



Wildwood Historical Society Newsletter

June 2014

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June Program

History of a Rural Pontiac Dealer

The Wildwood Historical Society's June meeting will be presented by Terry Schott on the "History of a Rural Pontiac Dealer", a program about his family's Fox Creek business. The family business began in 1920 and closed in 1985. It ran under the names Fox Creek Garage, Schott's Garage, Schott's Pontiac, and Schott's Auto Service Center throughout its 65-year history. We will be holding a potluck at 6:00 p.m., with the business meeting and program starting at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and invite anyone you know who might be interested. We hope to see you on June 17th at 6:00 p.m.!

June Meeting

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

6:00 p.m. (Note time change!)

Meeting Hall

18750 Highway 100



Fox Creek Garage – Circa 1920s



Trivia Night Success

Our third annual trivia night was held on Saturday, May 17, and was a great success. Our profit of **\$1,976.50** pays our loan for the next three months!

Thanks to all our participants for their support and to Society members for donating snacks and drinks. A big thank you to **Joan Schmid** for taking registrations, **Martha Bunch** for the Silent Auction, **Fred Bunch** for the 50/50 drawing, and **Dr. Oldani** for his emcee duties. We really appreciate your work and couldn't have held Trivia Night without you!

July Meeting Preview

To celebrate our nation's birthday, we'll be holding a patriotic sing-a-long and ice cream social on Tuesday, July 15, at 7:00 p.m. We'll learn the history of many famous historical songs and have a chance to sing them. Afterwards, we'll enjoy an ice cream social. Please bring your favorite topping. Come celebrate America with the Society!

Save the Date – Bus Tour!

Mark Saturday, October 25, 2014 on your calendar. This year's bus tour will feature Wildwood's three historic park lands – Babler State Park, Rockwoods Reservation and Range, and Greensfelder County Park. You don't want to miss it!

2015 Calendar

The 2015 calendar's theme is the Civil War. Would you or someone you know like to advertise your business and support the Wildwood Historical Society all year long? Business card ads are only \$75 each. Contact Joan Schmid at 636-458-3962 today.

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 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!

A huge thank you to Rich Hardt for finding, rehabbing, and installing our new library door!



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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."

6/4/1886 – We have received two communications in regard to the picnic of the Bethel Sunday school, given at Fraizer's grove, May 27th. One is from Pond, and the other from Fox Creek, and both speak in the highest terms of the pleasant occasion. Strawberries and ice-cream, and a bountiful dinner, were heartily enjoyed by all. Several speeches were made, and music, both vocal and instrumental, was a delightful feature.

*6/4/1886 – **Notice.** Please, Mr. Paubel, or any other person, if you come in the hills again be so kind and don't drive through a man's potato patch. It is good enough that you said you would give me potatoes for the damage, but I thank you for it; you may keep your potatoes yourself. I got enough of my own. If you should trespass on my land again there will certainly be some trouble.*

Christ. Bothe,

Pond, Mo., June 2, 1886.

6/7/1889 – A cyclone visited Melrose Friday before last, and did no small amount of damage. It took hold of a weeping willow tree ten inches in diameter on Mr. Louis Grauer's place and clipped it off close to the ground, leaving the stump as smooth as a woodman would have done. The windy terror then took a southeasterly course, and mowed a swathe twenty feet wide and 150 yards long through the brush, when it encountered a ravine, which turned its course toward the east, and played havoc with the orchard on the Letcher place.

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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Please include a note with your current e-mail address, phone number, membership level, and member's name(s). Thanks for your support!