

# Wildwood Historical Society

GROVER · POND · HOLLOW · CENTAUR · MELROSE · FOX CREEK · ORRVILLE  
ALLENTON · WESTLAND ACRES · KELPE · MONARCH · SHERMAN · GLENCOE

February 2021

Founded in 1999 - Wildwood, Missouri, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

## February Fundraiser



### We Need Your Support Now More than Ever!

Our fundraising capabilities have been hit especially hard during this pandemic, and now more than ever, we are asking for your help.

During 2020, with the exception of our advertisers for the calendar, WHS did not have any fundraisers. Right now, we need to raise \$10,000.00 this year to help us offset the costs of recent unexpected costs related to the historic Hencken House. As many of you know, we had to drill a new well, fix the annex roof, and replace a water heater. During 2020, when it rained, it poured! But for Spring 2021, please help us gather those dollars instead of raindrops. Now as we write this,

with the frigid temperatures we are dealing with frozen and burst pipes in the old house where some pipes run along the ground in the crawl space under the house, so the need for a plumber and volunteer helpers (ie: more expenses).

We have accomplished so much this past year: published the 2021 calendar, developed new museum exhibits, redesigned our website, assisted out-of-state researchers, added to our archive collection, and hosted multiple learning opportunities on Zoom. This was all done by volunteers who have given both of their time and money to help get these projects done. Now more than ever, we need your financial support. Whether you can donate \$160 or \$1,600, every dollar counts.

If you would rather support us through our books, please do so! Books can be purchased online or in person (call ahead for curbside pickup). Roadside History includes a local driving tour and

makes a great gift for a neighbor or friend.

Sandra K. Becker-Gurnow  
President



### Places to Support WHS

#### Donate Online @

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

#### or via Mail @

Wildwood Historical Society  
P.O. Box 125  
Wildwood, MO 63040

#### Purchase Our Books @

<https://www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org/product-category/books/>





## Planning Ahead

Hi everyone! I hope you and your families are all doing well.

I am trying to get a head start on the 2022 Calendar “Supper in Wildwood”. The theme will be the culinary history of Wildwood. I was surprised to see that in our library we didn’t have any personal cook books of past Wildwoodians. If I get enough recipes I will try to eventually make a cookbook. 2023 Calendar will hopefully be about area Country General Stores.

The photo page format of the calendar will hopefully have a recipe each month from a past resident along with their photo and a brief history. I would love to have copies of any old photos of any family members cooking, canning, preserving, in a kitchen, at the dinner table, (especially celebrating holidays in Wildwood) outside cooking, at a picnic, at their country store or grove, in a garden, farming, etc.

So, that being said, I would love to have any recipes that you may have from your Wildwood ancestors. If you have a recipe in their own handwriting, please take a photo with your phone and email it to me (or we can scan them at the WHS). Also, I would love to

have a photo of the ancestor who gave you the recipe along with a brief history of where and when they lived.

For example: “Here is a recipe and photo of my Grandma, Ethyl Jones Smith (1898-1972). She grew up on a farm off Old State Road in Glenco and then married Samuel Smith and ran a small general store off Old Manchester in Pond, until the late 1950’s. Grandma told me that she was given this recipe from her grandma, Greta Beckman, who came from Baden, Germany in the 1860’s. I remember grandma making this salad every Easter with the fresh radishes from her garden. I still live on the land that was the original Smith Farmstead. - John Smith” - Now that’s a great story full of great information! (but sadly, totally fabricated - which is why I need your real stories).

Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you all.

**Lynn Link**  
[lynnlink1@aol.com](mailto:lynnlink1@aol.com)



## New volunteer opportunities

With the COVID visitor restrictions being a bit relaxed for the Wildwood Historical Society, it gives us a bit more flexibility in having space for volunteers to work with the Museum staff. We can set up a workstation or two in the Meeting Hall. What can you do? Scan and record photos for us is a big need for us. Full written instructions and training will be provided. Another task would be to log in donated books for our library that have accumulated over the past year. Masks will be required along with 6-foot social distancing. If are you are interested in doing either of these tasks or have another idea in mind just email us at [info@wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org) with your questions or comments. We truly welcome the help.



## New Donation Opportunity

The COVID crisis has had folks cleaning basements, closets and attics. Many have made donations of amazing artifacts to the Wildwood Historical Society. This

has been an amazing experience for us, but we now are in need for large plastic storage bins/tubs. If you have any to spare, please contact us at [info@wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org). We'd really appreciate this type of donation so that we can move donated items into safe storage containers after they have been entered into our inventory system. Thanks in advance.



published by the St. Louis Genealogical Society in its Winter 2020-21 issue of its Quarterly.



**Congratulations, Karen!!!!!!**



Three little words that matter this year more than ever...

**WHS Loves Members!!!!**

We are so very grateful.  
Thank you so much for everything.  
—The Staff of WHS



**Let's Have a Round of Applause!**



Let's have a round of applause for our member-volunteer, Karen Fox. Karen just had an article, "One-Room Schoolhouses,"

## **Officers**

Sandy Gurnow - **President**  
(314) 374-3159  
sandy50sunshine@yahoo.com

Lynda Kamp - **Vice President**  
(636) 227-1637  
ljkamp@sbcglobal.net

Martha Bunch - **Museum Director**  
(314) 920-2249  
martha.j.bunch@gmail.com

Marilyn Weber - **Secretary**  
(314) 952-3731

Dave VonGruben - **Treasurer**  
(314) 566-4743  
dvgruben@gmail.com

Jill VonGruben -  
**Archivist/Librarian**  
(314)566-4743  
jfvjfv@gmail.com

## **Trustees**

Helen Gaehle  
Rich Hardt  
Paul Eckler  
Donna Kummer  
Chuck Weber

## **Website**

wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org

## **Facebook**

facebook.com/  
WildwoodHistoricalSociety

## **Mailing Address**

Wildwood Historical Society  
P.O. Box 125  
Wildwood, MO 63040

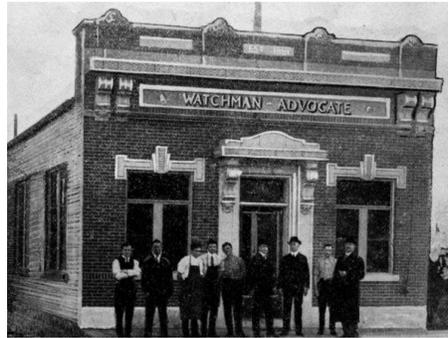
## **Meeting Hall**

18750 Highway 100  
Wildwood, MO 63069

[info@wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org)

Wildwood Historical Society is a  
501(c)(3) non-profit organization

## **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.*

**1906.02.09-Grover, birthday:** surprise party for Miss Irene Fick 10, Present: Misses Emma Fick, Clara Koch, Lenora and Esther Wetterer, Elsie Knappmeier, Lena Hiller, Josephine Kern, Edna Knappmeier, Abbie and Lulu elert, Hulda Kraus, Lillian Waters, Augusta Hoehne, Della and Carrie Gruben, Masters Elmer Koch, Harry Knappmeier, Louis Schmidt, John Kern, Clyde and Tom Harness, Ben Halley, Iel Keller, Harry Atwell, JW Dean, Wm. Knappmeier, Harry Funk, Spencer and Willard Eatherton, Lester Wright, John Schmidt, and Curtis Ossenfort, and Mesdames Bode, P. Steffen, JW Dean, A. Wiedner,

Gruben, Knappmeier, and Ossenfort.

**1906.02.09-Grover, telephone:** the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Grover if a new organization that will furnish a telephone service in a section of the county where it has been badly needed. The officers are LC Fick, president; Joseph Krause, vice president; Henry Knappmeier, secretary; August Wiedner, treasurer. The directors are John Wetterer, Joseph Krause, Louis Fick, John Gaehle, and Christ Von Gruben. The line will extend from Wild Horse road to Manchester, thence east to Grover, thence north on Eatherton road to Orrville. Connection will be made with the Orrville and Gumbo local systems and the Bell long distance lines will be used. Mr Von Gruben was in Clayton making arrangements for the right of way and reported that work will commence on the line as soon as the weather will permit.

**1906.02.16-Grover, work:** S.C. Fick harvested ice last week..about five inches thick

**1906.02.16-Grover, telephone:** The Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company of Grover had some men out Saturday surveying and driving pegs along the line from Wild Horse to Orrville.

**1906.02.16-Pond, telephone:** When in need of telephone posts apply to L.C. Fick who has a supply of 'em.

**1906.02. 16-Pond, telephone:**

Why can't this community have telephone connections at actual cost and not be hampered by schemers? There is a reward out for the proper answer to this enigma.

**1906.02.23-Grover, Bethel:**

The oyster supper given by the Ladies Aid Society of Bethel church was well attended.

**1906.02.23-Grover,  
telephone:**

the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company hopes to have its line in working order in about three weeks. They held a meetin on Friday February 16.