



# The Friends of Mountwood Park Newsletter

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## Friends of Mountwood Park Officers:

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Mike Naylor, Treasurer



## Letter from Our President Peggy Squires

This year has started off with several events. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual Easter Egg Hunt with several hundred children collecting thousands of filled eggs in record time. Although it had been rainy, we had good weather for the event. Participants who discovered a note in an egg indicating they had won a prize could select one of the 40 baskets for their prize. There were 5 age groups for children up to 13 years old.

It took lots of hands, candy, and eggs to make this event possible. I must thank all the volunteers who made donations and showed up to stuff the eggs. This year we were fortunate to have the residents of the Colonial House Assisted Living facility volunteer to help. They filled many of the eggs.

We have already started getting ready for next year's hunt by hitting the after Easter sales of eggs, baskets, and stuffed animals, etc. Again,

thank you for helping us make happy childhood memories for the children who attended.

Our Woof Fest Pageants were held March 30 and at the Woof Fest event on April 28. We have a super group of Queens to help us with Park activities and represent Woof Fest and Mountwood Park at other pageants and festivals. Our Miss Queen will participate in the West Virginia Fairs and Festival Events early next year.

The Park had its fishing derby "Moon Over Mountwood" June 7 with prizes for children and adults. This is a fun family event.

Our Adventure Camp will be held July 15-19 from 9 am to noon for children 9 to 12 years old. This is a fun outdoor camp designed to get children outdoors and away from the electronics. Forms will be available on our web site. We are still working on the schedule and hope to build a birdhouse, have fishing, hiking, archery and other programs and fun things to do.

September brings Volcano Days, the last full weekend of the month. The museum will be open and the Park will be full of vendors, steam engines and music. We have Wagon Rides to the Mansion Site. Please contact Peggy or Mike if you can volunteer at this event.

Also, our Museum is open for the summer from 1 pm to 4 pm Saturday and Sunday. We can use help staffing the museum. If you have a few hours to help, let us know. Enlist the help of your children or grandchildren and combine some quality time. This could be a learning experience and would be a great opportunity to teach your children about giving back to their community. Perhaps your child could use the

time worked towards Community service. If you have any questions call or email Mike Naylor or me.

## **Gerald Brownie Amick, Sr.**

**By Mike Naylor**



We were sad to hear that Brownie Amick passed away on May 9. Brownie will long be remembered for his efforts to preserve local oil and gas history, especially that of Volcano. He was especially helpful to me when I embarked on writing a history of Volcano. He had a wide collection of facts, stories, and pictures

I remember seeing his working model of the endless cable system on display at North Bend State Park and later at Marshall's Hardware Store in Cairo.

Brownie was also quite the wood-working craftsman and story teller. He will be missed by many!

## **Gay/Straight Alliance gave \$140 to Friends**

**By Carolyn Naylor**

We want to thank the Gay/Straight Alliance at Hamilton School for their generous \$140 contribution to the Friends of Mountwood Park. The money will be allocated to our 2019 Adventure Camp that will be held from July 15th through July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Their generosity means so much to us. Other than donations, we have no other visible means of support other than an occasional grant.

## **Museum Report**

**By Mike Naylor**

For May we had 55 visitors and collected \$40; in June, 50 visitors and collected \$32. This is not too bad given the weather and no one covering on the 19<sup>th</sup>. It seems spring and summer weather have been monsoon-like since the derecho of 2012.

Work was just completed on the third of ten signs for the Taitt trail. Carolyn, in my biased opinion, did an excellent job covering Volcano's schools.

We erected one of Chris Zone's wheel hubs after having it sandblasted and freshly painted. L. C. Horner welded a very attractive and substantial frame for the hub. It is in front of the only corner along the split-rail fence to the right of the museum.

## **Quotes:**

"The meaning of live is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away."

William Shakespeare

"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot harder to make a difference."

Tom Brokaw

"Unless someone like you cares an awful lot, nothing will be better. It's not."

Dr. Seuss

"Volunteering is the ultimate gift in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote everyday about the kind of community you want to live in."

Author Unknown



### *Bed in Summer*

In winter I get up at night  
And dress by yellow candlelight.  
In summer, quite the other way,  
I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see  
The birds still hopping on the tree,  
Or hear the grown-up people's feet  
Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,  
When all the sky is clear and blue,  
And I should like so much to play,  
To have to go to bed by day?

