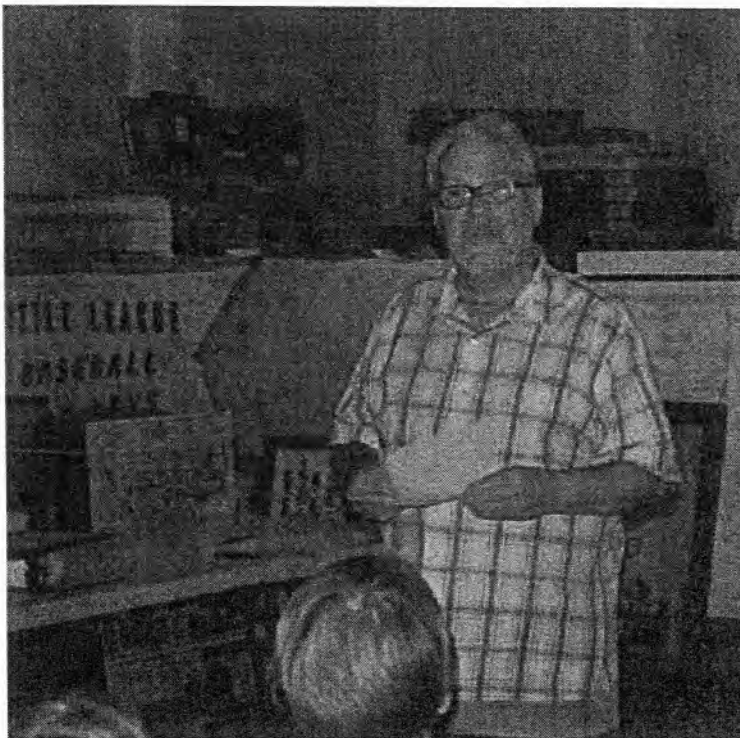
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MORE AWESOME NEWS FROM THE COURTHOUSE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE AND THE CITY OF OMER

The Courthouse was the fortunate recipient of \$ 35,000.00 in 2% money from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. Committee member Dan Ellison and City of Omer Mayor, Alice Sproule wrote a request through the City of Omer for funds to repair the foundation of the Courthouse. Dan met with several contractors and obtained bids for the repair. This was a very expensive but necessary project and wouldn't have been possible to complete at this time without this grant. Most of the floor joists and supports in the crawl space were badly deteriorated. J.M. Graham Masonry was the contractor hired for these repairs and Jim and his crew worked on the foundation for over a month. We now have solid floors and expect this historic structure to be enjoyed for many years to come. Thanks to Dan, Alice, the City of Omer and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe for making these repairs possible.

We are enjoying a great summer at the Courthouse. Our committee held a picnic for the Model A & T Car Show participants from the Depot. Our Memorial Day and 4th of July Junque Sales and bake sales were a huge success. Please join us for our next event, a Junque and Bake Sale to be held Labor Day week end.

Our committee meets at the courthouse on the fourth Friday of the month a 3 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome to participate in this Arenac Historical Society event. Contact one of our members if you are interested.



Thanks to Eric Jylha for doing two of his wonderful programs for us this summer. Everyone always enjoys his talks.

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

Summer is passing quickly at the Depot, flowers are blooming and guests from all over Michigan, Canada, England, New Zealand and several states are stopping at the Depot for information and picture taking of this historic building.

Our summer concerts are nearly over and have been very well attended. The seventh concert will be held on August 15 in Omer and the eighth and final will be held in Au Gres on August 22nd.

The Gladwin Art Guild held an art show at the Depot in June and we had many visitors for the two day show. The Art Guild members sold several paintings and were pleased with the sales and the interested people from the community who attended the show. Art work from the Guild may be viewed at Dr. Ron Schwab's office, Arenac Bay Veterinarian Services.

Our Model A & T Car show held in July was the largest held at the Depot. Entrants who were in the area on Friday were invited to Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer for a Picnic. The participants enjoyed the delicious picnic feast served by the Courthouse Committee Members. A highlight of the evening was a tour of the building which included the NEMC Baseball Exhibit, the old jail cell and the second story Masonic Hall. Several travelers along the Heritage Route through Omer stopped to admire the cars and visit with their owners. The group caravanned back to Standish and met at the Twisty Freeze for dessert.

Our parking lot blacktop has been re-sealed and we held Spring Clean Up Day on June 20th. Several volunteers worked the entire day weeding our flower beds, removing overgrown foliage, mulching, straightening rock beds, removing dead trees and cutting grass and weeds.

The City of Standish submitted a 2 % request to the Saginaw Chippewa for money to help finance the sound system for the concerts and to purchase a new fax/scanner/copier for the Depot. The City was granted the request which enabled us to fund both. We are deeply thankful to the Chippewa Tribe for their generosity to the Depot and the community.

Depot Days are scheduled for October 3th and 4th. Please watch our website and local advertising for more information. The Depot Days 5K Run/Walk will be held on Oct 3rd. For more information on the race go to www.DepotDaysRace.com.

We still have a lot of maintenance work that need to be done on the Depot grounds and to our railroad exhibit. Please call the Depot at 989-718-3021 if you could spare some time to help with our projects or if you are interested in staffing the Depot.

The Heritage Route Authority meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Depot. This is an open meeting and you are welcome to attend.

Brenda Matt, Depot Representative

Don't Forget..

That I keep a fine assortment of coffins and caskets always in stock. Prices ranging from \$18 to \$75



New Hearse and everything ready

Careful Attention Given to Embalming

J. S. Elwell, Undertaker, Standish

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THE TAP DANCING trio of Lois Weishuhn, Rosalyn Shannon and Lois Patterson is becoming quite famous. These attractive youngsters made a nice appearance at the play "Swing Out" last week and received a lot of applause. Another pair who put on a nice tap dancing number was Miss Shirley Streeter of Hale and Austin Rahl of Turner. And Datus Moore gave his usual fine saxophone number. Mrs. Moore accompanying him at the piano.

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**Arenac County Historical Society
Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2015**

	May 31, 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	35,600.92
General Checking Account	698.15
Money Market (Savings)	9,613.43
Petty cash	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	63,899.15
Total Current Assets	63,899.15
Other Assets	
BACF Endowment Fund	
Courthouse Agency Fund	2,925.00
Total BACF Endowment Fund	2,925.00
Total Other Assets	2,925.00
TOTAL ASSETS	66,824.15
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Building Fund	4,281.53
Courthouse Fund	38,575.92
General Fund	8,967.92
Memorial Fund	14,998.78
Total Equity	66,824.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	66,824.15

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COMING EVENTS

Sept 4, 5, 6, Fri, Sat, Sun, 9am – 4pm: Huge Junque Sale, and Bake Sale at the Omer Courthouse & Tent!

Sept 23, 7pm: Chris Czopek presents: *Michigan Indians in the Civil War*, at the Omer Courthouse

Oct 7, 7pm: Dick Smith presents: *Living with the Bears*, at the Omer Courthouse

Oct 21, 7pm: Larry Massey presents: *Stories of Michigan's Past*, at the Omer Courthouse

Three programs mentioned above are Omer Library Programs, funded by Iosco Arenac District Library.

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.

	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
<input type="checkbox"/> History of the Sterling Area, Second Generation - by Virginia Adams, 1977 - Reprinted. 15 pgs	\$ 8.00
<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	
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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

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Enclosed is \$ _____ for the 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 - 55And Under (couple)	\$400
BENEFACTOR	\$100		

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