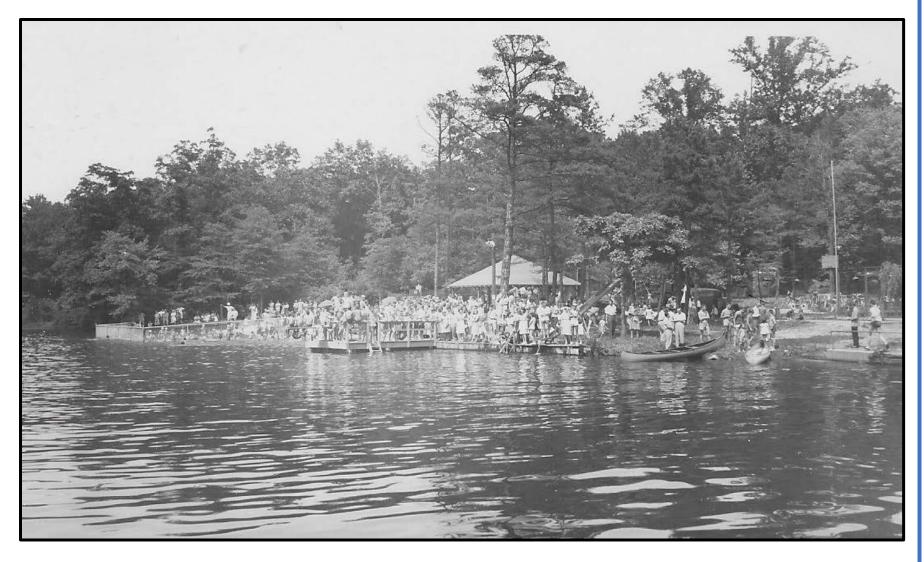
The Wenonah Historical Society is pleased to participate in StoryWalk® and to present "July 4^{th} in Wenonah"

Ask someone what their favorite day of the year is in Wenonah. Chances are the answer will be "July 4th." It's a day of fun, memories, and spending time with family and friends, some who return to Wenonah just for the special day.

This year marks the 150th year since Wenonah's very first July 4th celebration in 1872!

Times have changed from when the day's celebration lasted more than 18 hours and included reading of the Declaration of Independence or events such as greased pig races and square dancing on Mantua Ave.

Our story revisits celebrations over the years by sharing programs, photos and memorabilia from the Wenonah Historical Society archives.



July 4, 1946 at Wenonah Lake

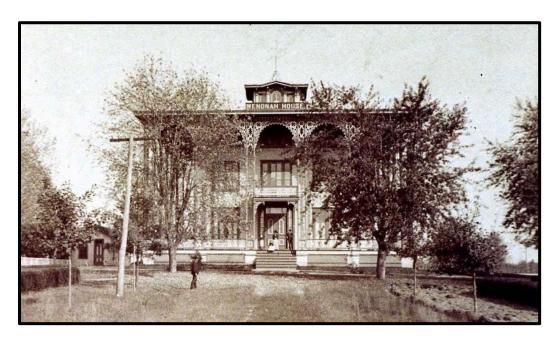
July 4, 1872 – Wenonah's First Independence Day Celebration

Wenonah's first Independence Day celebration was on July 4, 1872 ... 150 years ago when there were only 10 houses in town.

The event was hosted by the recently-opened Wenonah House on S. Clinton Ave., directly across the

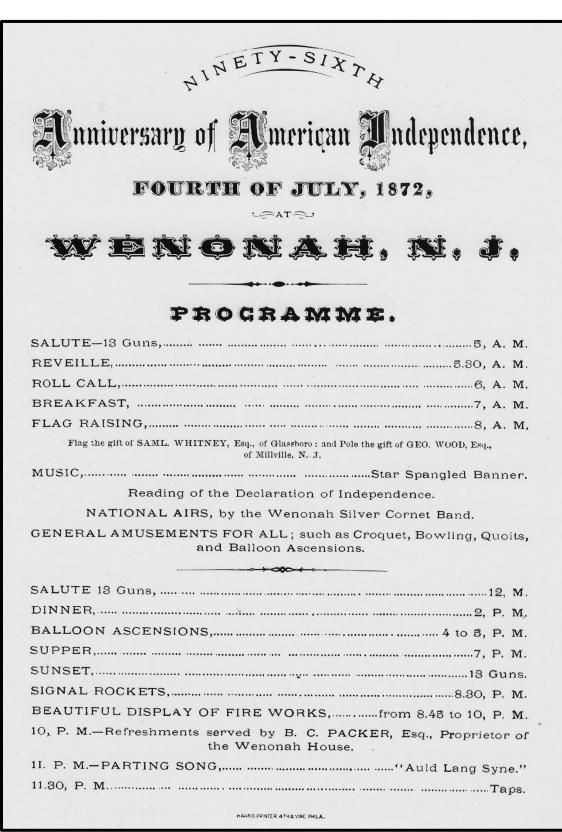
street from the park. An 18-gun salute started the day and activities continued for 18 ½ hours, ending with taps at 11:30 PM.

Consistent with the meaning of the day, the Declaration of Independence was

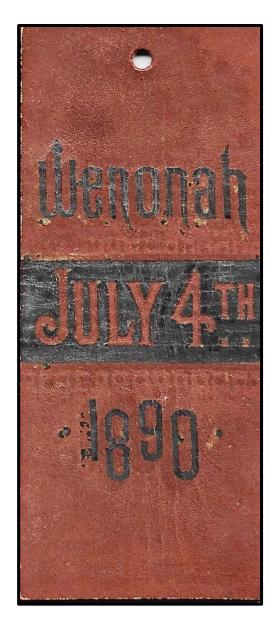


Wenonah House

read in the morning. Activities included croquet, bowling, quoits (ring toss), balloon ascensions and more than an hour of fireworks!



July 4th Competitions in the 1890s

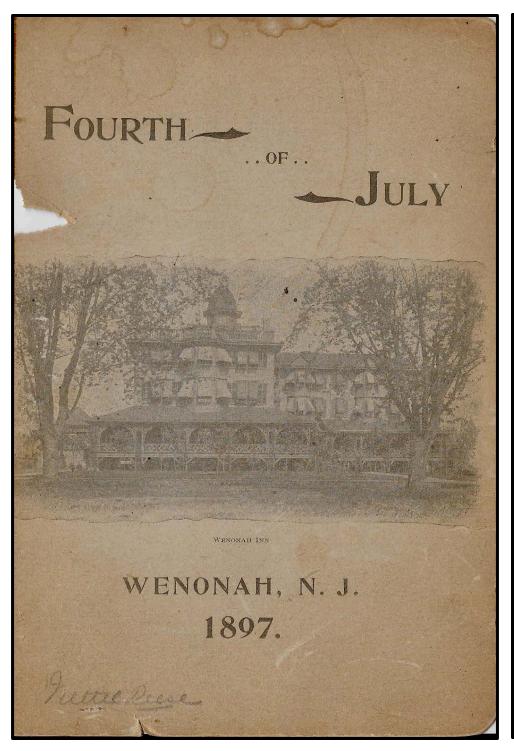


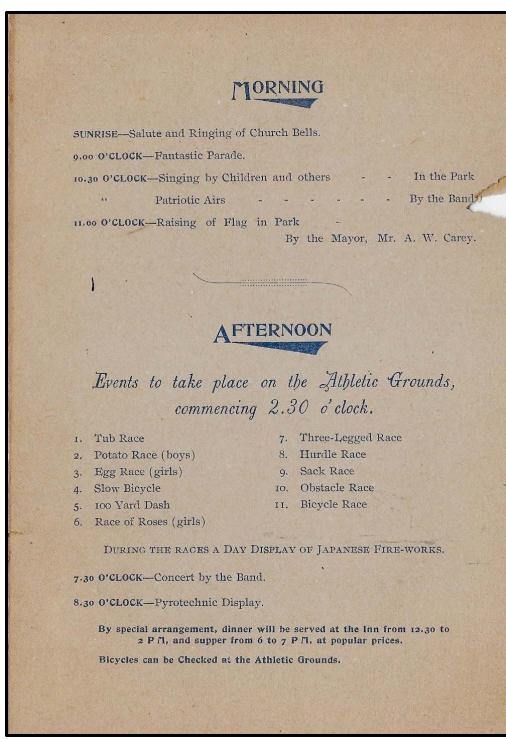
This leather award was given to last place finishers on July 4, 1890.