*Robert Louis Stevenson*

## **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Woof Fest Festival**

**By Carolyn Naylor**

About 200 people and their pets came to Mountwood Park for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Woof Fest Festival. This event is very dog-friendly and featured contests and demonstrations. All the proceeds from this event goes to Mountwood Park's dog park area.

There was an obstacle course that dog-owners and their dogs could run through and the dock dog handlers provided demonstrations. There were several contests such as a tail wagging, cutest costume, fun-run race, and cutest trick and more.

This event offers dog owners a chance to enjoy getting outdoors and having some fun with their pets.

## **Mountwood Park Woof Fest Royalty**

**By Peggy Squires**



Pageants for our Woof Fest queens were held March 30 and April 28, with the following results for the 2019-2020 season.

Little Miss: Kenley Pullen

Junior Miss: Emma Rectenwald

Pre-Teen Miss: Delaney Roberts

Teen Miss: Abby Anderson

Miss: Taylor Conrad

Ms: Maika McIntyre

Mrs: Krystal Rectenwald.

The queens helped with the Easter Egg Hunt, Woof fest and the Park's annual Moon over Mountwood Fishing Derby. They will be representing the Park and Woof Fest at other pageants and in parades. Miss Taylor Conrad will represent Woof Fest and Mountwood Park at the West Virginia Fairs and Festival Pageant in Charleston. During the week of July 15 our queens will be at our July Adventure Camp and at Volcano Days the last weekend of September.

The Woof Fest pageant is directed by Wendi Williams and presented by The Friends of Mountwood Park.



## Volcano's Schools

By Carolyn Naylor

It hasn't been that long ago when I first heard the name Volcano, West Virginia. I had an image of a one-horse sleepy town. Since then I have learned that Volcano was a vibrant town and lots of things were going on. The people were tough hard-working men and women who cared about their town and the families who resided there. When it came to education in Volcano, I was guilty of assuming that the town had one school at any given time and that the adults didn't think education was important. After all, weren't the boys going to follow their fathers into the oil fields and the girls marry and raise a family? Was I ever wrong!

Steve Parker sent me a copy of the act to provide Free Schools for the town of Volcano



*Volcano, Hotel, A. Willson*

that was passed by the West Virginia Legislature on February 18, 1871. I was surprised to learn that the board of education had the power to establish an adequate number of primary schools, and a central high school in which they could teach all the subjects of education usually taught in colleges. In addition, students not residents of Volcano could attend the schools if their parents were willing to pay the tuition fee.

According to James Sutton McCandless in his book *Artesian Water in Hawaii*, the first students were taught in the old Volcano Hotel.

By August in 1871, a two-story school accommodating 150 students was completed. Another building was under way at Sand Hill,

which could accommodate 50 students.

Photo courtesy of Artercraft Studio



These attractive young ladies posing near Twin Lake School are: Mary Reece, Marie Taitt, Ella McKinney and Vera Lee.

Oil was part of everyday life as evidenced by the oil derrick behind the school.

The picture below is of the Old Volcano School in 1892. When it burned it was replaced by a one-room, one-story building.



Photo courtesy of Artcraft Studio

Below is a class photo taken on April 22, 1918, outside a Volcano School. Their teacher, Mr. Ray Crandall, is on the right.



Male teachers were allowed to take one evening each week for courting purposes; if they went to church regularly, two evenings.

### **Teacher's School Room Responsibilities**

To keep the school room neat and clean, teachers were responsible for:

- Cleaning the floor and blackboards at least once a day.
- Scrubbing the floor, with hot, soapy water, at least once a week.
- Starting the fire at 7 am so the room will be warm at 8 am.



**This photo is of the Green Hill School located at Eaton.**



## **Rules of Conduct for Teachers**

**YOU WILL NOT** marry during the term of your contract.

**YOU WILL NOT** keep company with men.

**YOU MUST** be home between the hours of 9 pm and 6 am unless attending a school function.

**YOU MAY NOT** loiter downtown in ice cream store.

**YOU MAY NOT** travel beyond the city limits unless you have the permission of the chairman of the board.

**YOU MAY NOT** ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.

**YOU MAY NOT** smoke cigarettes.

**YOU MAY NOT** dress in bright colors.

**YOU MAY UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** color your hair.

**YOU MUST** wear at least two petticoats.

**YOUR DRESSES MUST NOT** be any shorter than 2 inches above the ankle.

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