

WILLS CEMETERY

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Welcome to the Wills Cemetery. The Directors hope our visitors find everything satisfactory during their visit this Memorial Day weekend.

Please utilize the website: www.willscemetery.org The web site contains a history of the Cemetery, policies, as well as previous newsletters and other pertinent information. A photo gallery is posted on the website, with pictures of the cemetery and aerial views. You may also search for a specific gravesite by name through the Directory on the website.

In addition to the website, a Directory is available at the cemetery. To find a grave for someone buried in the Wills Cemetery, simply go to the Directory which is located in the white box in front of the brick building, then look up the name in the alphabetical list. Beside the name will be a Section letter (A thru I). Finally use the map and new signs to locate the Section. The Directory and lettered grid are aimed at helping visitors navigate the Wills Cemetery.

In 2013, there were 14 burials and in 2014, as of May 1, there have been 8 burials. The cost of a gravesite remains at \$500, although maintenance costs continue to increase.

Maintenance and improvements of the cemetery are expensive and therefore tax-deductible contributions would be greatly appreciated, as well as suggestions and comments. Please send to: Jim Clark, 21615 S. Clairmont, Peculiar, MO 64078

Please remember that the decorative items placed on the ground for Memorial Day can remain for 2 weeks. After that time the items not removed will be discarded so mowing and maintenance can resume.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in March, 2014. The purpose was to review plans for major improvements at the Cemetery. As part of the acquisition of the additional land to the east, new roadways will be developed, as well as platting the northeast section for gravesites that will soon be available. A new fence on Thorngrove Road will replace the old chainlink fence and the historic brick building located on the grounds will be renovated. The garden area will become a Memorial Plaza, with flag display and granite monuments honoring all veterans for their service, as well as a visitor information kiosk. This will be a multi-year project. A majority of the funding for these major improvements will be provided by a grant awarded to the Wills Cemetery.

The Board is seeking contributions for the lighted flag display and the granite monument honoring veterans, which is estimated to cost approximately \$8000. Your tax-deductible donation will ensure that these improvements will be completed. A proposed Memorial Plaza design is pictured at the bottom of this page.

We encourage supporters of the Cemetery to purchase memorial bricks for \$30.00 each in memory of their loved ones, to be added to the Memorial Plaza. Forms for purchasing the bricks are available in the box attached to the sign inside the Memorial Garden.

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