July 4, 1899 included an interesting competion amongst its activities. Men from the east side of town competed against men from the west side of town in a baseball game. The east side team had to dress as girls and was known as the "Silk-Stocking Team." The west side team had to play left handed and was known as the "Browntowners Team."

July 4, 1897 – 25 Years after Wenonah's 1st Celebration







This medal was given to the winner of the slowbicycle race on July 4, 1897.

July 4, 1922 – 50 Years after Wenonah's 1st Celebration

146th ANNIVERSARY

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

JULY 4th

1922



WENONAH, NEW JERSEY

MORNING PROGRAM

9.30-Parade, Maxwell Allen, Marshall.

9.55—Assembly at Flag Pole, directed by Maxwell Allen.

Salute to the Flag, led by Boy Scouts.

"Star Spangled Banner," Twelfth Regiment Band of Salem, N. J.

(The people standing at attention)

10.15—Unfurling of Flag.
Pageant of Nations.

11.00—Patriotic Services

1 Selection....Twelfth Regiment Band

3 Prayer......Rev. R. H. Gage, D.D.

4 Reading, "God's Covenant with the Nation".....Rev. Ross Flanigan

6 SelectionBand

7 Address of Welcome,

Mayor H. G. Peddle

8 Oration, "The Newer Patriotism" Mrs. Therese Bergen, Glen Ridge, N. J.

9 Solo Just Erickson

10 Benediction.....Rev. Chas. Fees

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

3.30 P. M.—BASEBALL GAME EAST SIDE vs. WEST SIDE

Gold bronze medal awarded first and second places all events.

EVENING PROGRAM

7.30 P. M.

Twelfth Regiment Band of Salem, N. J.

Thomas G. Massey, Band Master

1 March, "The Wallabies"......Lithgow 2 Selection, "Torquato Tarso".....Donizetti

3 Solo Just Erickson

4 Waltzes, "Language of the Soul"....Scouton

5 Overture, "Odeon"Zimmerman

6 Intermezzo, "Bowl of Pansies".....Reynard
7 Selection.....Singing

8 Overture, "Yankee Hash"......Miller

INTERMISSION

9 March, "The Pathfinder of Panama"....Sousa

10 Trombone Solo, "O, Dry Those Tears". . Riego Mr. Day

11 SelectionLyric Quartet, Millville

12 Overture, "Fantastique"Dalberg

13 Selection, "Gems from Shuffle Along"...Blake 14 Selection.....Lyric Quartet, Millville

15 Overture, "Northern Lights"......Herman

16 Selection, "Chevalier Breton"......Herman

17 Singing

18 "Star Spangled Banner".....Laurendeau

In case of rain, morning and evening exercises will be held in Wenonah Military Academy Drill Hall.

July 4, 1947 – 75 Years after Wenonah's 1st Celebration



PROGRAM



4TH OF JULY 1947

100 Feet

... IN THE MORNING ...

8: 30—RINGING OF BELLS, WENONAH BOY SCOUTS 9: 00-PARADE

UNFURLING FLAG

Community Singing-National Anthem

PATRIOTIC CEREMONIES—WENONAH PARK

Invocation Rev. Wm. H. Stone

Advancement of Colors Welcome . . , . . . Mayor Wm. Conway

Address Hugh L. Mehorter, Assemblyman Flag Pledge

Retirement of Colors

Benediction Rev. C. N. Nelson

ATHLETIC CONTESTS—WENONAH PARK Tricycle Race, Under 7 yrs.

25-Yard Dash for Girls, 7 and 8 yrs.

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25-Yard Dash for Girls, 11 and 12 yrs.

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50-Yard Dash for Girls, 13 and 14 yrs.

50-Yard Dash for Boys, 13 and 14 yrs.

Sack Race for Girls and Boys, 7-8-9 yrs. Sack Race for Girls and Boys, 10-11-12 yrs.

