



# ACHS NEWSLETTER

Arenac County Historical Society

Preserving The Heritage of Arenac County, Michigan

November 2015

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

We have had some great programs this summer and fall that were very well attended at the museum and Ye Olde Courthouse. We saw some new faces at each program and many of you who attend on a regular basis. We appreciate your support and will look forward to seeing many of you again. We will be working on programs for next year during the winter months. Be sure to watch our website and our newsletter in the future for these programs.

We have completed some structural work on Ye Olde Courthouse and there is more work to be done to bring the building up to tip top shape. Over time you will notice work being done. Of course all this takes a lot of money. We will progress as funds become available. The museum in Au Gres could use work also. We are asking a couple of contractors to check out the building and give us an evaluation concerning the structural soundness of the building and where we should begin if work needs to be done. If there is a lot of work to be done, we may have to look into finding some grants to help with the work.

I feel almost like a broken record, but I will keep on asking. We definitely need people to serve on our Arenac County Historical Society Board. We also need volunteers to help with projects at our locations. The work is not hard but some of it may be tedious. If you have time during the slow winter months and wish to help, please contact us and we can tell you the types of things that we would like to have done. Your help will be greatly appreciated and some of the work could be done in the comfort of your own home. New ideas come to life when we have new people help us. We would love your ideas even if you can't help.

We had a couple of new pictures donated to the museum of Walter Pendred Sr. and his four sons who served in the military at one time or another. They are beautiful and a tribute to the family. Some of them have passed away but we would like to thank them for their courageous service even if they are no longer with us. If you not aware, Zella Pendred was one of the founding members of the Arenac County Historical Society who was the wife of Walter Pendred Sr. and mother to the sons. We will be adding the pictures to our military corner that contains a lot of Arenac County military items.

It is coming to the end of another year and all of us from the society wish you all the very best. We hope you have a tasty Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and healthy and prosperous New Year. We hope to see you again next year. Please come see us again!!!!

All the very Best Wishes,  
Sandy Proulx  
President

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## Ye Olde Courthouse/Masonic Hall

The Ye Olde Courthouse Committee is busy planning for the holiday season and enjoying our solid floors. Our foundation stabilization project is complete except for having gutters installed to carry the rain away from the building. Our next project is the installation of a dusk to dawn light on the south side of the Courthouse. This will provide some very badly needed lighting for the ramp and the parking lot on the east side. We will begin our window replacement and paint project in the spring.

We had an early "Christmas Junque Sale" and Pie Sale on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Our great pie bakers made 72 pies for this sale and we sold them for \$ 598.00. Our Christmas Junque Sale made a total of \$ 853.00. Our special homemade candy, bake sale and fresh greens sale will be held on December 12 and 13 from 9 to 4. This is a great opportunity to purchase your Christmas candy for the holidays. Our fresh greens arrangements are very popular and come in a variety of sizes. These will stay fresh throughout December as long as they are watered. Our very talented volunteers will meet at the Courthouse on Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> to assemble these arrangements. Please contact Phyllis at 653-2762 if you would like to help with this project.

The Courthouse participated in the US 23 Discovery Tour in October. We are a site for the Geo Caching Trail that begins at the Depot and ends in Mackinaw City. This event lasts for one year and participants completing the tour may bring their completed passports to either the Depot in Standish or McGulpin Lighthouse in Mackinaw to receive their path tag. We were open for the four days of the Discovery Tour and hosted a book sale which netted us \$ 624.10.

Our next community "Pot Luck" gathering will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. This is a fun time for people to have a great supper and enjoy friendship. Everyone is welcome.

Because so many great people remember us with their donations of good "Junque" we are contemplating holding a sale in January or February. Watch our website and the Arenac County Independent for an announcement.

If any of our friends are considering making a holiday or tax deductible year end donation, please remember the Arenac County Historical Society/Ye Olde Courthouse Fund which is established with the Bay Arenac Community Foundation. We began this fund to provide for the future of this historic structure.

Our committee meets on the fourth Friday of every month at 3 p.m. at the courthouse. (Nov. meeting is scheduled for Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, due to Thanksgiving.) Volunteers are always welcome to join us. Contact one of our members if you are interested or if you have some good "Junque" you would like us to pick up.

Stop in on Dec. 12 or 13<sup>th</sup> to purchase some delicious home made treats and take home a beautiful fresh green arrangement to enjoy for the holidays. Enjoy a visit with us, a cup of coffee, hot chocolate and cookies during this holiday sale.

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

The museum was recently given a collection of pictures and documents from the McMillan family going back to the 1880's. We are planning a display for next summer that will include this collection and more pictures and information from the Maple Ridge Area. Please let us know if you have anything you would like to add to this display. Watch our newsletter and the local papers for an announcement of this exhibit.

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

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

### Steam Yacht Launched.

The little steam yacht "Wonagan," owned by Frank Mahoney at Pine River, was launched last Thursday into Pine River, and free excursions given on it all day last Sunday. The little boat is officered as follows:

Frank Mahoney, Captain; Randolph Beardsley, 1st Mate; Fred Filmore, 2nd Mate; Ed Mahoney, Clerk; Bert Smith, Steward; Will Lentz, 1st Engineer; O. G. Killmer, 2nd Engineer; Phil Clark, Fireman; A. McClintock, Deck. 9-15-1892

## Arenac Heritage Route Authority Standish Historical Depot

Santa will arrive at the Depot on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to take your children's picture with Santa and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while you are here. The Depot will be decorated beautifully by Mina, Angie and crew.

