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Wildwood, Missouri 63069  
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from Highway 109*



*Wildwood Historical Society*

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## **OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER**

*FROM THE PRESIDENT-Sandra (Sandy) Becker-*

By the time you get this Newsletter, members of our Society have represented the Society at Fahr Greenhouse at their Homestead Saturdays. We had books & maps for sale. We had 2 “Farming” Picture boards on display plus membership forms. We talked to a lot of people. Some did not know we existed, even after all this time. That is why we need to get ourselves out there for events such as this. Marilyn can elaborate in another article who all helped out on these days as she was the organizer for us.

October meeting is our Antique Review and we are back to Show and Tell what you know about the item. We will not have a guest speaker.

There are some plans “in the works” for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in February. Details soon.

Exciting News! Over the winter our Kitchen should be getting a make-over to restaurant standards Thanks to monetary donations from the Peggy and Steve Fossett Foundation in Chicago. If there are some of you that do not know; Peggy Fossett’s ancestors were the Hencken Family, the property of which we own.

Please come join us at a meeting. We only have 1 left besides this one. Then in December will be our Holiday Open House.

Respectfully,

Sandy

*TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16 at 7:00 p.m.*

*ANTIQUÉ REVIEW*



It is time to bring your Antique to show and give us a little history on it. If you have something you aren't sure what it is, maybe someone will be able to identify it. This is always a fun evening.



I want to thank everyone who helped bring this year's chapter of our joint book project with the City of Wildwood – *Celebrate the History of Wildwood* to fruition. The chapter covered the Civil War through World War I and it has been a smashing success with rave reviews! The stories and photos that have been shared with the Wildwood Historical Society over the past 20 years make a book like this possible. *Jill*

*The Next Edition*



Well, we need your assistance again. The next chapter will cover 1920 through 1990. It's 70 years that saw such immense change and growth for our country and for our area.

What type of help? Stories and/or scans of photos which pertain to the area that is present-day Wildwood – anything from 1920 through 1990. What are some of the topics that we will be covering? The Roaring Twenties, Prohibition, Revenuers and Moonshine, Farming, The Great Depression (1930s), The Civilian Conservation Corps work in our area, World War II – both at war and on the home front including POWs housed in Gumbo Flats, Post-War Years of the 1940s, the 1950s, the Significant 1960s, the 70s and 80s.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. I'm so looking forward to learning of your family's stories!

*Jill*



In last month's column, we discussed the process of donating items and the need for documentation. Besides the fact that Archivists and Librarians tend to be detailed oriented, what is the benefit of all this record-keeping?

Here is a current example of what happens when we don't have the documentation. In the past few weeks we have been pulling photos to put with the verbiage for our 2019 Calendar and theme is the groves.

Your Archivist thought she had found the perfect picture for one of our groves. It had the correct family name written at the bottom of the photo and the photo's filename contained the family name. But there was no written documentation of any sort in our records to go with this photo.

Just by total luck, I had a contact info for someone in that family. After many emails through this person and multiples of cousins of this family, it was discovered that the while the photo was indeed for some branch of the family, it was not a photo of the grove that I needed for the Calendar page. A side benefit was that with the variety of the family's cousins, it was confirmed that I had located the correct geographical area for the grove.

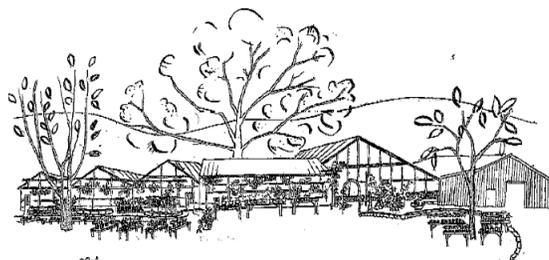
But the downside, for the photo, we have no idea of what geographical setting or what branch of that family or any idea of who were the people in the photo. For now, the story that goes with this photo is lost.

So when your Archivist asks for documentation, it's not because he/she is hung up on filing paper for filing sake. It is because your Archivist doesn't want a repeat of the above anecdote with anything that is being currently donated.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.** - *When the Blues Go Marching In* by Dan O'Neill, . Sports columnist,presents the story of the St. Louis Blues

**Sunday, December 16, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** - Christmas OPEN HOUSE with Appetizers and Desserts 1-4 p.m.



 **Fahr Greenhouse**

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## **HOMESTEAD SATURDAYS**

**September 22nd, 29th & October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Thanks...** to the following people who helped to make more people aware of the Wildwood Historical Society. We reached out to new people who were interested in our Society. The Farm Life picture boards and plat maps were big hits.

*September 22: Sandy Gurnow, Aurelia Lewis, Joyce Mercer.*

*September 27: Lynn Link and Aurelia Lewis.*

*October 6: Kim Scheel, Aurelia Lewis, and Dave VonGruben.*

Other participants at the Festival were:

- Dale Luitjohana, Bellrose son-in-law, with his Honey grown on the Greenhouse Grounds using Italian and Russian bees.
- One lady collected Monarch caterpillars and offered the cocoons to take home and watch hatch.
- Annie Mette with homemade (*Show Me*) *Hope Soap, oils, and other products.*
- Jody Sloan and her sons, Jacob and Ben brought the “farm” from across the road; they had a petting zoo with chickens, ducks, a potbelly pig, goat, and Duke, a rescued Tennessee Walker horse and his companion, a paint.
- Lunch with delicious baked goods was offered by the Marianist Retreat Center Kitchen, which also offers catering and Christmas cookies for sale.
- Children attending could also decorate pumpkins.



The Bellrose grandchildren taking a ride on Duke, being led by Jody and Jacob



## Caterpillar to Butterfly



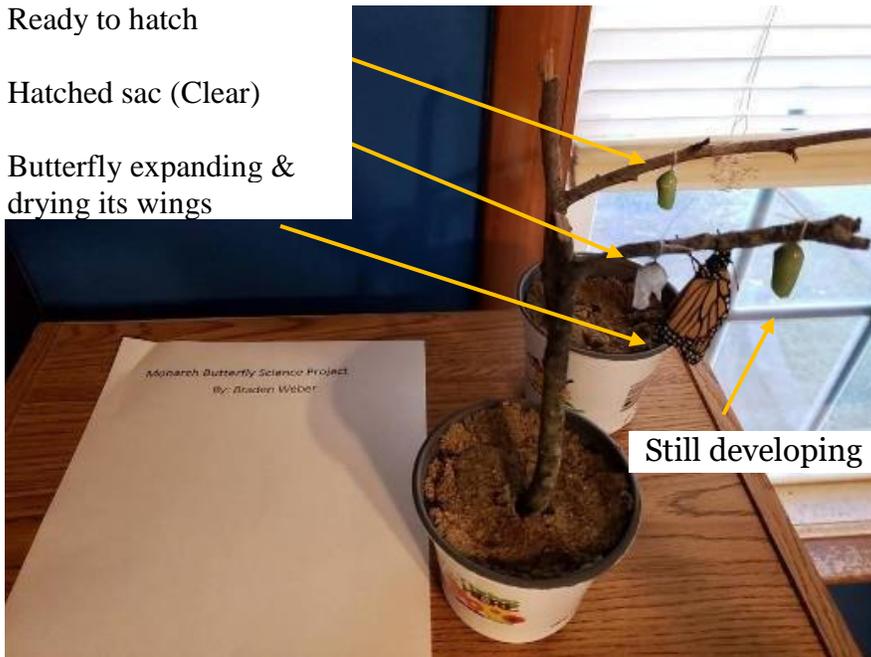
## Braden Weber's Butterfly Science Project

### Becoming a Butterfly

Ready to hatch

Hatched sac (Clear)

Butterfly expanding & drying its wings



This was a great project for him. He set up a camera and took time lapsed pictures.

Marilyn

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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.

*Editor's note: Articles copied in their original form.*

*“Enjoy this month’s “Peek into Our Past”.*

**1887.09.23 – Pond, Business:** T. M. Wright has sold his large stock of goods at auction the sale of which occupied three days. Now his spacious

building on the Manchester road near Pond is vacant. Tommie found he was too clumsy for a merchant.

**1887.12.16 – Melrose, Roads:** Parties who have to traverse Melrose road report it to be in a bad condition between Melrose P.O. and Charles Steines' place.

**1888.10.15-Allenton, Property:** Caroline L. Gross, Linton, F. C. attorney to purchase that part of the county farm laying west of the Allenton & Melrose road \$25/ acre.

**1888.10.19-Meramec Tp., Politics:** Enthusiastic Republican meetings have been held in several portions of

**1888.11.09-Melrose, Court:** Fred Ossenfort appointed Judge of Election in Precinct No. 21, Melrose, in place of Henry Hencken, Jr., and Jan A. Vandover in place of G. W. Anderson, in precinct No. 17, Fenton.