Sack Race for Girls and Boys, 13-14-15 yrs.

Peanut Race for Girls and Boys under 7 yrs.

3-Legged Race for Girls and Boys, 10-11-12 yrs.

3-Legged Race for Girls and Boys, 13-14-15 yrs.

3-Legged Race for Girls and Boys, 7-8-9 yrs.

Wheelbarrow for Boys 10 to 15 inclusive Peanut Scramble for all Boys and Girls

2:00-WATER SPORTS-WENONAH PLAY GROUND SWIMMING RACES

.... IN THE AFTERNOON

Boy's-10 to 12 yrs. Boy's-13 to 15 yrs. 75 Feet 100 yds. Boy's-16 & over Girl's-10 to 12 50 Feet Girl's-13 to 15 75 Feet

DIVING CONTESTS

Girl's-16 & over

Junior Boy's-11 to 15 yrs. Senior Boy's-16 & over

CANOE—TILTING CONTEST

Senior Boy's-16 & over

CANOE RACES

Single-Double Four Man

4:00-P. M. SOFT BALL GAME

Married Men vs. Single Men

... IN THE EVENING ...

6:30-P. M. PRESENTATION of PRIZES WENONAH PARK

7:00—9:00—P. M. BAND CONCERT WENONAH PARK

Clayton Junior Legion Band

9:30-P. M. FIRE WORKS - WENONAH BALL PARK

Please enter Ball Park from Southwest Ave. only.

10:30-P. M. DANCING at WENONAH PARK

WENONAH

Wenonah Fire Co. Junior Woman's Club Mary F. Ogden, Real Estate and Insurance Harry C. Viereck, Real Estate and Insurance Wenonah Food Market, Bowker and Sacca Jean's Beauty Salon Charles Frederick, Pontiac

THE PRIZES THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF:

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Woolworth Kresge Sun Ray Drug Book Shop

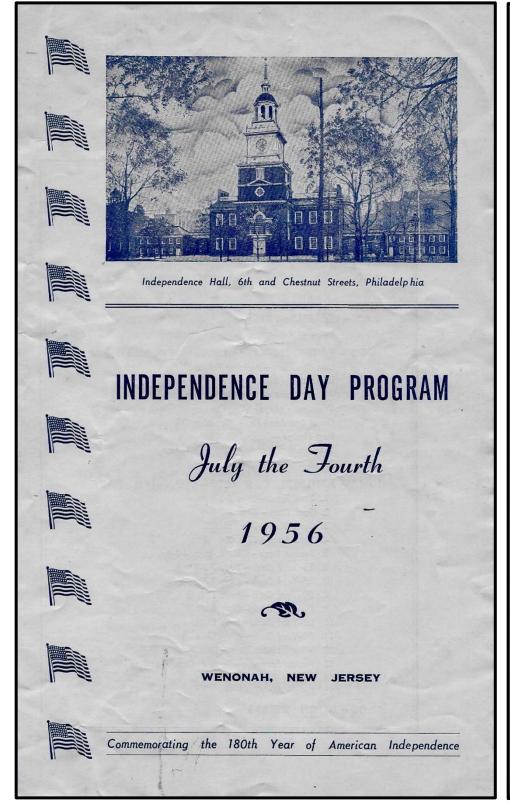
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WOODBURY