Our train car roofs have been scraped, primed and painted thanks to a grant from the Bay Arenac Community Foundation. Many thanks to the foundation board members who work so hard for our community. Tarps were placed over the English Passenger Cars on November 7<sup>th</sup> to keep them from water and snow damage.

Depot days was held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. We had a very successful Depot Days (in spite of the cold weather). Schmidt Amusements provided carnival rides and the horse drawn rides by Mike Stein of Gladwin were a big hit. Many thanks to the Standish Area Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the horse drawn wagon rides.

The Depot participated in the Lake Huron Discover Tour on October 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>. This was a promotion for tourism for North East Michigan and was sponsored partially by the Saginaw Chippewa. October 9<sup>th</sup> was proclaimed Indigenous People Day which is celebrated on Columbus Day. Guests were invited to "Chart Their Own Course" and several cities from Standish to Mackinac promoted attractions in their area. A Geo Caching Trail was also established which will continue for one year. The Depot in Standish, Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer and the Museum in AuGres were all geocaching sites. The Depot and McGulpin Lighthouse in Mackinaw are both sites where geocachers can turn in their passports and obtain their pathtag for completing the course.

The ACHS loaned their picture of John Standish which hung in the Museum to the Depot. This had been displayed in a prominent place and is a great addition to our building. A desk which was originally from the Depot was donated to us by Fred Lockwood. It is a very unique desk which contains a safe. It is in place in the station masters office. We have had several very interesting visitors here lately who have shared a lot of local history with us. Bob Hartman and Bob Miller, both former Standish residents have both spent several hours here and have contributed to our history. Bob Miller left here from the Depot for World War II. His father was a section hand for the Michigan Central Railroad and Bob brought a picture of him which we have placed on our wall with our other local men who worked here for the railroad.

A PBS station from Oscoda filmed a segment on railroads and logging in the caboose. We are not in their reception area but they will be providing us with a DVD of the segment.

Volunteers are always needed for staffing and maintenance at the depot. Please call us at 989-718-3021 if you would like to help. The Arenac Heritage Route Authority meets on the first Monday of the month at the Depot at 7 P.M. This is an open meeting and you are welcome to attend.

Brenda Matt, Depot Representative

9-19-42

### Will the Service Boys

**Pvt. Anthony Oteskey**, has completed his 18 week basic training and has qualified as Rifleman. He is stationed at the 1st Infantry, Camp Forrest, Tenn. He was recently transferred to the Heavy Weapon Co Machine Gun Squad at the 129th Infantry, Camp Forrest, Tenn. Pvt. Oteskey says the Infantry is pretty lousy.



**Pvt. Frank Dewald** is stationed at Company C, 18th En., Battery 1, A. F. E. T. C., U. S. Army, Fort Knox, Ky. He is the son of Mrs. Barbara Dewald, of Twinning. Pvt. Dewald was given a short leave recently to attend the funeral of his sister in Detroit and was allowed to come home and visit his mother for a little while.

The address of **Pvt. Alexander Charchan** is 36605324 Battery B, 906th F. A. Bn., A. F. O. 81, Camp Rucker, Alabama. His mother, Mrs. Julia Charchan, of Standish and his sisters, Mrs. Marie Wardochy of Flint and Mrs. Anna Kasabowski of Detroit will visit him the latter part of August.



### AuGres Boy is Awarded Promotion.

Donald W. Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kammal W. Ramsey, AuGres, has been promoted from Private to Private First Class at Camp Murphy, Fla., Signal Corps camp. Pfc. Ramsey is assigned to Headquarters Detachment DEML.

**Pvt. Lyle Orr** is located at Las Vegas, New Mexico, according to word received by relatives here Saturday. He is in the aircraft mechanics division.

**Pfc. Donald E. MacLean** of Patterson Field, Fairfield, Ohio, spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. MacLean at Prescott.

**Thomas Joseph Dikos** of the 5th Reg. Co. 683, 27th Bat., U. S. N. T. S., Great Lakes, Ill., is spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dikos.

**Lieutenant Henry A. Johnson** has been promoted to Captain. Mrs. Johnson is the former Miss Dorothy Hasselbring. They are making their home at Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina.

**Pvt. Royal McDonald**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rich McDonald of Prescott is serving in the United States Coast Guard and is now at Sand Hill Barracks, near Columbus in the Upper Peninsula.

**Lieut. Wellington Pomeroy** has been made tactical and mess officer at an Air Corps cadet detachment at Fort Lowry, Colo. He and Mrs. Pomeroy are making their home at 2727 E. 13th Street, Denver, Colo.

### Arenac County Historical Society Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2015

	Sep 30, 15
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Certificate of Deposit	
CD #1	1,191.22
CD #2	10,318.94
CD #3	6,378.49
Total Certificate of Deposit	17,866.65
Courthouse Checking	20,058.80
General Checking Account	600.56
Money Market (Savings)	10,182.01
Petty cash	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	48,827.82
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>48,827.82</b>
Other Assets	
BACF Endowment Fund	
Courthouse Agency Fund	2,925.00
Courthouse Agency Fund -Revenue	76.73
Total BACF Endowment Fund	3,001.73
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>3,001.73</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>51,829.55</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Building Fund	4,281.77
Courthouse Fund	23,110.33
General Fund	9,437.88
Memorial Fund	14,999.57
Total Equity	51,829.55
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>51,829.55</b>

## 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
<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 ½" 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 ½" 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
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<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
<b>Subtotal</b>	
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

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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### COMING EVENTS

**Dec 12-13, 9am -4pm:** Fresh Greens Arrangements, Christmas Junque Sale, Candy & Bake Sale  
at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer

**Jan 16-17, 9-4pm:** "Winter Blah" Junque Sale at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer