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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



interior shot of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
early 20th century

December Greetings from the President

Greetings everyone! As we look toward 2021 we anticipate the holiday season when we enjoy the closeness of family and friends in whatever way we can, the comfort of homes and community, and the peace and unity of the upcoming season.

This year has been different to say the least, but 2021 does look BRIGHTER!

We will begin having meetings again in March. 2020 was the first year we decided not to have meetings in January and February due to possible inclement weather.

Wishing you a happy Holiday Season, and a New Year of health, happiness, and prosperity! Joy to the World!

Respectfully,

Sandra K. Becker-Gurnow
President



**There will be no
monthly meeting in
DECEMBER**



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has joined the WHS or renewed your memberships over the years and will do so for 2021. We are very grateful for your support, which sustains our organization especially through this challenging time. Joining or renewing for 2021 is easy to do.

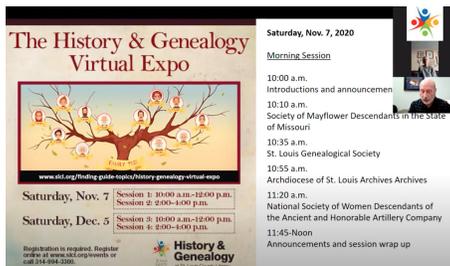
During 2020, besides our normal expenditures, we had to have a new well drilled and a new roof put on the Museum Annex and some extraordinary

maintenance expenses for our historic home.

WHS is going to hang our "stocking" in the hope that it may overflow with gifts. As mentioned above, 2020 has been a very difficult year for everyone and 2021 is going to need help. Please consider making an additional contribution during this extraordinary time to help fill our "stocking." We thank you again for your past and future support of the Wildwood Historical Society.

Please Donate here:

<https://www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org/donate/>



A Huge Shoutout

Two of our member-volunteers took part in the St. Louis County Library System's History & Genealogy Virtual Expo. Karen Fox presented in November and Lynn Link presented in early December.



The presentations are available online at <https://www.slcl.org/content/history-genealogy-virtual-expo>.

Congratulations to our volunteers who champion our work throughout the greater St. Louis area.



Thank you for our Secret Santa Elves

We want to send a huge Thank You to our Secret Santa Elves who vacuumed our Meeting Hall, cleaned, installed an additional office shelf and performed the Fall outdoor cleanup of leaves, branches, etc.



One last, but certainly not least, a huge thank you to our dedicated volunteers who have worked throughout the 2020 Pandemic Year!

Their contributions have been immense in talent, time and dedication to our mission of preservation and education of the great history of the historic Meramec Township, which is

basically the area of the modern City of Wildwood.

The words, THANK YOU, just don't seem to be sufficient to these volunteers.

Onward to hopefully by mid-2021 when life may perhaps return to some form of normalcy.



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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.

1892.12.23-Ellisville,

wedding: Charles O. Doss, of Ellisville and Miss Lillie F. Goodman, of Glencoe, accompanied by her father, Mr. Jason Goodman, visited Recorder Zelch last Saturday and secured a marriage license, and Sunday were married by Rev. Hill of the Bethel Church. Monday it came to light there was considerable romance connected with the affair. Miss Goodman, quite an attractive young lady of but sixteen summers, was opposed by her parents in the suit, but as she had made up her mind to be the wife of Mr. Doss, she decided to

disregard her parents wishes, and prepared to elope with him. All was nicely arranged between them, and last Saturday she quietly left her home and crossed the Meramec with her betrothed. Shortly after her father got wind of the affair and gave chase, catching up with the recreant couple while on their way to Clayton. He protested with his daughter, but it was all in vain, and seeing that she was in earnest, he accompanied them to the county seat and gave his consent to his daughter's marriage.

1892.12.23-Fox Creek,

social: The young folks of this neighborhood are getting ready for the entertainment Christmas eve, given by H. Hencken at his hall..

1892.12.23-Fox Creek,

hunting: Chas. and John Ossenfort, of near Melrose, while out hunting last week were lucky in killing a big red fox.

1892.12.23-Grover,

business:

August Weitner, the village blacksmith at Grover, is making extensive improvements about his premises.

1892.12.23-Fox Creek,

accident:

Mr. Aug. Poertner, while hauling cordwood from a hill

near his place, upset his wagon twice in one day. The wagon fell on him but he escaped with only a slight injury about the arm. There is not much fun in hauling wood by turning over at that rate.

1892.12.23-Grover,

wedding: Wednesday evening the quiet home of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brown, at Grover, was the scene of a pretty family wedding on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Miss Maggie, to George Kraus, son of John Kraus, also of that village. Miss Maggie Eatherton acted as bridesmaid and Joe Oliver was the groom's best man. Rev. Dr. Hill of the Bethel Church officiated.

1892.12.23-Fox Creek,

A.O.U.W.: At a regular meeting of Fox Creek Lodge, No. 106, A.O.U.W., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: For P.M. W.A. Schatz; M.W., R.E. Chesley; Recorder, H. Poertner; Financier, G.A. Pfeiffer; Receiver, C.A. Hardt; Foreman, John Bates; Overseer, Wm. Athe; Guide, S. Pugh; B. Pleasant, Inside Watchman; F. Poertner, Outside Watchman. Two new members were initiated at the last meeting, which makes forty members in good standing on their roll and prospects for a few more in the near future. The lodge will celebrate New Year's eve by

giving a grand ball at L.C. Fick's Hall. Everybody is cordially invited.