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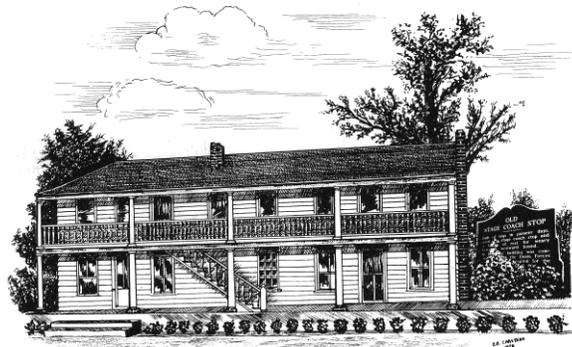
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Our Vision –

“to preserve its educational value for future generations”

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TOUR SEASON 2018

April 7, 2018 will be opening day for the Old Stagecoach Stop and will continue every Saturday through September from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. In addition to being open on Saturdays, we will be doing scheduled tours for special groups such as the Bikes Across Missouri in June, CPAC from Fort Leonard Wood in August, and some student groups, to name a few.

OPEN HOUSE FOR GARY KNEHANS

The OSS, with help from member Virgie Mahan, will host an Open House to celebrate Gary Knehans' 55 years of service to KJPW and our community on Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. It was Gary who met with Terry and Jan Primas suggesting that we take over the Old Settlers Gazette. It has been our main fundraiser to restore and maintain the Old Stagecoach Stop. Gary has been a positive force in the community in his role at the radio station and deserves this recognition. He has always been a champion of the OSS and has given us much airtime over the years to get our message to the community. We are happy that we can host this event in his honor.

Waynesville celebrates 175 years as county seat.

On February 24, 1843 Waynesville was designated as the county seat for Pulaski County. Proclamations and resolutions were read at the February city council meeting. One such proclamation was presented to Jan Primas representing the Old Stagecoach Stop to commemorate the event. Mayor Luge Hardman stated that “we need to preserve our history for future generations.” The city also plans some other events later this year.

SAVE THE DATES:

*April 7 - **Old Stagecoach Stop** tour season begins. We will be open for tours every Saturday through September from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

*June 16 - **Freedom Fest** on the Square- 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

*June 20 – **Bikes Across Missouri** will spend a day in Waynesville.

*July 28-29 - **Old Settler’s Day** in the Park 11:00 am – 4:00 pm on Saturday

*October – **OSS Appreciation Day / Oktoberfest** - 11:00 am – 4 pm

Noteworthy: This is Issue #50 of the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation Newsletter

Appreciation Day 2017

The Old Stagecoach Stop celebrated Appreciation Day in conjunction with Rt. 66 Oktoberfest in downtown Waynesville on October 21, 2017. Both the young and the old enjoyed making Civil War dolls in the Tavern Cabin in remembrance of how the Old Stagecoach Stop was commandeered by the Union Army as a hospital during the Civil War. We appreciate the many friends and businesses who have contributed so much to the Old Stagecoach Stop so that we may continue to observe its rich history.

Christmas on the Square 2017

Over 500 visitors came through the Old Stagecoach Stop for this delightful event to enjoy apple cider, hot chocolate, and coffee as well as sandwiches, veggies, cookies, breads, candy, and other snacks. Visitors streamed through from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, enjoying the food, music, and ambiance. Special music was provided by Susan Wrasmann, Carol Spurlock, and Pam Barnabee on their dulcimers. Other vendors around the square made this a wonderful family tribute to our community!

View from the Balcony

Jeanie Porter, President

As we reflect on the wonderful year we had in 2017 at the Old Stagecoach Stop, we also look forward to another exciting year. One of our favorite things is to hear the stories from people who lived here long ago or who stayed or worked at the Old Stagecoach Stop when it was a hotel or apartments. Like the military couples who had to share a 2-room apartment because they couldn't afford the rent by

themselves. There was a big bed in one room and a smaller bed in the other, so they took turns with the bedrooms when their husbands came home on weekends. Or the story of the young girl who got to stay home from school to help her mother wash sheets so that renters could alternate every 8 hours during the construction of Fort Leonard Wood. If you haven't shared your memories of this historic place, do stop in and tell us your story. Tell your friends and neighbors to make it a point to visit the Stop sometime this summer and share their experiences with us!

Old Stagecoach Stop Activity

There are two ways to keep abreast of the Foundation's activities. We have a website and a Facebook page that are active and have current news/events. The website also has the current and all past issues of the *Old Settlers Gazette* available for reading/research.

www.oldstagecoachstop.org

Our facebook page is listed as: Old Stagecoach Stop Museum and Foundation or go to

[Facebook.com/oldstagecoachstop](https://www.facebook.com/oldstagecoachstop) if you do not have a Facebook page.

