



Wildwood Historical Society

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May - Good News

Guess what?? GOOD NEWS! YES, that what I said. GOOD NEWS! We are going to have a JUNE 15th SOCIAL GATHERING, but NO MEETING IN MAY. We are going to give it one more month and then we would like to see all our members that can, come to our JUNE 15th MEETING which will be a SOCIAL GATHERING, just to sit, stand, whatever you want, to chat and talk and view our Museum and get reacquainted!

There will be no speaker in June. We will have refreshments, cookies, coffee, punch and just a good time! Doesn't that sound great? A Time to celebrate our Friendship and Membership.

Then in July we will start having speakers again. There won't be a Car Show yet in July. The car clubs haven't been meeting yet so maybe later in the Fall or not at all this year, but if you have any ideas for fundraisers, let us know. We need to get started with

something. The Recipe Book may or may not be ready by Christmas. Have you sent in your recipes yet! If not, bring them to the June 15th Social Gathering.

Sandra K. Becker-Gurnow
President



WHS's 2020 Rockwood School District Intern Awarded Eagle Scout

Aiden Stine was a Rockwood School District Project Interface Intern with the Wildwood Historical Society in 2020. Aiden was an incredible asset to our Society last summer. WHS sends a huge congratulations to

Aiden for his attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

For further details on Aiden's Eagle Scout project which benefits the Wildwood area, click on the link below for the article in the West News Magazine.

<https://westnewsmagazine.com/2021/04/20/135171/eagle-scout-project-benefits-al-foster-memorial-trail>



Spring Fundraiser Still Ongoing

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/>



WHS Museum News

WHS's volunteers have been working through "The Time of COVID-19" to update and freshen up the area rooms of the Museum. Another area just about finished is the Museum's "Wedding Bay."

It tells the historical background of weddings in the Wildwood area along with the stories of two artifacts in our collection. Additionally, soon there will be a monitor display of all the wedding photos in the WHS photo collection. The photo of the Wedding Bay is just a slice of the exhibit. We invite you to make an appointment to view our Museum and its collections and hear the stories of the individuals and families who established the area we now know as the City of Wildwood.



A Volunteer Shout-Out

WHS want to send a huge shout-out thank you to WHS Trustee and Volunteer, Paul Eckler. Paul took on the large backlog of donated books for data inventory entry, reorganized and shelving. It makes a big difference to have this task completed. Again thank you, Paul.



Book Review!

Congratulations to WHS's Volunteer and Writer, Karen Fox. Her WHS book, *Before it was Wildwood...Roadside History of Western St. Louis County, Missouri* has been reviewed in the St. Louis Genealogical Society's Spring 2021 issue of its *Quarterly*. Thanks, Karen, for a great book!

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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.

1906.05.11-Pond, church:

May 20, 8 pm Children's Day will be celebrated at Bethel M.E.Church South. Committee: Mrs. J.W. Dean, Miss Lottie Hillebrand, Miss Claude Fick. The Ladies Aid Society will give a May Day picnic May 26 at Eliza Atwell's lawn for benefit of the parsonage. Miss Lydia Hillebrand was elected

secretary, vice Claude Fick resigned.

1906.05.11- Pond, scandal-mongers: One of our would-be prominent physicians who is old enough to know better - made some defamatory remarks about one of the most highly respected ladies of this neighborhood & was met by a number of citizens & made to admit that he told a willfull lie about the same. He acted like a yellow dog & it is hoped this will be a lesson to any & all scandal-mongers.

1906.05.18 - Allenton, crime:

Late Sunday night two women Mrs Gertrude Kelly & Mrs Maude Pollock, whereabouts unknown, came to Clayton with Joseph Hyde & Pierce Reardon, men they met at a beer garden. The four were arrested by Sheriff Herpel & Deputy Bode. It was nearly midnight when they arrived & after obtaining a room over the barbershop they waited until the lid was removed & commenced canning beer. Attention of the Sheriff was attracted & Deputy Bode was telephoned to bring the keys to the jail, the room occupied by the 2 couples was entered & occupants placed under arrest. Hyde & Reardon gave bail. The offenders were called before Judge Preiss yesterday morning & the young

men were dismissed after a lecture that should do them good, the women were each sentenced to serve 60 days in the county jail. The husband's of Kelly & Pollock were in jail here at the time of the escapade of their wives having been arrested near Allenton on Sat May 5 on a charge of assault & robbery. They envinced little surprise when informed that their wives were also locked up, but seemed anxious to know how strong a case would be made against them. One of the men declared he warned his wife not to try any of her tricks in Clayton.

1906.05.18 - St Louis County, census: There are more than 12,000 homes in St. Louis county & total population exceeds 60,000..

1906.05.25 - Centaur, crime:

As soon as the Farmers' Mutual A mysterious tramp visited the home of Mr. Jaeger 3 nights last week. Wed morning as Miss Lizzie Jaeger went into their summer house she was surprised to find that someone had eaten his supper leaving all the things on the table. Some small change & 3 letters belonging to Miss Lizzie & some letters & 3 registry receipts belonging to Aug Jaeger were taken. Thurs night he again came & helped himself

to something to eat & some tobacco. Sun night he again returned leaving a note on the door :As you see I did not fall in your trap. I will come till I get what I am looking for if it takes 100 years" The Jaeger family is at a loss to know what the man wants.

1906.05.25 - Pond, social: Children's day was observed at Bethel Church last Sun. The church was decorated in a floral design with an arch constructed of ferns, peonies & roses. All visitors enjoyed the evening spent with the children. The program was nicely rendered & Rev Markley concluded with an interesting talk on the subject of missionary work.