

June 2017 Newsletter



Wildwood Historical Society

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Meeting date change:

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 - WILDWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE & PICNIC from 11:00 am. - 3:00 p.m. at 18750 Hwy 100, Wildwood, MO. We invite you to come and see our Museum, chat with our members and get acquainted with us and the area. If you plan to attend, no matter what time of day, please RSVP so we do not run out of food. Our members and the society will be providing the food. We are asking our members to bring a covered dish. We will also accept donations to cover the cost of the main meal provided by the Society.

Phone numbers to RSVP to are Sandy Gurnow, President- 314-374-3159 or Martha Bunch Museum Director-314-920-2249.

1950's POND SCHOOL REUNION



Mrs. May's 4th
Grade Class

If you attended Pond School in the 1950's You Are Invited to attend a Reunion Saturday, June 10, 2017, 10:30 A.M.

Lunch at Noon.

We will have hot dogs and sloppy joes. Please bring a covered dish.

Lemonade, Iced Tea, and Water will be available. Feel free to bring a beverage of your choice.

The reunion will be held at a private home. Please call one of the ladies listed below for more information. Sharon (Sostman)

Cameron:(636)253-4901

Dottie (Hale) Crum: (314) 675-7244, Mary (Fahr) Bellrose (636) 458-3829

Susan (Green) Leuthauser : (314) 852-4952

Janice (Stroud) Lecocq: (636) 451-0903

Please share this information with anyone who might be interested.

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, JULY 16-WILDWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUNDRAISER DISPLAY CAR SHOW, BAKE SALE & MUSEUM TOURS-11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

\$10.00 Admission for the Car Owners displaying; \$5.00 for all others-includes museum tours and car show. There will be hot dogs, burgers, chips, etc., available for sale besides lots of good, good baked goods, both to eat there and to take home. Any questions-call Sandy Gurnow, President-314-374-3159.

August, August 15, at 7:00 p.m. – St. Louis Mafia – Adam Kloppe returns to tell us the history of the Mafia in St. Louis.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25-Celebrate Wildwood -Wildwood Historical Society will have an Informational Booth at Wildwood Days from 10-4, held at Wildwood Town Center. We would appreciate help in setting up and taking down the display and manning the booth.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 at 7:00 p.m.-WILDWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY Cameron Collins will be sharing a book he has written entitled " St. Louis' Lost Treasure," which brings those lost treasures back to life. Any questions-call Sandy Gurnow, President-314-374-3159.

Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. – Our Annual “Antiques Roadshow” – gets a few updates – first, it’s not in November, and second, we’ll have area antique shop owner Joyce Reynolds presenting about the rise and fall of antique popularity. She will also appraise the item(s) each person brings to show.

October, November(TBA) – Annual Bus Tour: TBA

Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. – Rich Hardt will talk about Aladdin lamps and, the History of Early American Residential lighting from candles to kerosene, to Aladdin and Coleman, to electricity.

Sunday afternoon in December, – TBA

Donations
are GREATLY
appreciated!

We are looking for donations of bottled water, cans of soda, and baked goods for the upcoming Open House /Potluck Lunch, Saturday June 17 and Car Show, July 16. For July Car Show we need baked goods. If you are able to donate please contact Martha Bunch at 314-920-2249 or martha.j.bunch@gmail.com to arrange a drop off. Thanks!



Just like any household, the Wildwood Historical Society needs some tasks performed on a regular basis. Some are household cleaning and maintenance such as vacuuming and dusting. Other tasks center on actual museum work, such as acting as a greeter at the Museum on Monday mornings or reading documents and specifying the number of copies to be made and under what name they should be filed.

A one-time project that needs to be done is to reattach photos, etc. which have come loose from various picture boards around the Museum and Meeting Hall.

And just like any household, we need physical maintenance: install shelving in the Library-Museum office; outside cleanup such as picking up branches and pulling weeds from garden areas, etc.

We are also calling all painters to paint the low portions of the back of the Museum. The high portions are complete. Check-in with Martha about scheduling your time.

The Society extends sympathy to the family of Judy Sahm who passed away May 15. Judy enjoyed attending WHS meetings and shared her passion for local history with many of her friends. She served as a trustee. She will be remembered by many as one of the founders of Wildwood, serving as its first City Treasurer.