Please **remember to renew your membership**. The form you need is included on the back page of this newsletter. We need the support and interest of the community to continue our mission. If you are interested in **joining our Foundation Board**, or **volunteering** at the Old Stagecoach Stop, contact a current board member. We welcome new volunteers.

ON BOARD



The Old Stagecoach Stop is the oldest publicly accessible building in Pulaski County. Who owns the museum? If you're a member of the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation, you're one of the owners. The museum has charter members, life members, and general members. The Old Stagecoach Stop Board has nine directors who conduct the business of the museum. Those same nine people make up the majority of the volunteers who keep the building open on Saturdays, April thru September and for special tours and events. Without their dedication, there would be no Old Stagecoach Stop House Museum.

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SPOTLIGHT ~~~~~

Docent's Corner -

A Question of Matches

by Pam Barnabee

Volunteers at the Old Stagecoach Stop do their best to make your tour of the museum both educational and interesting. We love interacting with our visitors; we often learn from them as they're learning from us! We love getting questions; that helps us personalize the tour to our visitors' interests. While we do our best to answer questions accurately, sometimes we're stumped. That's what happened to me last season just as I was launching into a tour for two young people and their older sister. We were in the McDonald Cabin and I was describing how

the family's meals would have been cooked over an open fire, when one of the youngsters asked, "Did they have matches?"



That seemed a very logical question, but I had to confess that I had never thought about it and I didn't know the answer. I did promise to research the question. So if you're reading this, young visitor, here is your answer:

Through the early 19th century, materials for starting a fire: firesteel, flint, and tinder, were kept in a wood or metal container called a tinderbox. To use, the flint was struck against the steel, creating sparks. This process was arranged so that the sparks would fall on the tinder (typically charred cloth) kept in the bottom of the box. By gently blowing on the tinder, the user could create enough of a glow to light a thin stick of wood or piece of cord (later, a wooden splint coated with sulfur) which could then be used to light a candle which could then finally be used to kindle a fire. The time was ripe for developing a better method of producing fire on demand.

As is true for most innovations, one contribution led to another, ideas were copied, and so it's impossible to definitively say who invented matches. One important discovery was made way back in 1669 by alchemist Hennig Brandt of Hamburg. While attempting to transmute a mix of base metals into gold, he accidentally produced phosphorus. He documented its flammable properties, but didn't pursue any practical applications. In 1805, Parisian Jean Chancel coated sticks with a mixture of chemicals and rubber. When one of these sticks was dipped in an asbestos bottle containing sulfuric acid, it ignited; however, this method was both dangerous and toxic.

An English apothecary named John Walker is often credited with inventing the friction match. Certainly he was selling what he called "friction lights" in 1827. The tips of his wooden matchsticks were coated with

a potassium chloride-antimony sulfide mixture that ignited when scraped against folded sandpaper. Samuel Jones established a match business in London at around the same time, marketing his product as “Lucifers,” which had become a slang term for these early matches. Yet, Jacob Weller opened the first American match factory, in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, even earlier - in 1825. Accounts say he based his match design on a set of French matches he had seen in the early 1800s.

These first matches had drawbacks, however. They were difficult to ignite, would often explode in a shower of sparks, and had an offensive smell. Jones’s matchboxes carried a warning label: *“Persons whose lungs are delicate should by no means use the Lucifers”* Plus the match heads could fall off, accidentally igniting carpets and clothes.

In 1830, French chemist Charles Sauria developed a white phosphorus-based match. These were easier to ignite (sometimes spontaneously igniting!) and eliminated the bad odor. Unfortunately, white phosphorus is highly poisonous. Workers (mainly women and children) in the many match factories that sprang up developed a condition called “phossy jaw”. The only cure was to remove the victim’s lower jaw.

In 1855, a Swede, Johan Edvard Lundstrom, produced the first red phosphorus matches, following the discovery of this safer form of phosphorus in 1845. In addition, his match design incorporated an innovation made by Swedish chemist Gustaf Erik Pasch. Instead of coating the match head with all the reactive chemicals, he applied the phosphorus to the striking surface. This eliminated the unintentional combustion issue - the modern safety match was born! However, because red phosphorus was much more expensive to produce, its use didn’t catch on right away. Only after the London Match Girls Strike in 1888 and a campaign on the hazards of white phosphorus begun by the Salvation Army in 1890 in the U.S., was public opinion swayed. In 1910,

Diamond Match Company patented the first non-poisonous match in the U.S. President William H. Taft publicly asked them to release their patent for the good of mankind, which the company did the following year. Diamond Match continues to manufacture matches to this day.

In conclusion, did the McDonald’s use matches at their home and stagecoach stop in the mid-1850’s?



Most likely they did, but the matches they would have used were not the same as the ones we use today.

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ISSUE 36 of the *Old Settlers Gazette* is currently in progress. This is a group effort, led by our author/editor **Terry Primas**. The board members do the difficult job of ad sales and delivery. The entire proceeds are put back into the building, allowing us to make improvements and maintain the building. We appreciate all of the businesses and individuals who placed an ad in the Gazette. The board members will soon be out and about to procure the ads for this next exciting edition. If you would like to place an ad for your business or as an individual, please contact one of the board members as soon as possible.

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The OSS no longer holds an Annual Meeting of the Foundation membership. The **Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation Annual Report** is available on our website in November.

The Pulaski County Museum and Historical Society will again be organizing **Old Settlers Day** July 28 and 29, 2018. We are looking forward to this year's celebration with some surprising new reenactments coming our way!

Shop Smile.Amazon

The Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation is now registered to receive donations through the **Amazon Smile Foundation**. When you shop at Amazon, you can log into your account at <https://smile.amazon.com>, select the Old Stagecoach Stop as your charity, and a portion of your purchase dollars will then go to our OSS bank account. Log in at the smile.amazon.com address every time you shop!

President's Annual Report for 2017 Nov. 2016 to Oct, 2017

Our Mission: "to preserve, restore, protect, and maintain the historic structure in Waynesville, Missouri known as the 'Old Stagecoach Stop' in order to permit its educational value to be appreciated by future generations; to engage in educational and charitable activities related to the 'Old Stagecoach Stop'."

From the Route 66 Missouri Tourism tour in January to the celebration of Christmas on the Square in December, people have been enriched through experiencing the unique history of our Old Stagecoach Stop Museum in downtown

Waynesville, MO. Our Mission, as stated above continues to delight and amaze people from all over the country and all over the world. With over 1500 visitors throughout the year, we feel extremely privileged to share this most historic place with so many people. We have had visitors from 31 states plus from Germany, Canada, Indonesia, Lebanon, Greece, Jordan, Lithuania, and India - truly remarkable for our little town. We participate in various community events including Freedom Fest in June, Old Settlers Day in July, Oktoberfest in October, and Christmas on the Square in December.

In addition, we have had many groups who requested special tours, such as Route 66 Missouri Tourism, the Legends Bank tour, a Lifestyle group from Indiana, bloggers Theresa and Jim Goodrich who included us in their Route 66 travels while researching for their book, "Two Lane Gems, Vol. 1," and a Chamber of Commerce Leadership Group. We were chosen as the Legendary Stop for the Route 66 Challenge Run where we shared some of our very special postcards from the early 1900's, which were sent to Amanda Black by visitors who enjoyed their stay here when it was named the Black Hotel. We also received special requests from families who were here for a military graduation. One family from Colorado especially enjoyed the rich history we shared and a family from Florida came back after growing up here in the '90s to relive some fond memories of their time here. It's those special sharing times that make our volunteer time so enjoyable.

We were featured in *Missouri Life* on KMOS, KETC, and PBS on October 11, 2017. Terry Primas, while sitting in the Old Stagecoach Stop was interviewed in the special video about Route 66 in Pulaski County. You can experience this very interesting video here:

<https://video.kmos.org/video/3005579219>

We were also given special acclaim in the Spring, 2017 *Show Me Route 66 Magazine*.

Old Settlers Day which was again organized by the Pulaski County Museum brought special visits from "President Abraham Lincoln," "General Ulysses S. Grant", and "General Philip Sheridan." Civil War Re-enactors provided demonstrations in the city park where they staged several battles throughout the day. These activities, in addition to the regular vendors and booths, brought many visitors to the Old Stagecoach Stop.

Special thanks to David Chuber for his very interesting demonstration of Civil War medicine. And special thanks to the Bell Motel for providing a special shuttle to and from the city park activities.

Christmas on the Square provided the most visitors to the Old Stagecoach Stop during the year. Counting the cups used as people stream through the Stop for the Christmas cookies, breads, sandwiches, hot coffee, hot chocolate, and hot apple cider provided by Board members, we had over 600 visitors during that one evening alone. The warm fireplaces and the dulcimer music by one of our Board members and her friends helped to make it a memorable evening.

We had the two known images of Waynesville during the Civil War reproduced on two 16x20 inch canvases. The two representations are a pen/ink drawing by Major Waldemar Fischer in 1863 and an oil painting by an artist named Leuteritz produced in 1864. Previously, these images were displayed as 8x10 inch black and white graphics in the Civil War Room. The larger canvases provide better viewing and the painting is in color. It is very difficult to pinpoint the Old Stagecoach Stop in these drawings, so Mark Zurbrick devised a laser pointer mounted on the wall and turned on by a switch to help visitors identify the OSS in the color picture. Ingenious!

We have had a number of recent donations to the Old Stagecoach Stop. Bob Dodds, the first president of the OSS, donated a water keg or cask and a small wood-burning stove. The water kegs or casks were stored below the wagons of the Civil War Union Field Ambulances.