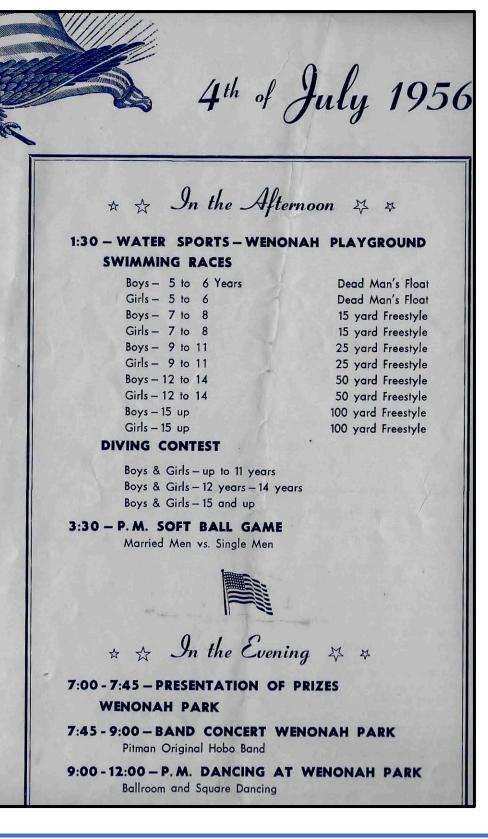
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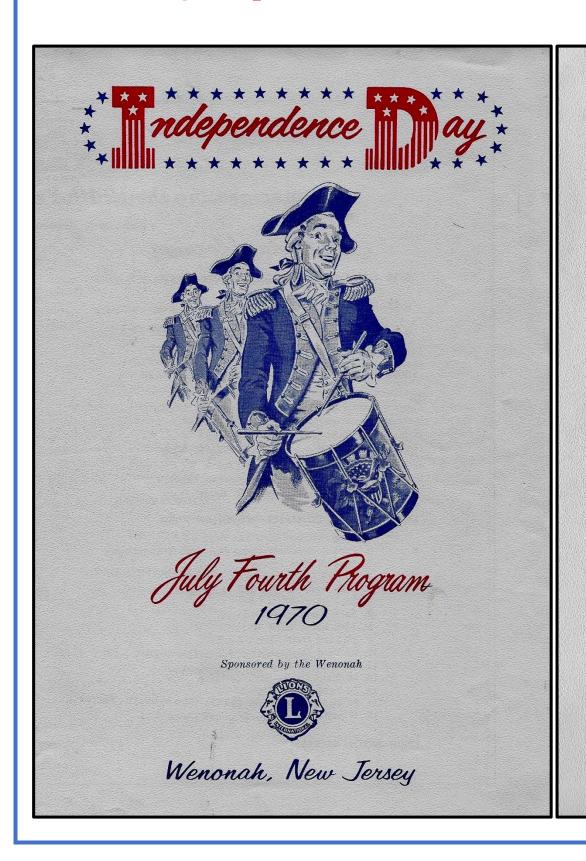
July 4, 1956 – Wenonah Lions Club Sponsors Its 1st Celebration







July 4, 1970 – Wenonah Celebrates Its 100th Birthday





Commemorating the 194th Year of American Independence

and . . . Wenonah' 100th Anniversary

Saturday Morning

8:30—FIRE SIREN (FOUR ONE MINUTE BLASTS)

8:45-PARADE

9:45-UNFURLING FLAG

National Anthem

10:00-PATRIOTIC CEREMONIES-WENONAH PARK

Lion President—Joseph Zimmer
Advancement of Colors—American Legion
Invocation—Rev. William Yeager
Welcome—Mayor Jack Sheppard
Guest Speaker—Honorable John B. Wick
Flag Pledge—Community Chorus
Retirement of Colors—American Legion
Benediction—Rev. Keith E. Byers

11:00-ATHLETIC CONTESTS-WENONAH PARK

- 1. Peanut Race—Girls and Boys 4-5-6
- 2. Peanut Scramble—Boys and Girls 7 and Under
- 3. Ride on Fire Trucks
- 4. Favors for Youngsters
- 5. Sack Race—Boys 7-8-9
- 6. Sack Race—Girls 7-8-9
- 7. Sack Race—Boys 10-11-12
- 8. Sack Race—Girls 10-11-12
- 9. 25-Yard Dash—Boys 7-8-9
- 10. 25-Yard Dash-Girls 7-8-9
- 11. 50-Yard Dash—Boys 10-11-12
- 12. 50 Yard Dash—Girls 10-11-12
- 13. 50-Yard Dash—Boys 13-14
- 14. 50-Yard Dash—Girls 13-14
- 15. Wheelbarrow Race—Boys and Girls 10-15

