



# Wildwood Historical Society

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## March 2015 Newsletter

### March Program

The March Wildwood Historical Society program, *Oysters to Angus: Three Generations of the St. Louis Faust Family*, will be presented by Elizabeth Terry. Elizabeth was raised on a cattle ranch on the Wyoming/Nebraska line, and it was there that she developed her love for history, walking along old wagon ruts on the spacious prairie to go work cattle in log corrals just as her ancestors had done. She received a history degree from the University of Nebraska-Kearney and a Master's in Public History from James Madison University in Virginia. After Elizabeth's young daughter was diagnosed with a severe, debilitating illness, her focus shifted from library and museum work to the more flexible pursuit of writing and research. Elizabeth's passion for pioneer spirit was channeled into the publication of *Oysters to Angus*, a fascinating read on raw issues that troubled the Faust family and other German-Americans in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in St. Louis. The book provides a scholarly, fresh approach to pivotal events in our city's history. This must-read book and program will give a wealth of new, well-researched information to everyone from the novice history lover to the experienced history buff. For more information about Elizabeth Terry and her other publications, please visit her website, [www.eterryhistory.com](http://www.eterryhistory.com).

We hope to see you on March 17 for this wonderful program!

### March WHS Program

**Tuesday, March 17, 2015**

**7:00 p.m.**

**The Society's Meeting Hall**

**18750 Highway 100**



*Wildwood Historical Society*

**Sporting Clays Shoot & Whiskey Tasting**

**WHISKEY, REBELLION  
& WILDWOOD**

Saturday, April 18th 2015 Sign-in begins at 1:00 pm

*at Strathalbyn Farms Club*

552 Wolfrum Road, Weldon Spring, MO 63304

**REGISTRATION FORM**

100 Shells Included • Bring Eye and Ear Protection & Bag to Carry Shells

**\$135/SHOOTER**

**\$75/NON-SHOOTER**

**\$250/SPONSOR**

Shooter's Name

Contact Email

Gauge (12 or 20)

1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

Non-Shooter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Shooter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Mail your check and registration form to: Wildwood Historical Society P.O. Box 125, Grover MO 63040

To pay by credit card: go to [www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org) and click "Events"

For more information regarding this event, please contact Event Chair Karen Fox 636-346-7737

**SCHEDULE AND DIRECTIONS**

Schedule:

- 1:00 pm Sign-in for the shoot begins
- 1:30 pm Sporting clay shoot begins
- 3:30 pm Whiskey tasting and hors-d'oeuvres (recommended arrival time for non-shooters)
- 4:30 pm Awards presentation
- 6:00 pm Event ends

Directions:

- Take I-64 West
- Cross Daniel Boone Bridge
- Take Exit 11 from I-64
- Turn Right (180°) onto Wolfrum Rd
- Follow Wolfrum Rd 2.3 miles to Strathalbyn Rd
- Take gravel road ~ 1.2 mile to club house

Email completed form to [info@wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org)

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Saturday April 25th

VFW Post 6274 Hall  
115 Mimosa Lane, Ballwin MO 63011

DOORS OPEN AT

—6:30PM—

# Trivia Night

Benefiting Children in our Community and  
the Wildwood Historical Society

CASH PRIZES TO TOP TEAMS

SNACKS PROVIDED; OUTSIDE FOOD WELCOME

BEVERAGE BAR SPECIALS

SINGLES AND COUPLES WELCOME!

QUESTIONS? THERESA : (314) 609-1065 OR [KIWANISWC2015@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KIWANISWC2015@GMAIL.COM)



Advance Reservations: \$15 per person or \$120 table of 8. May pay at the door if Advance Reservation received by April 22nd. Without Reservation, payment at door on Event Night is \$20 per person or \$160 table of 8.

CAPTAIN'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER IN TEAM (MAX OF 8): \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED (\$15.00 X NO. PLAYERS ON TEAM): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WEST ST. LOUIS COUNTY KIWANIS  
SEND TO: NANCY WILLIMON, TRIVIA  
15332 MANCHESTER ROAD, SUITE 210, ELLISVILLE, MO 63011

\$15 PER PERSON  
\$20 AT THE DOOR

## 2015 Wildwood Historical Society Membership Form

It is time to join or renew your membership to WHS! Memberships run from January 1 to December 31, 2015, and are a great way to support and help the Society and its mission. Please fill out this page and mail it with your check payable to:

**Wildwood Historical Society**

**P.O. Box 125**

**Wildwood, MO 63040**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Level: *(Please check appropriate box)*

- Individual – \$25
- Couple – \$30
- Family with children through age 22 – \$35
- Benefactor – \$100
- Lifetime – \$500

### Extra Bushel for the Hencken Farm!

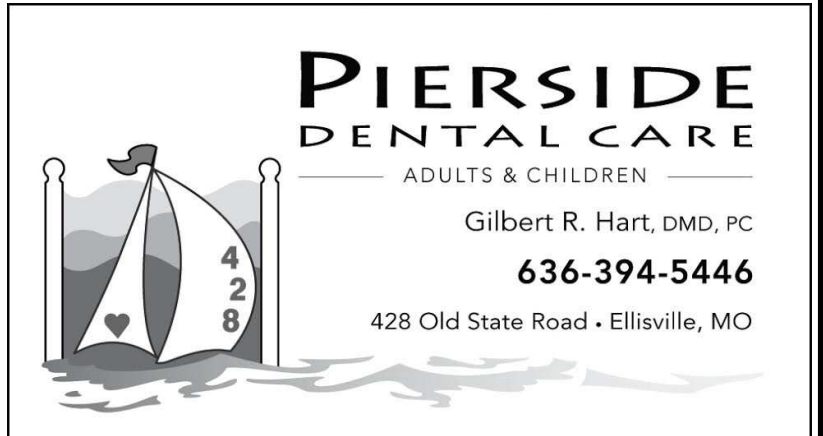
Please consider donating above and beyond your membership level to help WHS pay for our Hencken Farm mortgage. This “extra bushel” can be included with your membership check above.

\$25    \$50    \$100    Another amount (please fill in): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING WHS!**

## Pierside Dental Ad

We would like to apologize to one of our calendar advertisers, Pierside Dental, for an electronic error that caused part of their address to drop off the calendar. To the right is the correct, full ad.



## 2016 Calendar Ad Sales

Our 2016 calendar is underway! By starting early, we will be able to get it into your hands sooner and be less rushed at publication time. The theme is schools, and research, led by Karen Fox, is progressing. Did you or someone you know attend one of the old schools – Glencoe, Hollow, Melrose, Orville, Orville African American, Pond, Ruwwe, Smith, or Wild Horse – in our area before the 1949 reorganization? If so, we would love to get your story! Please contact Martha Bunch ([martha.j.bunch@gmail.com](mailto:martha.j.bunch@gmail.com) or 314-920-2249) to find out how to share it. We especially need calendar ads sold. Paul Eckler is coordinating the sales, so all you need to do is sell or buy some ads. Business card ads are just \$75; double business cards are \$145. Please come to March's meeting and pick up an easy-to-use ad sale form. Anyone can do it!

## Spring St. Louis Regional Historical Society Meeting

This meeting will be held at our Society on Sunday, May 3. A barbeque lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m., and the museum will be open for touring. At 1:00 p.m., the meeting will take place. This is a great chance to meet history lovers and learn about what other area societies are doing. All are welcome, so we hope to see you on May 3!



**Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8.  
Don't forget to spring forward!**

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[www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org)

## 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."

*3/8/1883 – Wednesday last a wood-chopping came off at Mr. Keller's place on Wild Horse Creek. Nearly half-hundred axes with the necessary motors attached to them, were busy from morning until night, and Mr. Keller's beaming face indicated perfect satisfaction. A splendid dinner and supper was served and Mrs. Keller spared no pains to secure the best of everything. The ever ready violin, the eagerly waiting ladies and the refreshed choppers were at last set to work again, and it was surprising to see what graceful motions were made in the never ending quadrille. All were happy; even those, who were unfortunate enough to be detained until 3 o'clock, a.m., assured that they had "a big time". And Mr. Keller looked at the cracks in the floor the next morning.*

*3/27/1885 – A boy arrived at the residence of Mr. Thos. Richardson with the intention of making his future home there. His principal business the next 12 months will be to milk. He weighs 11 lbs.*

*3/26/1886 – Geo. Brown, whose horses strayed away about a week ago, has through the instrumentality of Mr. Frank Taylor, of Pond, Mo., recovered said horses. They are supposed to have been ridden to St. Louis and then turned loose, and were caught by Mr. Sudmacher, 12th and Geyer Avenue, and held until found by Mr. Taylor on Saturday morning, March 20th.*

*3/9/1888 – The weather is changeable and variable to a most astonishing degree, the thermometer being way up in the sixties Wednesday and Thursday of last week, and the little froggies piping in the ponds, and to-day at freezing point and snowing. Wheat, however, notwithstanding the severe freezes and thaws, looks quite promising in this vicinity. It is said not to look quite so well south of here on Manchester road, owing presumably to the causes above stated, and the greater exposure to the northwest winds, as that locality is high and hilly, which gives the cold winds a fair sweep over their north slope and along their summits.*

*3/23/1888 – The stores of Henry Hanken, at Dutch Hollow, and Fred Hanken, at Fox Creek, were entered by burglars on Tuesday night of last week, who carried off a lot of knives, combs and other small articles.*