These were built with brass bung holes and side spigots as standard equipment. The small cast-iron wood-burning stove was produced by the Great Western Stove Company in the late 1930's or early 1940's. These stoves are prized by antique collectors and there are no replacement stove parts available. Virgie Mahan donated a beautiful cane bottom pressed back chair which belonged to her grandmother. Judy Woody donated an amber oil lamp, a pewter oil lamp, a copper stern light, a wrought iron candle holder, a straight blade razor, and a cast iron ice shaver with the label "THE A.C. WILLIAMS CO RAVENNA O." in raised letters. The implement is 6.5 inches long and 2 inches wide. Ice shavers were used to scrape off ice shavings from a large ice block for use in beverages and desserts. The A. C. Williams Company originally manufactured cast iron sad irons and hardware items. The company, founded in 1844, relocated to Ravenna, Ohio from Chagrin Falls, Ohio in 1892 when the original foundry burned. During the first three decades of the 20th century, the company began manufacturing cast iron toys and still banks. The ice shaver is probably from this period. Judy also donated an antique sad iron likewise labeled with the company's name.

The Old Stagecoach Stop Museum was open every Saturday from April through September. In addition to special group tours, we also had seven - 4th grade classes for special tours for a total of 194 students and teachers.

The Old Stagecoach Stop will be open on December 3rd to host the dignitaries on the stage at the climax of the Waynesville Christmas Parade. The parade starts at 2:00 at the Waynesville Middle School. We will also be open on December 7th for Christmas on the Square in downtown Waynesville from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. There will be hot drinks and lots of food for the many people who pass through to warm up and get a few snacks.

Be on the lookout for Terry Primas' new book, *Route 66 in Pulaski County, MO - a local history*. The book includes over

400 pictures and maps. In fact, stop by on December 3rd for the parade or on December 7th for Christmas on the Square and you might be able to acquire an autographed copy.

Due to the age of the Old Stagecoach Stop building, various maintenance issues always need attention. We are thoroughly enjoying the fireplace systems in the cabin and tavern, but one of them is needing repair and we are waiting on the manufacturer to provide help with that. These fireplace systems were purchased through a donation from Louise Morgan, an original OSS Board member. We are grateful to our newest Board member, Mark Zurbrick who has been performing various needed repairs, including fixing a window in the McNeese building which had been broken by a tree limb, getting rid of the anachronistic letter slot on the front door of the tavern, stabilizing the banister out front, and replacing frayed wires on the electrified lamps in the 1918-era kitchen. We truly appreciate his efforts in these areas. Other maintenance issues include winterizing, tree trimming, and mowing. We are very appreciative of the efforts of the CBRN Advanced Leadership Class who raked, cleaned gutters, washed windows, and cleaned up trash in the back yard of the OSS. Problems still to be solved include the leaking between the roof and the gutter and some flashing repairs in this area.

Spring brought out the hardy ad sales team (aka OSS Board members) for the *Old Settlers Gazette*, our annual historical edition of past and present news of Pulaski County. After months of intensive writing and editing by Terry and Jan Primas, the free *Gazettes* are delivered to advertisers and locations around the county and also mailed to patrons throughout the U.S. The entire profit from this project goes to the continued restoration and maintenance of our historic building. A special thank-you to all of the other volunteers who make this and all of the Stagecoach Stop activities an on-going preservation of history for this community.

The Old Stagecoach Stop website, oldstagecoachstop.org continues our mission of preserving the history of the Stop and surrounding area. It includes historic pictures, archives of all the *Old Settlers Gazettes*, and a rich source for research of our county. Visit our page at [facebook.com/Old Stagecoach Stop](https://facebook.com/OldStagecoachStop).

As we look back on 2017, we reflect on the great privilege of continuing the goals established by the Founders of this most historic Old Stagecoach Stop. We are proud to be situated along Route 66 which is bringing many travelers who are touring the "Mother Road" from Chicago to Santa Monica to revisit this era of American history. We are thankful that so many people from our area, from around the country, and from around the world have visited and enjoyed this history preserved for us and for future generations.

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DID YOU KNOW

One of the few good things which came out of the Civil War was the beginning of home mail delivery. When relatives were notified of a loved one dying in the war, a message was taken to the home – not sent by mail. After the war, someone got the idea, "Why don't we have home delivery of all our mail?" The idea caught on and was first instituted in Pennsylvania, then spread across the country.

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Membership –

Are you currently a member of the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation? If not, we invite you to join our Foundation to support the ongoing work of preserving history for future generations. If you are a member, we thank you and remind you to renew your membership. You will find the form on the back of this page to send in your membership.

Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation Membership Application

The work of the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation is supported by memberships and donations. We invite you to join the Foundation at any one of the membership categories listed below.

Complete this form and mail to:

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