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Wildwood Historical Society Newsletter

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March Program

250 Years of St. Louis History

St. Louis turned 250 years old on February 15, so the Wildwood Historical Society will be having an informative presentation by Jody Sowell, the Exhibition & Research Director at the Missouri Historical Museum. Jody will show the Society a Powerpoint presentation about St. Louis over the years, tied in with the Missouri History Museum's *250 in 250* exhibit. We will learn about St. Louis's history and the process of creating and producing a museum exhibit. We hope that you can join us.

March Meeting

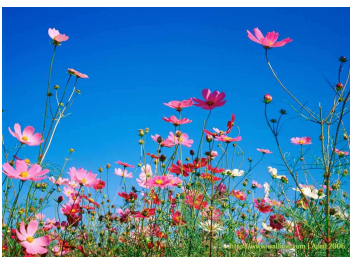
Tuesday, March 18, 2014

7:00 p.m.

New Meeting Hall

18750 Highway 100

Happy spring! Daylight Savings Time begins on March 9; turn clocks forward an hour. Spring begins on March 20.



Sneak Peek at April's Meeting

The Wildwood Historical Society will be having a very special program in April. Ralph Gregory, a 104-year-old avid historian, will be coming on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Gregory organized the Franklin County Historical Society and the Washington Historical Society, had an interesting and unusual World War II experience, and has an excellent memory. Come join us in April to learn about his extraordinary years!

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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."

3/16/1882 – The wheat crop bids fair for an abundant yield, in fact there never was a better prospect in Bonhomme. There is a splendid prospect for fruit of all varieties up to present time. Farmers are becoming impatient on account of wet weather as yet there has been no oats sowed.

3/16/1882 – The wedding and birthday party at the residence of Mr. Herman Fickes on the 8th of present month turned out to be a very tame affaire owing to the bad roads and rainy weather.

3/8/1883 – Washington's birthday was celebrated here by a large wedding. The contracting parties were Mr. Gottlieb Albrecht, of Bonhomme, to Mrs. Elizabeth Mertz, of Bellefontaine. Squire Wm. Ravins performed the ceremony at 7 o'clock, p.m. after which the usual formalities including the first three dances by the bridal parties. A splendid supper, consisting of everything that man could wished for, was in readiness for the guests, after which the spacious hall, was sought by those who love to tip the light fantastic. The Hill Town Band was on hand in due time to make that part of the occasion as pleasant as possible. The day being fair there were upwards of 300 people present from all parts of the city and county, 15 kegs of beer, 20 gallons of wine, besides other refreshments and cigars, were consumed on this occasion. Many presents and congratulations were extended to the bridal party, who made everything as agreeable as possible for the guests on this occasion. We wish them much joy.

3/15/1883 – Last Thursday Mr. Geo. Eatherton of Orrville had a wood chopping at his place. The attendance being large, two acres of woodland were cleared. After a fine supper a little dance was arranged which lasted til midnight.

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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