



# Wildwood Historical Society

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## Happy New Year

### January Greetings from the President

Well it was an icy start here and a few really cold days but weren't the trees beautiful? And this is why we don't have meetings in January and February ie: bad weather.

With the hope of the Covid vaccine in our future, we MIGHT be meeting again by June! I really do not see us getting together much before that. I do have a speaker scheduled for March, but I'm fairly certain I will be rescheduling that speaker for later in the year. We may start off with no speaker, just so we can get reacquainted with our members again! My HOPE is, when the time is right, you will all join us for a friendly round robin!

Please submit your dues for 2021. Without any fundraisers

in 2020, we still have expenses to be paid, so we need ever little

bit. We have had a few End-of-the-year donations which have helped. THANK YOU!

Sandra K. Becker-Gurnow  
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## A Peek Into the 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.*

**906.01.12-Eureka, court:** Miss Gertrude Peppers claims she promised to marry the younger Gudermuth last year but that instead of going to the wedding her intended spouse crossed the Meramec river in a skiff and has not been heard from. She asks for \$10,000 damages and requests the court to transfer the title to the farm from his father to the son in order that she might collect an anticipated judgment. George Gudermuth Sr. defendant in a breach of promise suit is brought in because a large farm

alleged to belong to the son is recorded in the father's name.

**1906.01.26-Pond, building:** JH Sommerland of Pond reports a general building boom at Pond

**1906.02.02-Pond, business:** Fred Erke merchant at this place is having a large building for general store purposes built in Ellisville which he will soon occupy.

**1906.02.02-Pond, medical:** Miss Lydia Hillebrand ill

**1906.02.02-Pond, farming:** Carl Koch slaughtered the largest porker in this neck of the woods for many a day, weighed 775 pounds 250 pounds of lard

**1906.02.02-Pond, roads:** The copious rains were a God-send for washing the air-slaked lime and ashes off Woods Ave.

**1906.02.16- Pond, hunting:** Hugo Bilchman recently shot a fox which was inadvertently credited to his father in a recent issue of your paper which greatly hurt the tender feelings of the young nimrod.