



ACHS NEWSLETTER

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

February 2016

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

We are starting 2016 by looking to the future of the Arenac County Historical Society. We continue the renovations at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer. We need to make sure of the structural soundness of the museum. These buildings are over a century old and maintenance is costly. We continue to raise money through many ways and I thank you for all your support. However, we still need all the support we can get to help us. We need people to serve on our board. We need new ideas and volunteers to support what needs to be done to keep our organization going. If we all do a little so much can be accomplished. Our buildings and grounds need to be kept up and safe for all to enjoy.

I am looking into programs to have this summer at the museum and programs at the Courthouse are also being planned. We hope you will find them interesting and fun. We have many local authors who have written books about people and events in our county. When I really thought about an idea presented to me about having some of our local authors speak, I found there are a lot of talented writers in our communities. It is truly amazing! Some write history, some poetry and some write about people who did so much to help and influence our communities. So this summer we will be having an Authors Night as one of our programs. They will tell us how they were inspired to write. This should be a very interesting program.

We continue to do genealogical research when people contact us. We look through all the materials we may have to help them. It is interesting to find information and history concerning people and events. We are dedicated to finding and preserving the history of our county for everyone to enjoy.

We hope to see many of you again this year. We will be open at the museum this summer. However, if anyone would like to tour our sites, we would be glad to set up an appointment to do so. Our website has a treasure trove of pictures you can enjoy. There are links on that site that may help many of you history buffs find information. You can contact us and we will try to help you find the information you need.

Happy 2016
Sandy Proulx

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Ye Olde Courthouse/Masonic Hall

The following summary of the 2015 year at the Courthouse was written by our members, Phyllis and Dick Klender:

Happy New Year, as we begin 2016, we continue to be amazed with the contributions we have received once again in 2015. Our "Junque" sales brought in \$ 12,611.46 during the year by selling used books and junque given to us by individuals and other non-profit organizations. In addition, we received a donation from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe and a grant from the Arenac Community Fund which allowed us to proceed with the building's foundation and the installation of a dusk-to-dawn light by the back door. We are in the planning stage for the replacement of windows and the refurbishment of the wood siding and then painting of the building. We continue to believe that all our efforts (donations, bake sales, Junque sales, Christmas greens sales, etc.) are essential to our continuing efforts to preserve this wonderful old historic building. The Courthouse continues to be the home of Bowling Lodge # 377 and hosts many community events each year. We hope that you will continue to support our efforts in 2016 because we ALL know WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU ! Again, "THANKS" for your contribution(s) toward our efforts in 2015. We hope you will continue your support of "Ye Olde Courthouse" preservation project in 2016.

Sincerely,
"Ye Olde Courthouse" Committee

We held a "Winter Blah Junque " sale in January which netted us \$ 478.00 and Joann continues to sell donated items on E Bay for the Courthouse which totaled \$ 243.00.

Our dusk to dawn light on the south side of our building has provided much needed light for our assessable entrance. This was paid for by funds from a grant from the Arenac Community Fund.

Thanks to the Arenac Fund and these great people who contribute their time to this fund for the betterment of Arenac County.

Our committee has been busy planning sales and events for 2016. We have a book sale set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 26, 27, and 28th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Committee members will be going to the Midland Library on Sunday, February 21st to pick up the books. Our next community dinner will be held on February 15th. This potluck will be a breakfast theme and Joe, (Jr.) Kozlow will be contributing his delicious pancakes. Participants are asked to bring a breakfast dish to pass. We will be open on Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2 to celebrate Sucker Days with Omer. Our Omer Bakers will be starting our season off with their delicious baked goods and we will have hot dogs and chili available for our members and friends. We are planning something new when we resume our Junque Sales beginning with Memorial Day. Our committee is inviting people to have an outdoor vendor space to sell their garage sale or craft items. These spaces will be free but a garage sale permit, (\$ 2.00) may be necessary from the City of Omer.

GIVE LOCAL BAY is back! The Ye Olde Courthouse will again be participating in this huge fund raising event which helps to provide for the future of the Courthouse. The Arenac County Historical Society, Ye Olde Courthouse Fund was established in 2014 to assure future funding for this historic treasure. The Give Local Bay Fundraiser held in 2015 totaled \$ 15,669.61 added to our endowed fund. Our generous supporters donated \$ 5,600.00, hourly prizes were \$ 200.00 and the 12.34 percent of the incentive pool contributed \$ 9,869.61 for the total of \$ 15,669.61. Our Courthouse was the top contributor which included 29 other non-profit organizations and gave us the largest percentage of incentive pool funds.

Mark May 3, 2016 on your calendars to help the Courthouse by participating in this event. We will be sending more information to you in the future.

Please watch our website, sign and the Arenac County Independent for more information on our future events. Our committee meets on the fourth Friday of every month at 3 p.m. at the Courthouse. Volunteers are always welcome to join us. Don't forget us if you have any good "Junque" to donate. Contact one of our members and we will make arrangements to pick up your donations.

Brenda Matt, Committee Chair 989-846-0501
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JUNE 8 1905

IT'S M. D. SNOW

That Brings the First Automobile to Arenac County

M. D. Snow's automobile about which there has been an unbroken line of interest since Monday and had been trucked from the big water spur down Cedar street here in Omer. It is an old automobile of five years with leather top and is propelled by gasoline with seven horse power and with all conditions favorable will develop a speed of 22 miles an hour. It is the first automobile carrying a load in this county.

Arenac Heritage Route Authority

Standish Historical Depot

The members and staff here at the Standish Depot are busy planning events for a busy 2016 season. The Gladwin Art Guild artists will be displaying their work in June. This is an opportunity to enjoy some beautiful art work, meet the artists and purchase some unique paintings. Our concert dates are set and we have some great entertainment planned for our guests. Folk music, country, classic rock, jazz, gospel and polka music are all on the schedule. The concerts begin on June 23rd and will continue for eight weeks. Our annual Model A & T Car Show is set for July 9th. Check our website www.standishdepot.org and watch the Arenac County Independent for more details.

We have a lot of projects lined up for spring. Thanks to a grant from the Arenac Fund we will be power washing and water sealing all of our wood walks and decking. Our flower beds and landscaping will all be in need of care and our white fence posts need to be sealed and painted. The trim on the depot and the restrooms should be painted and the windows in the English Cars all need to be solar sealed. Volunteers are badly needed for these projects as well as staffing the Depot. Please contact us if you would like to volunteer to help with some of these projects. You may work as few or as many hours as you would like.

The Depot is sponsoring a riding lawn mower raffle this year to be given away at Depot Days on October 2nd. You may purchase tickets at all of our events and from our board members.

Many thanks to the Firemen from the Omer Fire Department for helping cover the English Passenger cars with tarps to protect them from the winter weather. Mina's crew of Mark Winslow, Carrie Stodolak, Charlie Schmidt, John Yenna, Vi Cook, Angie and Pam Pieniozek and Curt Hillman decorated the Depot and our trees for Christmas. Our staff here at the Depot, Brenda and Donna also helped. Santa arrived here on the Standish fire truck for his annual visit. We served coffee, hot chocolate and cookies that were donated by our members. Kids day was on Saturday, Dec. 12. Children from the area were invited to make a craft which was donated by Sue Stein. The Arenac County 4-H donated some beautiful children's coloring, sticker and painting books and Melissa Prohaska (Arenac Co. 4-H) participated in crafts with the children.

The Arenac Heritage Route Authority meets on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Depot. This is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend. Please stop in and leave your name, call us at 989-718-3021 or e mail us at info@standishdepot.org if you have some time to help us out.

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14,908 Cars Passed
Through Standish on
US-23 Last Sunday
7-10-1942

An official count conducted by the State Highway Department and County Road Commission, it was reported that 14,908 automobiles passed through the city of Standish last Sunday between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 10:40 p. m. according to the figures compiled by J. C. Adams, maintenance superintendent. Of the 14,908 cars, 8,425 came by way of US-23 and 6,483 over M-76, a division of practically 50 per cent, something that perhaps might not take place in any other spot in Michigan or may never be repeated here. The high peak on US-23 was 891 cars in one hour and on M-76 816 for a total of 1,707 cars through the city in one hour. An even 1,000 were counted in the first hour. For an hour or two, the services of a state trooper was in evidence to control the traffic, but there were no tie-ups and the cars and drivers went through their ordeal in an orderly and smooth manner.

On other traffic counts in the county results were as follows:

County road east of Alger, 422 cars during the day.

Old state road at the Pine River corners, 1,046 cars off the old state road and the east and west road from Pine River to Standish.

Point Lookout road, 520 cars. Delans road, south of the Delans store, 306 cars.

**Arenac County Historical Society
Balance Sheet
As of January 31, 2016**

Jan 31, 16

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Certificate of Deposit	
CD #1	1,181.22
CD #2	16,401.80
CD #3	9,350.54
Total Certificate of Deposit	17,933.56
Courthouse Checking	23,663.12
General Checking Account	405.29
Money Market (Savings)	11,577.57
Petty cash	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	54,680.47
Total Current Assets	54,680.47
Other Assets	
BACF Endowment Fund	
Courthouse Agency Fund	2,865.00
Courthouse Agency Fund - Revenue	75.73
Total BACF Endowment Fund	2,940.73
Total Other Assets	2,940.73
TOTAL ASSETS	54,897.20
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Endowment Fund	4,292.00
Courthouse Fund	20,706.35
General Fund	8,541.46
Memorial Fund	13,000.39
Total Equity	54,897.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	54,897.20

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 Oldé 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 Deland 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
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<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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- \$4.00 for "Arenac County Normal, 1904-1957"
- \$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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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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April 2, 3; 9am - 4pm: Bake Sale, during Sucker Weekend at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer
May 27, 28, 29; 9am - 4pm: Memorial Day Weekend Junque Sale at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer