



# ACHS NEWSLETTER

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

Winter 2016

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Now that our country's elections are over I am hoping we can get back to a familiar normal in our lives. Of course now comes all the holiday commercials to encourage us to spend beyond our means. Let's remember the reason for the season and not forget to be thankful during all that may be happening from now until the end of the year. Thanksgiving tends to go by the wayside as a minor holiday. We have a lot to be thankful for in our country. Without our ancestors we would not be here today. They helped build a great community and country for us to enjoy. We have freedoms many other countries do not have. Our museum houses many artifacts that help us remember the past and give us memories of our families and how they lived. We also have a corner to honor our veterans. Without the sacrifices of our military vets our country would not be as prosperous or a good place to live. If you get some time, come in and see what we have on display. During the winter months we are open by appointment only. However, we are always willing to take time for anyone who would like to see what we have.

During the winter months we will be working on programs for next summer, sprucing up our displays, and continuing the work to keep our museum a great place to visit. We continue all year long doing research for people and organizations who want to know more about the past.

Work is continuing at Ye Olde Courthouse. Windows have arrived and will be installed as soon as it is possible for the contractors to do so. Painting will also be a big project. We are hoping we may get started next year. Thank you to the workers who volunteer at the many functions and fundraisers at the Courthouse. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact us. We can always use all the help we can get. We could also use more volunteers to serve on our Arenac County Historical Society Board.

If you are looking for Christmas gifts, remember we have a lot of interesting books for sale. Our Rada Knives and kitchen utensils make great gifts too.

On behalf of the Arenac County Historical Society, we wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Sandy Proulx  
President

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Please join us at Ye Olde Courthouse on December 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> when we host our annual Home Made Candy Sale, Baked Goods, and our beautiful Fresh Green's Holiday Arrangements. Our arrangements will last until the end of January as long as they are watered. It is a great opportunity to purchase delicious homemade candy and desserts for the holidays. Lots of good Christmas Junque available also! Please take the time to enjoy coffee, hot chocolate and cookies with us while you shop, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

We are planning another one of our famous "Junque Sales" for January. We are overflowing with donated merchandise. The sale is scheduled for January 13, 14 & 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A book sale is being planned for this winter also. Watch our sign and the Independent for announcements and details. Our volunteers have been busy picking up "Junque", marking and storing it. Please call us if you have items you would like to donate. Our Junque sales are very popular and have contributed greatly to the restoration of this beautiful, historic structure.

On December 12<sup>th</sup> we will host a Soup Supper for our wonderful Omer Bakers. This is our opportunity to thank them for their generosity by providing delicious homemade baked goods for our sales.

Work on our building is progressing. The windows are paid for and waiting for our contractor to install them. We have the money in the bank to complete the window project and are saving for our next project which will be painting the exterior of the building. Painting the building will complete this three phase project which included stabilizing the foundation by adding supports, beams, floor joists and drainage and replacing the windows. We were able to make these improvements because of the hard work of our volunteers, the generosity of our community and friends, and grants provided by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe through their 2% program.

We hope to see you on December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> when you visit the Courthouse to shop for your beautiful

Fresh Green Arrangements, home made candy and decorations. We will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Brenda Matt, Committee Chair	989-846-0501
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## SPECIAL EDITION !

As our newsletter was ready to be printed we received word that we were given a \$ 10,000.00 grant from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe for our painting project! This was awarded through the fall 2 % distribution. This is the third award we have received through the 2 % distribution from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for renovations to this historic structure. Our first grant for \$35,000.00 was applied to the stabilization of the foundation. The second grant of \$10,388.46 helped with the second phase of this project which was replacing all of the windows. This grant of \$10,000.00 will enable us to complete phase three in 2017 when we have the Ye Olde Courthouse painted. Many thanks to the Chippewa for recognizing the value of this 127 yr. old building and its importance to our citizens and travelers to Arenac County. We thank and appreciate the City of Omer for submitting these grants for us.



### FIVE ARENAC COUNTY SOLDIERS TOGETHER

Pictured are five Arenac County boys who have been stationed together since their induction last March. They received their training at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas, and were granted furloughs. The men received further training at Camp Adair, Oregon, before sailing to the South Pacific several weeks ago. They are, left to right, Pvt. Stanley Jurek, Standish, Pvt. Cris Miller, AuGres, Pvt. John Har—er, Pvt Donald Derosia, Standish, and Pvt. Ray Bogasky, Omer. Anyone wishing to write to any one of the boys may address their letters to, Co.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Plat. Apo 21241, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

( Arenac County Independent 10-3-1945)

## Arenac Heritage Route Authority Standish Historical Depot

Our decorations are up and we are celebrating the Christmas Season here at the Depot. Santa arrived on a fire truck to greet and visit with the children. Hot chocolate and cookies were enjoyed during this annual tradition held on the Friday evening after Thanksgiving.

Our collection of military uniforms is on display in the freight room and it will remain until after the holidays. Many thanks to Joyce Flick for her decorating skills. We plan to put up a display of early Standish souvenirs and memorabilia in January.

Depot Days was a success in spite of a cold and rainy Saturday. Schmidt Amusements were here with some fun children's rides, Mike Stein provided horse drawn rides, vendors were present, food contests were tasty and our silent auction had some great donated items. Historical scrapbooks were on display from the ACHS and our staff was here to provide information.

Volunteers from AOI are continuing to help at the Depot. The volunteers and the staff have been a welcome addition and a great help. The staining of all of the treated lumber decking, ramps and stairs is completed. We were able to do this by a grant provided by the Arenac Community Fund. All of our white fence posts have been painted and the names in some of the engraved bricks have been repaired. We will complete the names in the bricks in the spring.

Our rail trail committee members, Heather Bauman and Cynthia Halamar continue to work towards a trail link for Arenac County which will be part of the Iron Bell Trail. The Iron Bell begins in Belle Isle and connects to Ironwood in the U.P. EMCOG representative Bill Earnt is providing grant writing and advice. Watch the Arenac County Independent for updates. Plans are for Michigan to be known nationwide as "The Trail State".

We have a few Minnie's Potatoes books by Laurice Harman LeZebnik available for sale. ( \$ 14.95) Many of the ACHS books and publications are also available at the Depot. These books on local history make a great Christmas present for friends and relatives who are interested in the history of our area.

Our staff will be busy this winter doing some cleaning, compiling scrapbooks and planning our events for 2017. Another Art Show is in the planning stages as well as our Summer Concert Series. Let us know if you have some entertainers that would be a good fit for our guests. Our Model A & T Car Show will be held in July.

Our passenger cars are covered with tarps for the winter to protect them from the snow and water. We have a new display in one of the compartments that you will want to check out in the spring. The Whipple Family created a Whipple Photo Studio display which chronicles the history of this business that operated in Standish for many years.

Volunteers are needed for staffing as well as maintenance and landscaping. If you would like to help please call the Depot at 989-718-3021.

