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AUGUST 2018 Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT-Sandra (Sandy) Becker-

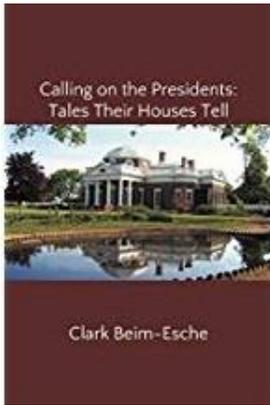
Things are starting to slow down somewhat, but don't let that fool you! We have a program and meeting (Aug 21) this month AND CELEBRATE WILDWOOD on Aug 25, from 11-6:30 (NEW HOURS this year) We finished up July by having a successful Third Annual Car Show (1st in conjunction with Marine Focus), Bake Sale, Food booth, 50/50 and at the end of June-the very successful Garage Sale. These all took lots and lots of hours and prep work of a lot of people, but the rewards were great. Between the two functions, it netted close to

\$3,000.00 for Wildwood Historical Society. It's now time to think about the Calendar and getting ads for it, so if you know anyone who would like to advertise in it, notify Paul Eckler at 636-273-5398. And the Bus Tour will be coming up in November. Full title for it to be announced. Another thing to think about is what we want to do to CELEBRATE our 20th Anniversary as a Historical Society in 2019. Give me your ideas.

Our speaker for this August meeting is Clark Beim-Esche, Author/Speaker of Calling on the Presidents:Tales Their Houses Tell. This will take us back in time to the creation of the Constitution of the United States of America, expounding on its reason for existence Join us as we celebrate Constitution Day with the Presidents.

Regards,

Sandy



THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

For anyone interested in Presidential history, I highly recommend this program and reading this book.. I met the Author and his wife at Celebrate Wildwood last year and bought this book. I love reading about our Presidents and their families, so I was interested in reading about their homes. This book is about more than their homes they lived in; it gives a synopsis of their time in office.

It would be a great addition to any high school History class.

Help Wanted for Celebrate Wildwood Booth ASAP

Please call Martha Bunch at 314-920-2249

Celebrate Booth is open to the public: 11 am - 6:30*

Help is needed to set up, man the tent, and take down. We have a lot to Celebrate - let's join together to make this happen.

-2-3 people for 2 hour shifts

-Set up 10-12

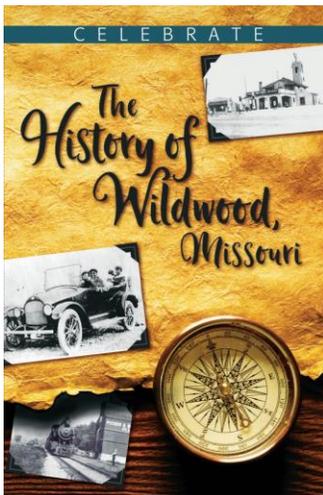
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-Take down 6-7

Celebrate Wildwood 2018 ...Saturday, August 25 - 11:00 am. to 6:30 pm.



brings the publication of the next chapter of the book, *Celebrate The History of Wildwood, Missouri*. This next chapter covers the Wildwood area from the Civil War through World War I. This research history book is a collaborative project of the City of Wildwood and the Wildwood Historical Society. The cover shown here is an early draft. Drop by our tent at the Celebration to see the final cover and to pick up your free copy.

Also, at our Celebrate Wildwood tent, our other books will be for sale including our new *Early Churches* book.



Our Annual Fall Bus Tour needs a new leader this year to organize it. The theme is "Groves" (as in Poertner's Grove, Gaehle's Grove, Stovall's Grove). Our community looks forward to this Fund Raiser every year so we need for someone to step up and lead it ASAP. Please call Sandy at 314-374-3159



Contaminants damage the manuscripts, physical artifacts and displays. Past columns addressed humidity, dust, insect and animal contaminants. This column is going to re-address an issue and move onto another form of contaminants. What brings insects and animals into a library and museum? Food sources and hydration-water. Then critters move onto our books and artifacts.

the library

Therefore, this is rationale for no food is allowed in either or museum. There are no drinks allowed in the library. For museum and library volunteers who often spend hours working, drinks in closed containers are allowed, but only in museum and sitting on the concrete floor. If there is an accidental spill on the concrete, there is much less possibility of permanent damage.

Another form of contaminant for our manuscripts and artifacts is actually as simple human touch. Skin oils interact with antique (acid) paper and that contact initiates paper staining and ultimately its destruction. Back in the day, wearing cotton gloves while handling antique or fragile works was considered the primary safety feature. In today's Archivist world, the state of the art is to wear nitrile gloves while handling most of our books, maps, plat books, photos and paper artifacts. Wearing nitrile gloves are also advised when handling physical artifacts. There is signage in the library and office to this effect. When making use of our resource materials, wearing gloves is a necessity, especially with our more fragile items. Remove gloves by turning them inside out and placing into trash can.

Additionally, when handling many of our more fragile books and photos, residue will be left on whatever surface they are placed.

Prior to accessing an item, please clear whatever surface to be used (often library desk) before placing item on surface. After the item has been replaced in storage, the display surface needs to be cleaned. Properly removing and discarding gloves is even more critical after handling these extraordinary items.



Lucky #6

Thank you to Kelly at Bentley's Pet Stuff/One Lucky Mutt for selecting our Cardinals Baseball home field box seats tickets winner, Connie Bafaro at Rockwood Bank. Also thank you to Donna Kummer & Rockhill Mechanical got their generous ticket donation. Thank you to all who participated & supported our latest fundraising event.

WILDWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY/ MARINE FOCUS CAR SHOW BAKE SALE

Although this was our 3rd Annual Show Show, it was our 1st in conjunction with Marine Focus. The FOCUS Marines Foundation was created in 2010 by Marines who served in the Corps years ago. Following active service they lived productive and rewarding lives. These Marines, many of whom saw combat in Vietnam, understood firsthand the issues of transitioning from military to civilian lives and were determined to help this new generation of Marines and veterans who served during the war on terror. The FOCUS program serves wounded warriors in various stages of transition and recovery. Participants suffer visible and invisible injuries and, now faced with these challenges, are working to find a new reality.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. - Clark Beim-Esche-Author-Calling on the Presidents-Tales their Houses Tell

Saturday, August 25 10:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m.- Celebrate Wildwood. Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. Crafts and Booths are open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. - Bill Clevlen-Author-100 Things to do in America before You Die

Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. - -Antique Review and Appraisal-Guest

Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. -

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

Elequant Prose of an Obituary from The Watchman-Advocant

Sometimes it is hard to pick articles from this newspaper of the past due to the wording. With this obituary, you can almost vision the scene.

1888.08.31- Death: Lines on the death of Minnie Eatherton, who died Friday, August 24, written by Pinkie Shields: With loving hands and aching hearts she was laid to rest on Sunday in the family graveyard. Yes, she is at rest. As she lay on her white couch by the open window, with her hands folded upon her breast, there was upon her features an expression of calmness, which spoke not of death, but of taking rest'in, sweet sleep. Yet it was no earthy rest. It was that long, long sleep which God giveth his beloved. She is at rest in the paradise of God, and the tears, which she shed in her brief life, are wiped from her eyes forever. It was hard to give thee up, Minnie. But friendship and love hath done its last, And now can do no more: The bitterness of death is past, And all its suffering o'er. Thou minglest now with brighter throngs Around the Eternal Throne, And join in the everlasting song With those before thee gone.

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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”.

1882.08.17-Property: Fred. A. von Gruben to Chas. v. Gruben's tr 40 acres 1-4 sec 26 T 45 r3 E DTr \$1250.00

1888.08.31-Ellisville, Social: The colored people had a picnic at W. Brooks' place, near Ellisville, last Saturday, and a most enjoyable time was had until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when a disgraceful row occurred among some of the rougher element that happened to be present. The trouble originated about one of the dusky damsels, and revolvers and knives were freely used for a while, but no one was seriously hurt. The better class of colored people deeply regrets the disgraceful ending, of such an otherwise pleasant affair, and will hereafter exclude those who participated in the melee from their social gatherings.

1888.08.31-Melrose, Property: Fred K. Hencken and wife to Chas. Arthur Hardt, 65 ac, in sec 9, tp 44, r 3, w d.... \$3,600.