



# The Friends of Mountwood Park Newsletter

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## Friends of Mountwood Park Officers:

Peggy Squires, President

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Carolyn Naylor, Secretary

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*Friends meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.*

We Wish you a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!



## Letter from the President Peggy Squires

The Holidays are upon us as we finish the year at Mountwood. Our Friends Party will be Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are having chicken and everyone please bring a food to share. We always have a good time eating and visiting with each other.

We also have a gift exchange after the dinner. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange bring a gift (\$15.00). We draw numbers and when it is your turn, you can either choose a gift from under the tree or take a gift from someone who has already had their turn. This is a lot of fun.

Would anyone like to help trim our tree at the Park? Each year we decorate the tree with ornaments that have been donated by the Park's user groups. If your group wishes to donate an ornament, drop it

off at the Park. We hope to get the tree up by Wednesday. Let me know if you want to help.

Volcano Days was very successful! We want to thank the employees of the South Parkersburg and Vienna Lowes stores for installing new playground equipment at the Carson Station shelter. Lowes contributed about \$5,000 in materials and their employees provided the labor themselves. The county kicked in \$5,000 of its own. Haessly Hardwood Lumber in Reno, Ohio donated 30 cubic yards of mulch toward the project. Many thanks to Lowes, their employees and Haessly Hardwood Lumber. Mike and Carolyn have been busy working on new signs for history.

Coming up in January will be the West Virginia Fairs and Festival Pageant with our Woof Fest Queen Taylor Conrad attending and representing us. The Easter Egg Hunt will be coming sooner then we think so we are starting to think about stuffing eggs and filling Easter baskets. Woof Fest will be April 26th.

Hope you all have Happy Holidays and a Great New Year.

Peggy Squires

**The best Christmas of all is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up with one another.**  
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## Museum Summary for 2019

By Mike Naylor

- For 2019 there were 830 visitors to the museum with receipts of \$906.40. This was an increase of 23 visitors and \$150 over the 2018 season. We are really thankful for our members who were willing to volunteer to staff the museum.

- The Wood County Historic Landmarks Commission has granted \$1,000 for the development and printing of a museum brochure. A significant number of visitors at the Park are not aware the museum exists! The brochure will be ready before next spring.
- We have purchased another model oil rig for the museum from Pete Schindler (Pete's Toys). This rig replicates the "Reid" engine used at many oil fields. This brings the total number of rigs up to four. Pete does amazing work! Stop at the museum this spring to check it out.
- Since 2016, we have tried to find a model train that could be modified to accurately reflect the trains operating at Volcano. Last month we found one in Wheeling. Some painting needs to be done and decals need to be applied.
- Two groups of home-schooled students did the driving and walking tour of Volcano, as did one group from Harmony Ridge.

**Your Merry Christmas may depend upon what others do for you but your Happy New Year depends upon what you do for others. Unknown**

(The following articles were sent to us by Steve Parker of Morgantown, West Virginia. We are fortunate to have Steve working with us to discover Volcano history.)

*West Virginia Freeman*  
*April 20, 1881*

**Mr. Stiles Against the Prohibition Theory**  
 "Major Stiles, in his reasons why he was in favor of license, and why he opposed prohibition, said that when there was no license in Volcano, whisky was shipped from Parkersburg by the *car load*, and that the trains were known as the "*jug trains*." Well, if that be true, there is one of two things which ought to be done at once. There ought to be plenty of saloons to supply the people of Volcano, or the track should be moved farther away from them than

*twenty* miles. The trouble has been that the prohibition theory has not been put in practice in this County since Major Stiles located among us, and therefore, the premises from which he reasoned were incorrect. When the City Council of Parkersburg, two years ago, declared against granting license to vend intoxicating liquors within the city, the County Court permitted licenses to be issued for the sale of liquors near the city, and from this place the supply was sent all through the county, and then the *hue* and *cry* went out and up from those who favored intemperance and license, that the *no-license* policy was a failure. Give it a fair test once, wipe it out, not only from Volcano, but out of the county, Bro. Stiles; and then you will witness a healthier state of affairs, not only among those people who drink so much that a "*jug train*" is necessary to supply their burning thirst, but throughout the length and breadth of the county."

**He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.**  
**Roy L. Smith**

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*The Parkersburg Sentinel*  
*May 3, 1901*

**LICENSE REFUSED**  
**Both at Volcano and Waverly.**

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**County Court Heard Protests from Each Village.**  
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From Monday's Daily

"The license term of the County Court began this morning and will be in session several days granting licenses to sell liquor."

"The court decided this morning to issue licenses to all those who had certificates from the city, and those refused by the city would be refused by the Court. Several of the latter made application but they were refused."

"When Court commenced this morning there was a large delegation of prominent citizens present from Waverly. They addressed the court and protested against the granting of license to anyone at that place, for the reason that there was no adequate protection."

"The court decided not to grant a license at that place, and an application that was made this

afternoon by a man named Pettay was turned down.”

“A delegation of prominent citizens from Volcano, presented a petition signed by 105 persons of that village and vicinity, protesting against the granting of a license to sell liquor at that place.”

“Members of the delegation stated that a licensed saloon was a menace to society, property and the lives of the people in the community. Liquor was sold, they said, to anyone who had the price, even to small boys, and drunken brawls were common. It was suggested by a member of the court that if the saloon was closed, speakeasies would be the result. The delegation stated that they would take care of any speakeasy that attempted to do business in that community.”

“The court decided not to grant a license at Volcano.”

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### ***Christian Advocate*** ***April 24, 1884.***

#### **A Clear Case.**

“On Sabbath evening, April 13, the Methodist Episcopal Church at Volcano, West Va., was burned to the ground. The fire occurred during preaching services, but the flames could not be extinguished, and hundreds had to stand helplessly by and see their beloved little church consumed before their eyes.”

“This church was erected in 1871, and has done valuable service. For 13 years it has been the moral and spiritual focus of Volcano.”

“There is not to-day a more heroic and self-sacrificing church in West Virginia than this has been and is now. When able they gave their pastors a generous support; and in the last three or four years, since the decline in the price of oil, they have declared their purpose to have the Gospel, and have maintained a station only by the most rigid economy and personal sacrifice, coupled with unusual liberality.”

“The board met on Wednesday evening after the fire, and resolved that they could not live there without a house of worship of some kind. So they will rebuild as soon as possible. How they are to do so I cannot tell. It seems to me that they can scarcely support a pastor, much less build. Many of

the people can barely earn a living; *they are very poor*. Yet here are more than *two hundred families* that must, if possible, have a church home.”

“*More than one half* of the cost of this church—or about \$700—must come from generous friends outside of Volcano. Here is a good opportunity for some generous friends of Christ and humanity to help a really needy and deserving church. Any contributions from individuals or collections from churches will be welcome. Send your offerings to my address, or to the pastor, the Rev. L. D. King, Volcano, W. Va.”

Geo. C. Wilding, P. E.,  
Parkersburg District, West Virginia Conf.,  
*Parkersburg, W. Va.*,  
April 19, 1884

### **Christmas Cat Chaos**

by Julia Donaldson

I don't know why they are blaming me  
When all I did was climb a tree.

And bat a silver shiny ball  
How could I know the tree would fall?

And when those silly lights went out  
They didn't have to scream and shout  
And turf me out  
and shut the door.  
Now no one loves  
me anymore.



I'm in the kitchen  
by myself.  
But wait!  
What's up on that  
high-up shelf?  
A lovely turkey, big and fat!  
How nice!  
They do still love their cat.

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