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Wildwood Historical Society Newsletter

GROVER ● POND ● HOLLOW ● CENTAUR ● MELROSE ● FOX CREEK ● ORRVILLE ● ALLENTON ● WESTLAND ACRES ● KELPE ● MONARCH

Upcoming Meetings:

October 18th, 7 p.m.	A Day in the Life of a Civil War Soldier <i>(At Bethel Church!!!)</i> by Stan and Barb Prater
November 15th, 7 p.m.	Share the Stories of Your Treasures
December 10th, 7 p.m.	Christmas Party

Bylaws Passed

By a vote of 56 to 2, the amendments to the Society's bylaws were passed by the general membership. The vote results were approved by the Trustees at their most recent meeting. A number of procedural changes will go into effect now, including requirements around creation and acceptance of a budget, changes to voting procedures, and duties of officers and trustees.

Election Results

Jim Martin was re-elected President, and Helen Gaehle was re-elected to her position as a Trustee. Kelley Woerther was elected as our new Secretary. Officers serve two-year terms and trustees serve three-year terms.

"New Coop" Planning Meeting!

With a number of options available, the Society is seeking input from its members and interested community neighbors on the best way to create a larger and more functional meeting space. A meeting is planned for Sunday, October 9th, at 2:00 p.m. at the museum property at 18750 Highway 100, the "Hencken Place". All are welcome. If you have ideas or concerns, and you cannot make this meeting, please send those suggestions to: Martha Bunch, our museum director, at 636-458-2478 (martha.j.bunch@gmail.com) or to the WHS at P.O. Box 125, Grover, MO 63040. We hope to begin construction in the early part of 2012, so proper planning is critical now!

Parking Lot Ready to Use

Our new 25-car parking lot is finished! A big round of applause to Tom and Matthew Kelpé for doing all of the grading, compacting, and general management of the project and also a big thank you to Bussen Quarries for its donation of the rock. We only had to pay for the hauling. This lot is accessible from our entrance on Highway 100 and then exits onto Stovall Lane. This lot will be closed off outside of meetings or other special events to prevent traffic from going the "wrong way" from the end of Stovall Lane onto our property.

*Turn over
for all our
upcoming events!*

Donation from Fossett Foundation

We are pleased to announce the receipt of a \$50,000 donation from the Fossett Foundation to be used for purchasing computer equipment and to help with building an addition that will house a larger meeting space since our chicken coop is getting a little crowded! The notification we received from Mrs. Fossett indicated that we would receive a matching amount in January of 2012 to be used for this same purpose. THANK YOU!

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Membership

Now due January 1st for the calendar year!

\$20 per year single

\$25 per year family

Make checks payable to:

Wildwood Historical Society

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2012 Calendar

This year's calendar is focused on photos and trivia from the northeast quadrant of Wildwood (Orville, Christmas Valley, Monarch, Centaur, etc.), which is also the destination of this year's bus tour. If you have any family photos (buildings, landscapes, or even older individual or group shots) that you do not think the Society already has, and you would be willing to allow us to scan and include them in this year's calendar, please contact Joan Schmid at 636-458-3962 or Jim Martin at 314-799-7610.

Upcoming events. . . .

October Program at Bethel: Tuesday the 18th at 7:00 pm

The Wildwood Historical Society's monthly meeting for October will be held at the Bethel Church fellowship hall at 17500 Manchester Road. The program will be "A Day in the Life of a Civil War Soldier" and will be presented by Stan Prater and his fellow members of the 8th Missouri Militia (re-enactor's group). This program will start at 7:00 p.m., and all Wildwood area residents are welcome to attend what is always a very educational and entertaining event.

Bus Tour: Saturday, November 5th

Contact Joan Schmid at 636-458-3962 for more information and to reserve a seat. Buses will leave this year from Living Word Methodist Church at Pond Road and Highway 100. An optional box lunch will be available from the Society and served in the Living Word fellowship area.

WHS Trivia Night: November 12th at 6:30 pm

at the Eureka Community Center

\$20 per person or \$160 per table. All proceeds go to help the Historical Society. Those interested in having a fun evening, learning a lot of history, and helping WHS at the same time, should contact Joan Schmid at 636-459-3962.

Fall Meeting of the Historical Societies of St. Louis County: Sunday, November 13th, at 2:00 pm

Esley Hamilton, St. Louis County Historian, coordinates semi-annual group meetings of all of the historical societies in St. Louis County. Our WHS was chosen to host this fall's event at our museum property on Sunday, Nov. 13th. These meetings give an opportunity for those attending to learn what other groups are doing, to share resources that have been discovered, and to visit local historic properties. If you would like to help with this afternoon event, please contact Martha Bunch at 636-458-2478. All society members and others interested in local/county history are more than welcome to attend. The meeting will conclude around 4:30 p.m.