



# Wildwood Historical Society Newsletter

July 2014

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## July Program

### **Patriotic Sing-a-long & Ice Cream Social**

The United States of America will be celebrating its 238th birthday on July 4th and what's a better way to celebrate than to sing patriotic songs? In addition to the beautiful tunes played by Bob Wardenburg, we will learn the history and other fascinating tidbits behind such well-known tunes as *Yankee Doodle*, *Star-Spangled Banner*, *God Bless America*, and more. Besides our sing-a-long, we'll be having a very American tradition – an ice cream social! The Society will provide the ice cream and you can bring your favorite topping. Please come to July's meeting featuring Bob Wardenburg on the keyboard!



### July Meeting

**Tuesday, July 15, 2014**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Hall**

**18750 Highway 100**



Have a  
wonderful  
Independence  
Day!



Ice Cream Social

## June Meeting

We had a wonderful turnout at our June meeting with over 40 people attending the potluck at 6:00 p.m. and the informative and very well done presentation by Terry Schott at 7:00 p.m. We even had three GTOs come, and attendees enjoyed looking at them after the program. Thank you to everyone who provided a dish to share and a big thank you to Terry & Gail Schott. We appreciate everything! Below are two pictures from June's meeting taken by Martha Bunch.



## August Meeting Preview

For August's meeting, Labadie resident Charles Staats will be sharing a program on Civil War medicine. His grandfather was a trumpeter/bugler in the Civil War, as well as an assistant in hospitals taking care of the wounded. He will bring period or hand crafted replicas of medical, dental, and pharmaceutical equipment used 150 years ago and explain their purposes. Charles has even hand-built a Civil War horse-drawn ambulance which was used in the 2012 movie *Lincoln* and has been on display at numerous events. Although we won't see the ambulance, we'll still learn fascinating information and appreciate even more today's medical advancements. Please join us on Tuesday, August 19, at 7:00 p.m.!

## Upcoming Meetings

We have some great topics scheduled for the rest of the year. We hope you can join us! All meetings will be at the meeting hall (18750 Highway 100 in Wildwood) at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

**August 19** – Charles Staats, a Civil War doctor re-enactor, will present a program about Civil War medicine.

**September 16** – To be announced; annual WHS elections

**October 21** – To be announced

**November 18** – The annual WHS Antiques Roadshow

**Saturday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m.** – The annual WHS Christmas party!

**January 20** – To be announced

**February 17** – Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Little House* Sites

## Celebrate Wildwood Saturday, August 23, 2014

The Wildwood Historical Society will have a tent with photo boards displayed and children's activities at the Celebrate Wildwood event on Saturday, August 23, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

\*We need volunteers! All you need is a smile and time for a one- to two-hour shift. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Kelpé at [kelpfamily@gmail.com](mailto:kelpfamily@gmail.com) with your name and time preference. The Society will also participate in the parade at 10:00 a.m. We'll be handing Tootsie Rolls to the crowd – they don't break or melt. Join in the fun on August 23!

## 2014 Bus Tour

Our annual bus tour will be Saturday, October 25, and will visit Greensfelder County Park, Rockwoods Reservation and Range, and Babler State Park. This year, we will be taking e-mail reservations starting August 1. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.

## 2015 Calendar

We really need your help in selling ads for our 2015 Civil War-themed calendar! Business card ads are only \$75. Call Lisa Kelpé at 636-458-2860.

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## Peek Into Our Past

The *Watchman* county newspaper published news from towns in our area in the late 1800s. Enjoy this month's "Peek Into Our Past."

*7/7/1893 – An ice cream festival was held at Bethel Church, Pond, Friday evening, the proceeds to be used for roofing the church anew.*

*7/13/1894 – Disappointed in the expectation of having a good time July 4th, on account of the inclemency of the weather, and hearing that the G. A. R. were to take up shortly after, the large floor erected by the Sons of Veterans some time ago, the young people assembled at Melrose Grove, on the evening of July 8th, and paid their last tribute to it. Those who participated were: Misses Julia and Laura Grauer, Carrie, Emma and Ida Bouquet, Hattie Ossenfort, Annie Hardt, Rosie Hardt, Carrie Hildebrand, Annie Hencken, Adelia Steines, Katie Mayor, Carrie Lenz and Bertha Willming; Messrs. Hugo Essen, Chas. Brick, John Rosenbaum, Chas. and John Ossenfort, John and Will. Berthold, Will. Krausch, Otto and Ernst Hausgen, Edw. Hardt, Fred. Moltz, Chas. Paffrath, Wm. Lenz, John Gimbel and Chas. Marks. Dancing was the principle amusement. The new Melrose orchestra rendered excellent service on the occasion. All eyes were made brighter, cheeks more rosy and steps lighter, as the music rhythmically gushed forth in many a sweetly varied strain.*

*7/13/1894 – Several of our young people from this burg went on a fishing tour to the Missouri River, at St. Albans, last Sunday morning and returned in the evening well pleased with their success in catching four or five large carps from one and a half to two feet long. They did not show them, but as the report was made by the ladies, it is supposed that the statement is correct.*

## WHS Membership Information

WHS memberships are due on a calendar-year basis and run through December 31, 2014.

Individual – \$25

Couple – \$30

Family with children through age 22 – \$35

Benefactor – \$100

Lifetime – \$500

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