



ACHS NEWSLETTER

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

September 2016

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

We have had some interesting programs this summer at the museum. Each program brought out people interested in the program topic. In June we had an author's night with 4 different people speaking about books and stories they had written. Each person spoke about their book and the reasons why they were written. Three were about family members and one about the Au Gres area. Each person did such a wonderful job talking about their book. A big thank you goes out to Chris Miller, Mary Lou Bugh, Lori LaZebnik, and Helen Eichaedt. We may do this again with different authors next year. July's program was about the Tall Ship Festival in Bay City. Eric Jylha did a great job again talking about each ship coming to the festival. Ships came from around the world as well as some from Michigan. The August program by Ric Mixer was about Shallow Water Shipwrecks. Ric's programs are always fantastic. There was also a dedication for the two beautiful pictures donated by the Pendred family. A huge military picture of Walter Pendred Sr. and his sons was given by the family. Each person served in some branch of the military during their lifetime starting with Walter Sr. serving during WWI. One son gave the ultimate sacrifice during WWII. We have a separate picture of him with his purple heart, dog tags, and ribbons. These pictures are a definite must see to appreciate. We thank the Pendred family for their beautiful donation. If you are not aware, wife and mother, Zella Pendred, was a founding member of the Arenac County Historical Society. Many items in the museum were donated by her and her family.

I would like to thank the people at Iosco Arenac District Library for sponsoring our programs this year. There is so much more than books in a library. I may challenge you to check out your local library and see what they have to offer. The people there are friendly and helpful.

I hope you noticed the beautiful flowers planted around the museum. This spring the Au Gres Garden Club members and the youngest group of girl scouts called Daisys planted pots and the area around our sign with some beautiful plants. Those young children did a great job. Thank you to both groups for making our community look beautiful.

We have not had a lot of visitors this summer at the museum but we have had different people come to the museum to do genealogy. Many are amazed at the displays and items we have at the museum. We have a lot of items and more are being donated. Items donated must have Arenac County History.

Watch for advertisements about programs at Ye Olde Courthouse. Programs there will start in September. Work is always being done to fix up the old building. Seeing that the building is over 100 years old, there is a lot to do to improve the building and still keep the original look. Thank you to all the people from the Omer area who help with the renovation projects.

I have some ideas to spruce up the museum. . It will take some time and energy but I think we can change some things with minimal moving of heavy furniture. We would appreciate any help. There are also openings for serving on our board and any volunteers are welcome to help.

Sandy Proulx-President

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Ye Olde Courthouse/Masonic Hall

The Ye Olde Courthouse has been very busy this spring and summer. We kicked this year off with a winter book sale held in February and March, a bake sale in March, a special sale on April 29th thru May 1st from the Rosiek Family Estate Donation, our annual Memorial Day Junque and Bake Sale and our very large Fourth of July Junque and Bake Sale.

"Give Local Bay" was a success for the second year in a row, thanks to all of our wonderful friends and donors. This money is deposited in our endowment fund with the Bay Community Foundation. The Ye Olde Courthouse was once again the leader of this fundraiser. Our donations totaled \$ 10,302.00 from 92 people, \$ 250.00 in prizes and \$ 8,623.85 from the incentive pool. We now have \$ 35,185.88 in our fund at the Community Foundation. This fund is drawing interest and will be used to insure the future of the Courthouse.

The Ye Olde Courthouse Committee hosted the Standish Historical Depot Model A & T Car show participants for a picnic style supper on Friday evening, July 6th. Mary Henry, flutist from AuGres entertained our guests and they enjoyed tours of our building.

The Saginaw Chippewa awarded us \$ 10,388.46 through the 2 % donations program for replacing our windows. This is the second time the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe has given us money through this program. The previous grant enabled us to stabilize the foundation by adding supports, beams, floor joists and drainage. The window project bid is approximately \$ 41,000.00 which will replace 26 windows.

This grant, the hard work of our committee and the generosity of our donors is enabling us to complete this window project. We will begin replacing the windows this year and plan to complete this three phase project in 2017 with the painting of the building. Thanks, Saginaw Chippewa, for making the repairs to this historic structure possible.

Our next big event is our Labor Day sale which will be held on Sept. 2, 3, and 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have been busy picking up "new" merchandise for another large Junque Sale and as always, we will have delicious baked goods prepared by our Omer Bakers. The Masons are planning to be there and are serving free hot dogs and pop. They will also conduct tours of the building.

The Ye Olde Courthouse is participating in the U.S. 23 Heritage Route promotion, Discover Me, U.S. 23 which will be held on October 7, 8, 9 and 10. We will be open for tours and a small book sale.

Many thanks to all of our generous donors for the support given to the Courthouse by our community, friends and guests. We hope to see you on during our Labor Day event, Sept. 2, 3 & 4.

Our committee meets on the second Friday of the month at 9:30 p.m. at the Courthouse. Volunteers are always welcome to join us.

Brenda Matt, Committee Chair	989-846-0501
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In July, Eric Jyla gave a presentation to a wonderful crowd at the Museum, discussing each ship that was scheduled to come to Bay City's Tall Ship Celebration



Arenac Heritage Route Authority Standish Historical Depot

The Depot had enjoyed a busy spring and summer. The Arenac Conservation District held a tree grafting and organic growing workshop in April. The Gladwin Art Guild held a two day show with exhibits in the depot and in the passenger car. Several art works were sold and guests enjoyed viewing the beautiful displays. In July we held our annual Model A & Model T Car show. Many of our entrants drove through a rain and hail storm on Friday to reach Standish and participate in the Friday night picnic dinner held at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer. Entertainment was provided by flutist, Mary Henry and sponsored by friend of the Depot, Karen Fales. Beautiful weather arrived on Saturday and our participants and many guests enjoyed viewing these unique automobiles. A book signing by Laurice (Laurie Hartman) LeZebnik was a great success. Laurie's book, Minnie's Potatoes, is a historical romance novel which takes the Hartman family from Europe to the AuSable lumber woods on their journey to Johnsfield in Arenac County. The Hartman's family survival through the years from the Michigan lumbering era through prohibition is a great read and contains a wealth of local history. Copies are available at the Depot for \$ 14.95. Our summer concert series has ended and we are thinking of entertainers for 2017. We had great attendance this summer and a good variety of music. These concerts are provided through local sponsorships from businesses and individuals in our community. They would not be possible without their help. Suggestions are always welcome for entertainers.

A volunteer group from Arenac Opportunities has been helping at the Depot this summer. These wonderful people have been a great help with cleaning the Depot and helping with the grounds and landscaping. The Arenac Fund of the Community Foundation awarded us a grant to power wash and stain all of our wood decking. The power washing is done and a portion of the decking is stained. We need more volunteers to complete this project as well as painting the white posts. Help is always needed for staffing as well as cleaning and maintenance. Our volunteer staff of Violet Cook, Karen Weaver and Joann Michalke contribute many hours staffing the Depot which enables us to be open more hours. If you would like to help with any of the projects or staffing please call the Depot at 989-718-3021 and leave a message.

GREAT HISTORICAL FIND 1888-1891 POSTCARDS

The ACHS received a donation of four postcards that were mailed between 1888 and 1891 to Mary Alexander and John Lentz at Arenac, MI. They were donated by David Doss of Allen Park who bought them at a flea market in Royal Oak along with some old photos and papers. The postcards deal with meetings of the GAR (held at the Courthouse in Omer), a Civil War Attorney and a manufacturer of rope products from Chicago. Mary Alexander was the daughter of John Lentz and is claimed to be the first white child born in Arenac County. Mary's husband, Wallace was a Civil War Veteran. The post office cabinet that hangs in the Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer, (donated by Eileen Wyatt Burns) was from the Arenac Post Office that closed in 1895. These four cards were mailed to that post office. Many thanks to David for donating them to us. Amazing that these 128 yr. old post cards have found their way back to Arenac.

Our rail trail committee members, Cynthia Halamar and Heather Bauman have been busy meeting with EMCOG representatives, Michigan's DNR representative, city and township officials to promote the rail trail in Arenac County. This will be a portion of the Iron Bell Trail which begins in Belle Isle and runs through Michigan to Ironwood in the U.P. Watch our local paper, the Arenac County Independent for progress on this project.

Depot Days is our next scheduled event which will be held on Oct. 1st and 2nd. Schmidt Amusements will be providing rides, we have horse drawn rides by Mike Stein and are planning some musical entertainment for Saturday. Chili, pie, chicken noodle soup and brownie contests are back by popular demand and will be held both days. A silent auction will be held in the Depot. Historical scrapbooks and representatives from the ACHS will be there to provide information on our area and to help with genealogy research.

The U.S. 23 Heritage Route Discover Me tour is back this year and will be held on October 7, 8, 9 and 10th. This is a promotion designed to attract visitors from Michigan and surrounding states to Northeast Michigan and travel from the beginning of the Heritage Route, (the Depot) and continue to Mackinaw City.

The Arenac Heritage Route Authority meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Depot. (Next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 6th because of Labor Day.) This is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.

Depot Representative, Brenda Matt

Arenac County Historical Society Balance Sheet	
As of June 30, 2016	
Jun 30, 16	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Certificate of Deposit	
CD #1	1,196.00
CD #2	10,401.80
CD #3	6,360.54
Total Certificate of Deposit	17,958.34
Courthouse Checking	44,332.19
General Checking Account	541.64
Money Market (Savings)	9,387.10
Petty cash	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	72,319.27
Total Current Assets	72,319.27
Other Assets	
BACF Endowment Fund	
Courthouse Agency Fund	2,925.00
Courthouse Agency Fund -Rev...	-71.70
Total BACF Endowment Fund	2,853.30
Total Other Assets	2,853.30
TOTAL ASSETS	75,172.57
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Building Fund	4,293.00
Courthouse Fund	47,235.49
General Fund	8,579.70
Memorial Fund	15,064.38
Total Equity	75,172.57
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	75,172.57

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 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
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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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\$3.50 for "A History of Arenac County, Michigan"

All other items:

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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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Enclosed is \$ _____ for the Membership circled below:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Dues</u>
STUDENT (under 18 years)	\$3	PATRON	\$250
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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
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COMING EVENTS

Sept 2, 3, 4: Huge Junque Sale and Bake Sale, courthouse & 2 tents full, at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer

Sept 22: Mystery of the Titanic, by Floyd Andrick; at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer

Oct 6: *The Mackinac Bridge*, by Mike Fornes; at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer

Oct 20: Josh Greenberg, *Sands of Time*, and Fly Fishing in Northern Michigan, at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer