



Wildwood Historical Society

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ALLENTON · WESTLAND ACRES · KELPE · MONARCH · SHERMAN · GLENCOE

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April - Spring Has Sprung!

I hope you are all doing well and are getting those Covid vaccinations. I think, after we have all gotten them, we will be able to “get back together” again. I get my second one this week.

I think our first meeting back may be in May if all goes well. It will just be a social gathering and we can all get “reacquainted!” It just seems like it’s been a LONGGGGGGGGGGGGGG year. We can have cookies and coffee and just sit around and have a fun “round robin social” How does THAT sound? Sounds good to me! There won’t be a meeting in March obviously, or April, for sure. We would like to get planning underway for our summer CAR SHOW.

We are “in need” of someone to cut our grass. If any of you know someone that might be interested, please email me or have them email me. They need to be a responsible adult, independent of our needing to be “on site” when they are.

Don’t forget about those RECIPES that Lynn Link asked for in the

February Newsletter. The 2022 calendar will be all about food and hopefully the recipe book will debut sometime in 2022!

Take care and we will see you REALLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLL SOON!

Sandra K. Becker-Gurnow
President



Springtime at Hencken Place



We need **everyone** to respond to our Call to Action -- please contribute to our Spring Virtual Fundraiser - it is critical for the Wildwood Historical Society to have future springs. Again, thanks!

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

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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 have set up a workstation in the Meeting Hall and we can add another. What can you do? Scan and record photos for us is a big need for us. Full written instructions and training will be provided. Masks will be required along with 6-foot social distancing. If are you are interested in doing this task or have another idea in mind just email us at 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. 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.



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



Congratulations, Karen!!!!!!



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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.

FROM APRIL

1906.03.30-Pond, farming:

John H Gaehle of Fox Creek recently sent to St. Louis 930 dozen of eggs all in one week.

1906.04.06- Grover, telephone:

Farmers Mutual Telephone Company at Grover has most of its line up & almost all of the boxes installed.

1906.04.06- Grover, automobile:

Automobiles will soon be traversing the Manchester Road.

1906.04.06-Gumbo, farming:

Ernest Bayer, Gottlieb Bayer, Geo Kroenning & Joseph Kroenning Sr are shipping their cobs o Washington Mo this week.

****Newsletter Editor's Note:** For those not familiar to our area, the Watchman is referring to corn cobs. Until recently, corn cob pipes were manufactured in Washington.

1906. 04.06- Gumbo, telephone:

The Orrville-Bellefontaine Telephone Co is booming, it now has 100 members.

1906. 04.13-Pond, telephone:

As soon as the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Co get their telephones in working order there will then be a chance to put a stop to the automobile nuisance on the Manchester & other highways. Timing by telephone will be quite an innovation & a great deal more certain than as was suggested in one of your recent issues which was that owners be compelled to attach cyclometers to their machines & be compelled to have their speed indicators investigated. Furthermore of what use is a speed indicator if someone doesn't time it or hold a watch ?

1906.04.20 - Centaur, death: Mrs. Dorether Bernard died Thurs & laid to rest Friday in the cemetery on the farm of J. Reiger she leaves 6 children & husband to mourn her loss. They had 2 doctors, Dr. Dean & Dr. Loving waiting on her, the diease was unknown.

1906. 04.20-Melrose, social:

The Melrose girls had a fine dance Sunday, present: Misses Alice Hardt, Lizzie Jaeger, Julia Klingler, Lydia Kreienkamp, Alice Paffrath, Messrs Aug Jaeger, Alfred, Walter & Otto Kreienkamp, Paul Pfeiffer, Chas. Klingler, Frank Lenz, Alex Hardt, Music by Charles & Teddy.

1906.04.20-Pond, business:

Wm. J. Lemp Brewing Co is moving fixtures from the Dreinhoefer building where they have stood idle since last June.

1906.04.20-Pond, automobile:

The most practical way to stop the automobile nuisance on our public highways would be for our county court to furnish the sheriff with a fleet of automobiles similar to the ones furnished the city police by the city council.

FROM MARCH

1906.03.02- Glencoe, death:

James Augustine McKinnon 27 years old at his home in Glencoe on Tuesday Feb 20, 1906 at 11a.m. came to his death by being crushed by a large rock falling while in the employ of the Glencoe Lime and Cement Co. at their quarry at Glencoe. Mr McKinnon was a descendant of one of the oldest and best known families in the western part of the county. His great-grandfather settled here in about the year 1829 and he and his descendants have resided here ever since. His funeral was held from his late residence in Rockland to Bethel cemetery. Wife and four children

1906.03.02-Grover, business:

Peter Blum the blacksmith of Pond has hired a horseshoer

1906.03.02-Grover, social:

masqureade ball given at L C Fick's hall

1906.03.02-Pond, death:

Wm. Hohman another pioneer passed away after a long illness at his home at Pond, 78 years of age. Residing here for over 60 years, laid to rest in the family burying ground on the farm where he lived. Six sons and two daughters **(second notice):** William Homan an aged and respected citizen departed this life Saturday. Interment Monday February 26 in private cemetery on the home place.

1906.03.02-Pond, work: Now is a good time for the canal company to dig their ditch.

1906.03.09-Centaur, social:

Boys, don't forget about the grand ball at Melrose hall March 17. Wear your green ties.

1906.03.02-Pond, death:

James McKinnon was killed in a horrible manner in the Glencoe Lime and Cement Company's quarry at Rockland near Glencoe, Mo. By a large rock falling on him. He received internal injuries from which he died within three hours. Interment in Bethel cemetery, February 22 by Modern Woodsmen of America.

1906.03.23-Glencoe,

railroad: Serious wreck narrowly averted. Westbound Missouri Pacific train hits boulder. Platform swept from passenger coaches between Eureka & Glencoe Wednesday night. A serious wreck on the mo/pc was narrowly averted by providence when westbound passenger train #9 came in contact with a large

boulder loosened by the snow & resting just near enough to the track to sweep the platforms from all the coaches. The engineer stated if the rock protruded 6 inches nearer the entire train would have left the rails & loss of life would have been frightful. The wreck occurred between Eureka and Glencoe on a sharp curve. Aside from a severe shaking as platforms were torn from the coaches the passengers suffered no discomforting shock. A wrecking crew was ordered to the scene & dynamite used to remove the obstruction to let the eastbound train pass. Two hours were consumed in the work & several Clayton citizens returning from the west were compelled to remain in the city all night having arrived too late to catch the last suburban cars.