



ACHS NEWSLETTER

Arenac County Historical Society

Preserving The Heritage of Arenac County, Michigan

May 2017

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Summer is on its way and we will be open soon at the museum. We have some clean up and rearranging to do inside. We will again be open on the 2nd and 4th week-ends during the summer months. If anyone wants to visit the museum at any other time we can set up appointments to accommodate people and work around people's schedules. Volunteers are welcome to come and help us clean or just volunteer to help out at various times and events. You can leave a message on the museum phone and we will get back with you.

I have four very interesting programs lined up for this summer. We will have two programs in June, one in July and one in August. Ric Mixer will present a program on June 8th called "Search for the Tuskegee Airplane" and Eric Jyhla will present a program on June 22nd called "The Battle of Normandy". It just worked out to have two great presenters talking in June about World War II. On July 13th Mike Sonnenberg will present a program on "Exploring Michigan". Mike is a photographer and has some wonderful photos of Michigan. He calls himself an explorer and enjoys finding new places to photograph around our great state and I am sure he has some great experiences and stories to tell us. Genot "Winter Elk" Picor will return and give us another great program on the French Voyagers who came to Michigan a couple of centuries ago. His program will be August 3rd. I have been informed we should be prepared to join in on the singing and dancing. These programs will be informative as well as a lot of fun, so don't miss out and mark your calendars.

We have a lot of books for sale at the museum. Many of them may also be purchased at Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer and the Standish Depot. Book sales along with the sale of our Rada Knives brings income to the museum. Your yearly dues and donations also help support the work at the Arenac County Historical Society. We are looking to have a pieless bake sale sometime this year to help raise more funds for the museum. You won't be asked to bake a pie but to donate the cost of baking a pie as a donation. We all love to eat pies but a lot of us just don't bake them. So instead of baking and adding those added inches to our waistline we will be asking for donations to support our work at the museum. We appreciate all you can do to help us. The generous monetary gift the Maser Family left to Arenac County cannot be used for the everyday operation of our society. It can only be used to preserve historical artifacts and buildings within the county. There are strict guidelines to follow. Any added financial help will give us a boost at doing the things we would like to do.

We look forward to seeing you again this year. Stop in and check out the museum, courthouse and depot. Arenac County is filled with an enormous amount of history. Learn about it and be part of it. Enjoy all the events throughout Arenac County this summer and throughout the year.

Sandy Proulx
President

ARENAC FUND GRANT FOR THE ACHS

We are pleased to announce that we received a grant from the Arenac Fund of the Bay Community Foundation for the Restoration of our Accessible Ramp. The grant for \$876.00 will pay to power wash and stain seal the ramp, porch and steps of the museum in Au Gres. This will extend the life of this treated wood structure. Many thanks from the ACHS to this group of local Arenac County volunteers who worked so hard to establish this fund and continue to work to support it.

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Ye Olde Courthouse/Masonic Hall

Spring fundraising is off to a great start at the Ye Olde Courthouse. We began April with a bake sale by our famous Omer Bakers, Junque Sale, eBay sales, memorials and gun raffle sales for a profit of: \$2,600.86. This included the largest total ever for the bake sale of: \$758.00! Our committee held another Junque Sale from April 28th thru May 6th. New items were added daily and our profit was: \$3,135.45. Our gun raffle tickets are selling very quickly; contact a board member if you would like to purchase one. A very large Junque Sale is planned for May 26th thru June 3rd. New items will be added daily to this sale. We will have a bake sale on May 26 & 27th. Our committee members work very hard picking up donated items, storing them, marking them and hosting the sale. We appreciate all of our wonderful donors who contribute their unused items for these sales. Many of our friends have helped by working at these extended sales. A book sale is planned for June 9 & 10th and another large Junque Sale is on the calendar for the 4th of July week.

Renovations continue on our building. The downstairs windows are installed and we have received many compliments on them. The builder will be installing the second story windows soon and our painter has been notified that we will be ready for him as soon as the windows are finished. The baseball room has been renovated with two new windows, a new drywall ceiling, picture rails are installed and the ceiling and walls are all freshly painted. The Baseball Exhibit will be in place in time for the annual Baseball Reunion.

GIVE LOCAL BAY—2017

Thanks to all of our wonderful friends and donors the 3rd Give Local Bay hosted by the Bay Community Foundation was a huge success for Ye Olde Courthouse. Donations during the 24 hour time period totaled \$8,815.00; and we received \$4,196.00 from the incentive pool of \$25,000.00. The total added to our endowed fund was \$13,011.00. This designated fund was created to provide for the future of our historic building. We are thankful to the Bay Area Community Foundation for hosting this event for the benefit of non-profits.

Our Ye Olde Courthouse Committee is saddened by the loss of several of our volunteers and friends. Emily Lammy passed away on May 20, 2016 at the age of 99 years. Emily was a bake sale volunteer for many years and worked our bake sales with Helen Pula. Helen Pula passed on February 26 at the age of 96. She and her family have always been great supporters of the courthouse project. People came to the bake sale just to purchase one of Helen's delicious lemon meringue pies. Emily and Helen were both very active in the Omer community and are missed at the Courthouse. Judy Russell Reid passed away on January 24, 2017. She was 91 years old and was also very involved in the community. Judy was a contributor to the courthouse project and donor for the bake sales. Judy would remark "We're all in this together" when she would make her donation to the bake sale and stop in to visit with us. Sandy Pula was also a regular visitor at the Courthouse. She passed away on February 25, 2017 at the age of 68. Sandy was always kind and a great friend of the Courthouse. We enjoyed her visits with us.

Another good friend and visitor, Elvin "Al" LaBrosse passed away on February 5, 2017. Al grew up in Standish and lived in Bay City. He and his wife, Lois were regular visitors at the Courthouse. Our Arenac Exhibit contains a picture of Al's mother and grandparents and he always enjoyed looking at the exhibit and discussing local history. Al was known as a Christian gentleman who touched everyone he met.

These people are all greatly missed at the Courthouse. We are thankful that we had the opportunity to know and enjoy them.

Potlucks are held once a month at the Courthouse and all are welcome. This has been a great opportunity for people to gather and enjoy friendship.

Watch the Arenac County Independent and our sign for dates of events. Mark your calendar and enjoy some time with us.

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

Thomas Powell, who was recently a pleasant caller at the Independent office, says he was the first settler of the village of Standish and kept a boarding house, was a foreman for John D. Standish before the town was laid out in lots and when the Michigan Central was not completed within a mile of the present enterprising place. It is 34 years since Mr. Powell was in Standish and he was so surprised and pleased at the way things have progressed, that the old soldier said he wanted to be buried here, and may his wish finally be gratified. He now resides at 1626 Trumbull street, Bay City and expects to come here to live. 11-13-1902

NEWS FLASH!

We received wonderful news on May 9th from the Bay Community Foundation. The ACHS, Ye Olde Courthouse was awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the "Restoration of Ye Olde Courthouse, Third Phase: Painting" from the Catherine and John Maser Historic Preservation Fund. The Courthouse is the first non-profit in Arenac County to receive funds from this fund established by the Masers with the Bay Community Foundation for Preservation of Historic Buildings in Arenac County.

The Courthouse Committee is thankful for this grant which enables us to complete the three phases of renovation which included the foundation stabilization, installation of new windows and painting of this historic structure.

Arenac Heritage Route Authority

Standish Historical Depot

Spring has arrived at the Standish Historical Depot. Trees are blossoming, spring flowers are beautiful, volunteers are weeding and preparing the landscaping for a busy season. Our English passenger cars are uncovered, helpers are cleaning the cars as well as the caboose. We have two interesting displays in the passenger car, the Pestrue Ice Cream Parlor and the Whipple Photo Studio. These are two great examples of early Standish history.

Summer concerts will begin on June 22 kicking off with the Sunshine String Band. We have a great variety of music scheduled for our guests. Other entertainers include Kowalski Brothers Polka Band, No Right On Red, Double Delight, Stix & Stone, and Steve Drzewicki Polka Band. The ever-popular Omer City Limits Band is booked for August 10th in Omer at their beautiful city park. These concerts are free thanks to our wonderful sponsors. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening with us. Check our website and the local Summer Guide published by the Arenac County Independent for the complete schedule. All concerts are on Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

We have the Gladwin Art Guild scheduled for an Art Show on June 10th & 11th. This is the third year that we have hosted these artists at the Depot. This is a great opportunity to view and purchase their variety of art work including water color, oil, acrylic, mixed media, and quilted wall hangings.

Our 6th Annual Model A & Model T Car Show will be held on July 8th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admittance is free and we always have a variety of cars and a great group of friendly entrants.

The Arenac Heritage Route Authority has formed a non-profit called Friends of the Arenac Heritage Route Authority which enabled us to participate in Give Local Bay, a fundraising event hosted by the Bay Community Foundation. We placed third in donations with \$3,450.00 and received 5.26 % of the incentive pool funds for a total of \$5,072.00 added to our endowed fund. This is a great start to begin this fund to provide for the future of the AHRA/Historical Depot. We began this fund this spring with a \$1,000.00 donation from the Standish Kiwanis Club. We cannot thank them enough for supporting this project and all they do for our area. Thanks also to the Bay Community Foundation for this fundraiser which benefits our community. We were one of over thirty non-profits who participated in this event. The Ye Olde Courthouse in Omer placed second. Thanks, Arenac County for your generosity.

Jacqueline LaBrosse Bennett, who was responsible for the Dow Foundation Grant received by the Depot in 2004, passed away this spring. Jackie and her husband Fr. Ed Bennett were friends with Herbert Doan who was the president of the Dow Foundation. Jackie was one of the original members of the committee which formed in 2002 in an attempt to save the Depot from destruction by a developer. She mentioned to Mr. Doan that she was a member of a group attempting to save the depot and he suggested that we write a letter to the Dow Foundation and request a grant. Because of Jackie's connection we received a grant for \$200,000, and were able to purchase the Depot property. Jackie will always have a special place in our memory and the history of the Depot.

The Arenac Heritage Route Authority meets on the first Monday of every month a 7:00 p.m. at the Depot. This is an open meeting and all are welcome. Volunteers are always needed for staffing, cleaning and maintenance around the Depot and grounds. Stop in or call 989-718-3021 if you are interested.

-Brenda Matt, Depot Representative

Arenac County Historical Society Balance Sheet As of April 30, 2017

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ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Certificate of Deposit

CD #1 1,200.81

CD #2 10,443.50

CD #3 6,386.04

Total Certificate of Deposit 18,030.35

Courthouse Checking 38,550.66

General Checking Account 1,260.40

Money Market (Savings) 6,991.25

Petty cash 100.00

Total Checking/Savings 64,932.66

Total Current Assets 64,932.66

Other Assets

BACF Endowment Fund

Courthouse Agency Fund 2,925.00

Courthouse Agency Reve... 155.76

Total BACF Endowment Fund 3,080.76

Total Other Assets 3,080.76

TOTAL ASSETS 68,013.42

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Building Fund 4,304.30

Courthouse Fund 41,681.42

General Fund 6,922.62

Memorial Fund 15,105.08

Total Equity 68,013.42

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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

All newspaper clippings courtesy of the
Arenac County Independent

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
<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

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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- All other items:
- \$3.50 for the first item
- \$0.50 each additional item

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 Au Gres, Michigan 48703-0272

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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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