Wenonah Historical Society Newsletter

August 2021

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Save the dates for these upcoming events hosted by the Wenonah HIstorical Society:

Friday, September 10th - Meet and Greet at 110 S Clinton Ave from 6-9 PM.

Saturday, October 9th - Cemetery Walk and Picnic at Wenonah Cemetery, beginning at 1:00 PM.

Friday, November 12th - Regular Meeting at Community Center with Rick Mitchell presenting "The Wilkins: A First Family of Wenonah," beginning at 7:30 PM.

More details will be provided as we get closer to the event dates.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all. I hope everyone is enjoying the Summer of 2021. Of course it has been a long time since we have been able to gather in person. On September 10th at 6:00 we will gather on the porch at the home of Sue and Larry Smith located at 110 S. Clinton Avenue. Sue and Larry have again generously offered their beautiful home to host this annual WHS event.

We are asking attendees to bring an appetizer to share. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Hope to see you in September!

Sincerely,

Charles Horan, President, WHS

Wenonah A Century Ago—August 1921 Excerpts from *The Woodbury Daily Times*

- O The stork left a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Burke at Wildwood recently, who will be known as Joan Vierick Burke. Mrs. Burke will be remembered as Miss Emily Viereck of our borough.
- Wenonah is rapidly developing into a regular baseball community and many are enjoying the real
 class of baseball at the games on the W.M.A. grounds every Saturday. This Saturday afternoon the Wenonah team will meet the strong Metzner Professionals of Camden city and followers of both
 team predict victory. The home team, under the leadership of "Ray" Gage, has won seven straight victories; this is going some when you consider that they have played some of the strongest traveling teams in this section. Boost the Wenonah team. If you are a regular attendant at the games,

tell the other fellow what he is missing and bring him down. A big crowd of home rooters is a strong factor of encouragement to the management and the team.

- Mr. and Mrs. Johansen have moved into their new home on Princeton Avenue.
 - Used Cars: One light Ford delivery \$150; one sixcylinder Chalmers, 4 cord tires, 2 fabric, very good shape mechanically, \$550. George E. Fredrick, Wenonah Garage.
 - Sealed separate bids (1) for furnishing and installing of a heating plant, (2) for furnishing and installing the plumbing, (3) for furnishing and installing the desks and school furniture, and (4) for furnishing and installing the new window shades all in the new school building in the Borough of Wenonah.



A scene from the Annual Wenonah Cemetery Tour in 2019.

Saturday, October 9, the Wenonah Historical Society and the Wenonah Cemetery Association will host its sixth annual sixth annual cemetery walk from 1-3 p.m. The tour is free and no tickets are needed. Every plot has a story to tell! Get a glimpse of what life was like in the early 1900s. Every script is researched, using historic newspapers and primary source material. Graveside presentations will be dramatized by actors in period costumes. Come and experience this compelling living history at Wenonah Cemetery and take a peek into the Chew mausoleum!

For the first time, the Wenonah Historical Society is inviting you to "Dine with the Dearly Departed!" In the Victorian era, it was not unusual for families to escape the city heat and picnic in a nearby cemetery. Cemeteries were, in fact, the first parks in the United States. Please plan to enjoy lunch and bring a container to take all leftovers with you.

Another first are our Scavenger Hunts for our elementary age children. Prizes will be awarded at the completion of the hunt!

The *Woodbury Daily Times* reported on Dec. 3, 1900, that Isaac Stevenson had sold a plot of land on the west side of Mantua Creek to real estate agent William C. Cattell. Stevenson had only recently bought the land from the Mantua Improvement Company. Cattell represented a party of capitalists with plans to start a new cemetery. On Jan. 3, 1901, the *Times* reported that the Wenonah Cemetery Association had been formed, with Dr. Mordecai Price of Philadelphia, Dr. and Mrs. Harry A. Stout, Harry G. Peddle, and William C. Cattell, all of Wenonah, Miss Sara R. Chew of Mantua, and David O. Watkins of Woodbury as elected trustees. The association had purchased thirty acres of land and they were immediately planning to lay out the grounds with the help of experienced landscape gardeners. On Jan. 18, 1901, the *Times* announced that "the Wenonah Cemetery Company are having plans drawn for laying out their new plot, and work on grading and marking will be commenced early this spring. This is one of the prettiest natural plots for this purpose in the state."

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Attention Members

For suggestions and requests for newsletter items or to send an interesting historical article to be reviewed for inclusion in a newsletter, please send to <u>vmccallpc@comcast.net</u>

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| Dues: \$15.00 per family household per year | |