



# Wildwood Historical Society

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## May 2016 Newsletter

### May Program

We will be going to Babler State Park for the May program! The presentation will focus on the historic communities in and around what is now Babler, such as Monarch, Kelpe, Centaur, and Orrville. You will learn about the people, places, and events that happened over 120 years ago. It will be a great program and we hope you can join us! **Please make note that this will be held on Saturday, May 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Visitor Center at Babler Park!**

#### May Program

Saturday, May 28, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Babler State Park Visitor Center

Guy Park Drive

Wildwood, MO 63005

### Save the Dates!

**Saturday, June 4, 2016** – Car show, barbecue lunch, bake sale, museum tours, and old car rides – come out for the fun!

**Tuesday, June 21, 2016** – Monthly program featuring the history of Kelpe Contracting, as well as our annual potluck supper.

**Saturday, July 9, 2016** – Trivia night in conjunction with West County Kiwanis.

*Please see page 2 of this newsletter for more details about these events.*

## Car Show Fundraiser

Please join us for the first fundraiser of 2016! Several area car clubs will “cruise” to the Society on **Saturday, June 4, from 12 to 4 p.m.** Anyone with a classic or historic vehicle is also welcome! For a suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family, you will get to view a variety of cars, tour the Wildwood Historical Society Museum, and participate in the People’s Choice Award by choosing your favorite car to win! A simple barbecue lunch, bake sale, and historic Chevy and Model T rides will also be available for purchase. Rain date is Saturday, June 25.

*If you would like to donate an item for the bake sale, you can drop them off on Friday, June 3, or Saturday morning. Please call Martha Bunch at 314-920-2249 before you come so she can meet you. We also need donations of individual bags of chips; plastic forks; canned soda, tea, and lemonade; and bottled water.*

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, June 21, at 7:00 p.m.** – The history of Kelpé Contracting, a Wildwood business founded in 1960. Join us for a potluck at **6:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, July 9** – It’s time for Trivia Night in conjunction with the West County Kiwanis, held at the Ballwin VFW Hall. Get your team together now! Doors open at **6:30 p.m.**; **trivia begins at 7:00.** Please watch for more details in the next newsletter.

**Tuesday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m.** – Frederick Hodes will share about his book, *A Divided City: A History of St. Louis 1851 to 1876*, specifically focusing on the split of St. Louis City and County. This is also our annual ice cream social!

**Saturday, August 27** – Come see our booth at Celebrate Wildwood!

**Sunday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m.** – Bob Tiemann and Ron Jacober will share about their book, *Immortal Moments in Cardinals History*. This is also the annual election, and there are four positions on the ballot – president, secretary, and two trustees.



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## 2017 Calendar Advertising Sale Form

After ad sale, please scan and email this form to Paul Eckler at [paul.eckler@att.net](mailto:paul.eckler@att.net).  
Paul's phone number is (636)273-5398 in case you need to speak to him in person.

### \$75 Business Card Ad

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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### \$145 Double Business Card Ad

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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If advertiser pays at time of sale, please fill out the information below and bring this form and advertiser's check to our next monthly meeting. Thank you!

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

WHS will email a receipt to each advertiser upon receipt of each advertiser's check.

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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."

*5/10/1883 – While Henry Bilkmann, near Pond, was working in his field, May 2, some thief extracted \$300 from the pocket of his vest, which garment Henry had hung up in a fence corner, temporarily. There is no clew to the rascal, but Mr. Bilkmann has the satisfaction of knowing that he still has the vest, wherein to stow large sums of money, with which robbers to tempt to break into and despoil.*

*5/5/1893 – Wild Horse School, taught by Miss Shields closed April 29, with a picnic and entertainment. The well-selected essays and dialogues reflected much credit on the youthful teacher. Several rewards of merit were given. First prize penmanship, Miss Lilly Terry, of Centaur; second, Master Ben Schutner, of Kelp; spelling, first prize, Miss Nellie Sandfoes; second, Miss Mary Kesselring, of Kelp. the Gahel band rendered delightful music on the occasion. We understand the present teacher is engaged to teach the school next term. We wish her much success.*

*5/17/1895 – Jack frost, though an unwelcome guest at this time of the year, gave us a call last Tuesday and did a great deal of harm to the growing crops, totally destroying the grape and potato vines and disfiguring the forests, which were about in their fullest foliage and brightest verdure.*

*5/8/1896 – Fred. Andrae is carrying his foot done up in swaddling clothes now. Fred. used his foot to whip a horse with and got it slightly out of repair.*

## WHS Membership Information

WHS memberships are due on a calendar-year basis and run through December 31, 2016. Thanks for your support!

Individual – \$25

Couple – \$30

Family with children through age 22 – \$35

Benefactor – \$100

Lifetime – \$500

**Please make your check payable to:**

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