PAINTING THE BARN



The Wildwood Historical Society owes a huge THANKS to John VonGruben who painted the upper portion of the Museum front that our volunteers had not been able to reach safely. John also painted the high portions of the rear of the museum that our volunteers had not yet started. He also painted the east peak area of the stable. On both buildings, front and rear, John also painted the fascia boards.

The Museum building probably had not been painted since its construction in the late 1970s so this section of the painting process not only included significant heights, but also dealt with wood that soaked up paint as soon as it was applied. Again, a big Thank You to John for his amazing help.



*And the
Winners are...*

The May 50/50 Raffle Drawing was won by the following people:

Martha Bunch won the 50/50 and the gift card and donated her share of the cash back to the Society.

Marilyn Weber won the Petunia hanging basket.

Kelly Woerther took home the Schnucks re-usable Schnucks re-usable "Giving Bag" full of Snacks.

We have now donated a total of \$131.00 to WHS. One of our projects going on is to finish the painting on the outside of our buildings - so every little bit helps!!

Thanks, Donna Kummer



After four years volunteering as a researcher and writer for the Wildwood Historical Society, beginning this summer, Karen Fox will be shifting her focusing on other history research projects (mainly her own family genealogy!). "I have enjoyed every minute volunteering with this great organization, especially working on the calendar, schoolhouse book, and especially the museum displays. I will miss the weekly camaraderie, especially collaborating with Jill and Martha on projects." In the coming months, Karen will finish projects in progress: the 2018

calendar and World War I displays. As scheduling allows, Karen will continue to help promote *One-Room Schoolhouses*, as well as other publications in the *Before It Was Wildwood* series. Karen's extensive research on Spanish Land Grants, early American settlers, and pre-Civil War history can be found in the WHS Library and Research Center at the Museum. Although you may not catch her there regularly on Mondays, always feel free to reach out if you have a question. [karentfox@aol.com] The Wildwood Historical Society has greatly benefited from not only Karen's amazing research and other skills she brought to us, but also her friendship. We wish her well in this new phase of her life!



On Monday, June 12th, Sarah Landgraf will begin her summer internship with the Wildwood Historical Society. While her main work focus will be on a library project, we will also see her assisting at the various events over June and July. If you see her, please welcome this delightful young woman to our organization.

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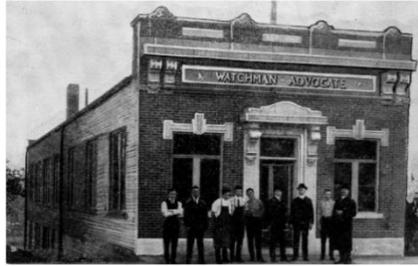
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A PEEK INTO OUR PAST



The Watchman and the Advocate county newspapers published news from towns in our area from the late 1800's thru the mid-1950's. The two became the Watchman-Advocate with the merger around 1903.

Enjoy this month's "Peek into Our Past".

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1888.05.28—Court: Richard Wardenburg, Constable of Meramec Township, reported that he had collected no fines during the quarter ending May 18, 1888.

1888.05.11— Crime: The usually quiet little village of Allenton was thrown into a state of excitement last Saturday afternoon by the announcement that Mrs. Michael McKinsey had shot Hans Olsen, and the latter was seen running from the former's residence with blood streaming down his face. Dr. Munroe was speedily summoned and cut a 22-caliber pistol ball out of Mr. Olsen's forehead, where it had flattened out between the skin and the bone. The ball entered midway between the two eyes of the victim just over the nose, and was apparently a glancing shot, as the missile plowed upward along the frontal bone, inflicting only a flesh wound. What the provocation for the shooting was is a village secret, but the fact nevertheless, remains that Mr. McKinsey and Mrs. Olsen appear equally eager to have warrants of arrests sworn out, so that the case may be ventilated in a court of justice, the only difference being that Mr. McKinsey wants Mr. Olsen arrested and Mrs. Olsen desires to have Mrs. McKinsey brought before a legal tribunal, where she may explain her reasons for shooting a man. No arrests have as yet been made, but if there should be, some rich developments are looked for.

1888.05.28— Court: Ordered that the order made in the matter of inquest held by Wm. Doerges, Justice of the Peace of Meramec township, over the body of Charles Hewes, be rescinded and the warrant canceled.

1888.05.28— Roads: Ordered that the petition of citizens of Meramec township, for change in the Ossenfort Road, heretofore referred to the Road Commissioner, be granted and the old road vacated.