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

Depot Representative, Brenda Matt

### Arenac County Historical Society Balance Sheet As of October 31, 2016

	Oct 31, 16
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
Certificate of Deposit	
CD #1	1,196.00
CD #2	10,401.80
CD #3	6,360.54
<b>Total Certificate of Deposit</b>	17,958.34
Courthouse Checking	31,770.48
General Checking Account	962.12
Money Market (Savings)	8,926.80
Petty cash	100.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	59,717.74
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	59,717.74
<b>Other Assets</b>	
BACF Endowment Fund	
Courthouse Agency Fund	2,925.00
Courthouse Agency Fund -Rev...	-18.70
<b>Total BACF Endowment Fund</b>	2,906.30
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	2,906.30
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>62,624.04</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Building Fund	4,293.21
Courthouse Fund	34,726.78
General Fund	8,538.87
Memorial Fund	15,065.18
<b>Total Equity</b>	62,624.04
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>62,624.04</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
"A Point to Remember" - A Pictorial History of Point Lookout, Michigan - Val Korth, 2014 - Second Edition	\$ 30.00
Arenac County Normal, 1904-1957 - written and compiled by the ACHS; 2013	\$ 30.00
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
Soldiers & Sailors of Arenac County That Served in the Great War. (WWI)-written and compiled by the ACHS 2010. 300pg	\$ 28.00
A History of Maple Ridge, Arenac County, Michigan - written & compiled by Marion Poole Maday & Friends; 2008 282 pgs	\$ 28.00
A History of Arenac County, Michigan - by Calvin Ennes; edited, compiled and amended by Paul Michalke; 2003, 208 pgs	\$ 25.00
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
The Story of Standish and its People, 1876-1976 - by Allan McCready, 1976 – Reprinted. 108 pages plus illustrations.	\$ 10.00
First Families of Standish Township, 1974 - Reprinted; Lots of family names and pictures. 32 pages.	\$ 10.00
Omer Centennial Book, 1872-1972 - Reprinted.	\$ 10.00
History of the Sterling Area - by Virginia Adams, 1976 – Reprinted, 16 pgs	\$ 8.00
History of the Sterling Area, Second Generation - by Virginia Adams, 1977 – Reprinted. 15 pgs	\$ 8.00
The Handy Cook's Book – 1915 - by the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church, Au Gres.	\$ 6.00
Arenac County "First County Fair" Premium Book - 4 1/2" x 6", originally printed in 1885. Reprint	\$ 6.00
100th Anniversary - Omer Masonic Lodge #377 F. & A. M. – Reprint; Includes a history of Omer & Free Masonry	\$ 6.00
Arenac County Fair Premium Book – 1914 - Reprinted, Includes ads of the period, showing businesses in the County	\$ 3.00
Short History of Arenac County Roads – 2004 - With 3 different color maps of the county. 30 pages.	\$ 6.00
This is the Way We Went to School; West and Northwest of Saginaw Bay Around the Turn of the Century	\$ 6.00
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.
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
Arenac County Directory – 1947 - Reprinted. Lots of local information. 90 pages.	\$ 8.00
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
Plat Book of Arenac County - villages, cities and townships - circa 1920 – Reprint; aps showing land ownership + index	\$ 10.00
Au Gres Centennial 1865–1965: From Timber to Tourists - History of Au Gres Area, 1965 – Reprint	\$ 6.00
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
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
Au Gres Harbor Story - Short story of how Au Gres got the Harbor of Refuge and Marina, spanning 1945 –1973 12 pgs	\$ 3.00
Program Pioneer Picnic & Homecoming - Au Gres – 1942 - Published for the annual Pioneer Picnic in Au Gres. 20 pg bklt	\$ 3.00
1883 to 1983 - Arenac County Centennial - One Hundred Years of Growth - Road Tour Guide; Small 12 page booklet	\$ 3.00
The Early Au Gres Area - A Series of maps with Buildings and Landmarks. Edited and Modified by Mike Melvin	\$ 5.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	
Mail orders, please include the following shipping and handling charges in addition to the price at the right of each item:	
\$5.00 for "A Point to Remember - A Pictorial History of Point Lookout, Michigan" \$4.50 for "Soldiers & Sailors of Arenac County That Served in the Great War. (WWI)" \$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	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; min-height: 150px;">                 Name &amp; Shipping Address   <hr/>  <hr/>  <hr/> </div>
Send form & personal check or money order to: <b>Arenac County Historical Society</b> P. O. Box 272 Au Gres, Michigan 48703-0272	
Questions? Call 989-876-6399 or email: <a href="mailto:achs@centurytel.net">achs@centurytel.net</a>	+ Calculated Shipping
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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 5, 5pm:** Potluck at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer (Bring a dish to pass)

**Dec 10-11, 9am-4pm:** Christmas Junque Sale, featuring Fresh Greens & Home-Made Candy; at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer

**Dec 25:** MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

**Jan 1, 2017:** HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

**Jan 9, 5pm:** Potluck at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer (Bring a dish to pass)

**Jan 13, 14, 15, 9am-4pm:** Mid-Winter Blahs Junque Sale, at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer