



Wildwood Historical Society

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Continued Rescheduling

A Message from the President

Well Folks, every month, I think the news is going to get better, but it hasn't. We will NOT be having an August Wildwood Historical Society Meeting. First of all, our speakers canceled. They themselves have elderly parents that they are responsible for and cannot take the risks of carrying anything home to, and they aren't doing any presentations at all. And, the Covid-19 cases, as you know from the news, are on the rise and we are back to a 25% capacity so that would mean very few could/would attend. So, no meeting. Maybe, next month?? I will just keep rescheduling our great 2020 speakers to 2021. Once there is a vaccine for this STUFF, everything will be better! We will soldier on!! It WILL get BETTER. Celebrate Wildwood has also been postponed by the

City from October to next spring. I have not been notified if a date has been set for that yet. For those of you that knew Rusty Pendleton, at long last, his Memorial Service is scheduled for August 29, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Bethel Methodist Church at Pond, Visitation from 9:30 until the service, inside or outside depending on St. Louis County Covid-19 Guidelines. Interment immediately following at Bethel Cemetery, graveside with Military honors. Rusty Pendleton passed away February 29, 2020. Rusty and Dot were original members of our Wildwood Historical Society and we dearly loved them.

Sincerely,

Sandra K. Becker-Gurnow
President



Calendar Advertising

The Wildwood Historical Society is pleased to announce that our 2021 Historical Calendar has been endorsed as an official State of Missouri Bicentennial Event! This is the second written work of our Society to gain this designation. The other project to receive this designation is our joint book project, Celebrate the History of Wildwood, Missouri that is being produced jointly with the City of Wildwood. We are incredibly pleased with this honor. It's not too late to place an ad in our upcoming calendar

-- the form is attached and you can also go to our website and place your ad order.

Visit here:

<https://www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org/calendar-advertising-application/>



COVID Delays

The COVID-19 Pandemic has caused a delay in the publication of our joint book project with the City of Wildwood, Celebrate the History of Wildwood, Missouri. The City's Annual Celebration has been postponed, hopefully, till sometime late Spring or early Summer 2021. The timing for Celebrate Wildwood 2020-21 and the release of our book will be totally dependent upon the status of restrictions at the time of planning.



Grateful for Our Supporters

WHS has been the recipient of many donations since the COVID-19 restrictions have been in place. Many families are cleaning basements, closets and attics. We have been given many treasures over the past several months. So many, that it will take us a period of time to catch up with inventory cataloguing. We are incredibly grateful to those donors who determined that WHS would be a great home for their historic artifacts and photos.

Be on the lookout over the next month or so. WHS will be beginning periodic postings to our Facebook page and via email to our members. Those postings will include photos and a story behind something in our museum, or a short video highlighting some of our

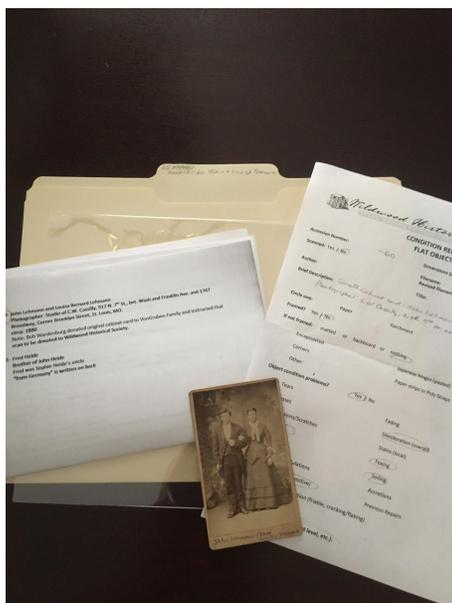
research. We are being blessed and honored by the volunteers who are making this happen. If you have an idea for a "spot" or "video" of something you're interested in at our Museum or of our research, please send us an email and we will do our best to make those ideas a reality!



COVID Restrictions

WHS absolutely LOVES visitors at our Museum, but COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions do complicate the visits a bit. Currently, we are open by appointment only for the safety of our visitors and our volunteers, but we are open. Please contact our Museum Director or send a message through our website - wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org - and we will be happy to find a time for your visit. We ask that

everyone wear a mask and maintain social distancing.



Recent Donations

An example of the donations made over the past several months has been a photo album owned by Sophie Heide. The donation was made to WHS by Robert and Marilyn Wardenburg. This album dates from the late 19th century.



There are 62 images contained in the album -- the oldest being from the 1860s and the most recent was from 1924. WHS's Archivist has thoroughly enjoyed working on this project from the intake inventory process, research, preservation storage and scanning. There are many of the founding families from this area included in this album. We hope to feature some of these families and their photos in the near future.



Internship Program

As has been mentioned in past couple of our Newsletters, WHS is working with Rockwood School District's Project Interface (Intern) Program. WHS has worked with the Project Interface Program in the past. Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, there were 120 student and business partner teams set up for the summer

term. This is a high-level class and counts towards graduation for these students. Due to the Pandemic restrictions, only 35 of these student-business partnerships were deemed to be viable/safe for this summer. WHS is one of those 35 business partners!! Thanks to everyone who has helped make this program work for this very unusual summer.



WHS Books

The St. Louis Genealogical Society reviewed WHS's *Early Churches* book in its Summer 2020 issue. The *Early Churches* book is by Jill VonGruben of our staff.

The book can be purchased through our website.

<https://wildwoodhistorical.society.org/product-category/books/>



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2021 Calendar Advertising Sale Form

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



Our 2021 Calendar celebrating Missouri's Bicentennial has been endorsed as a State of Missouri Bicentennial Event.

\$75 Business Card Ad

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\$145 Double Business Card Ad

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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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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.

1882.07.27-Fox Creek, medical: A son of Mr. August Bertner at Fox Creek was nearly gored to death on Saturday. The brute was in a neighboring pasture with a lot of cattle when the boy went to drive him home. After chasing the animal around for some time the boy succeeded in lassoing him and then started for home without the slightest idea of danger as the bull had always been very tractable and docile. Suddenly the beast became unruly and turning upon the boy caught him upon his horns and tossed him into the air. August regained his feet and ran for his life to a division fence. The bull

however hurled him skyward a second time before a place of safety was reached. One of the bull's horns entered the boy's leg just above the knee and tore a gaping wound as far up as the groin. Dr. Strecker who was called in attendance pronounces the wound very dangerous.

1882.07.27-Fox Creek, crime: Horse thieves attempted to break into Dr. Ludwig's stable at Fox Creek a few nights since. The Doctor had his stable door fastened with three locks and in wrenching one of them off the thieves made a noise that awakened the physician. Getting up he got his shot gun but in making his way to the door he fell over a table making such a racket that the depredators fled. The Doctor fired a parting salute but whether his shot took effect is not known.

1882.07.27-Meramec Tp, politics: The Republicans of Meramec Township will give a picnic September 16 at Erich Essen's Grove near Orrville. Preparations are now in progress to make the affair a grand success. The following named gentlemen constitute the committee of arrangements: Hon. Rob. C. Allen, Wm. Schaefer, Fred. Wulf, Henry Essen, John Krause, Fred. Ossenfort, Joseph

Shields, William Kramer,
Fred. Schultze, Fred.
Kesselring. glad to note the
rapid improvement of the
patient.

Dreinhoeffler, Charles
Boisellier, John C. Cloak,

William Doerge, Leonard
Kessler, Henry