12:00-NOON RECESS

Saturday Afternoon

1:00-GIRLS SOFTBALL VS. PONY LEAGUE TEAM

1:30—WATER SPORTS—WENONAH PLAYGROUND SWIMMING RACES

Boys— 5 to 6 Years Dead Man's Float
Girls— 5 to 6 Years Dead Man's Float
Boys— 7 to 8 Years 15 Yard Freestyle
Girls— 7 to 8 Years 15 Yard Freestyle
Boys— 9 to 11 Years 25 Yard Freestyle
Girls— 9 to 11 Years
Boys—12 to 14 Years 50 Yard Freestyle
Girls—12 to 14 Years 50 Yard Freestyle
Boys—15 Up 100 Yard Freestyle
Girls—15 Up 100 Yard Freestyle

DIVING CONTEST

Boys and Girls—Up to 11 Years
Boys and Girls—12 Years - 14 Years
Boys and Girls—15 and Up

3:30-SOFTBALL GAME

Married Men vs. Single Men

7:00 - 7:45-PRESENTATION OF PRIZES-WENONAH PARK

7:45 - 10:00-BAND CONCERT-WENONAH PARK

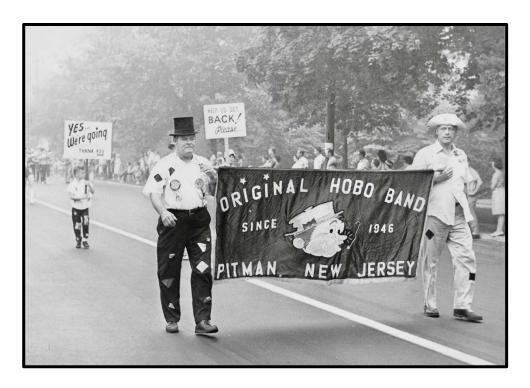
Pitman Original Hobo Band Phil Sheridan, Master of Ceremonies

July 4, 1970 – Wenonah Celebrates Its 100th Birthday



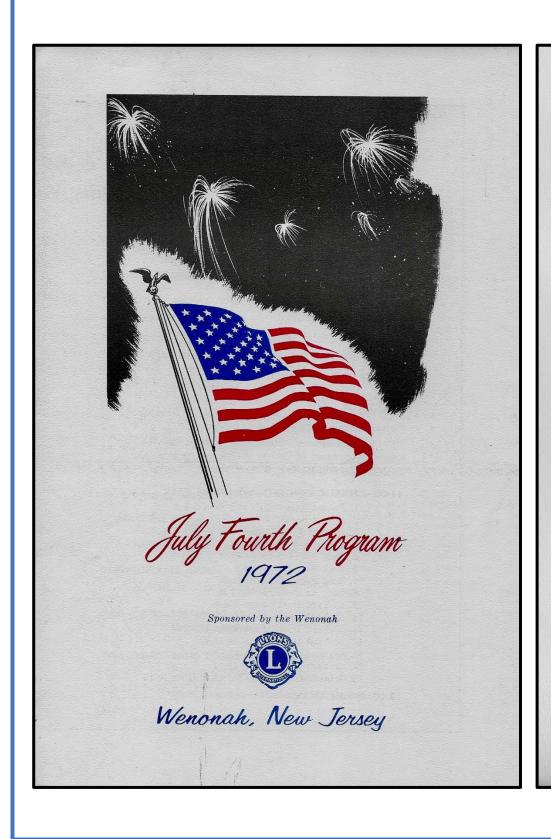








July 4, 1972 – 100 Years after Wenonah's 1st Celebration





Commemorating the 196th Year of American Independence

Tuesday Morning

8:30-FIRE SIREN (FOUR ONE MINUTE BLASTS)

8:45-PARADE

9:45-UNFURLING FLAG

National Anthem

10:00-PATRIOTIC CEREMONIES-WENONAH PARK

Lion President—James Clanton
Advancement of Colors—American Legion
Flag Pledge—Community Chorus
Invocation—Father Eugene Kernan
Welcome—Mayor Jack Sheppard
Guest Speaker—State Senator James Turner
Retirement of Colors—American Legion
Benediction—Rev. William Yeager

11:00-ATHLETIC CONTESTS-WENONAH PARK

- 1. Peanut Race—Girls and Boys 4-5-6
- 2. Peanut Scramble—Boys and Girls 7 and Under 3. Ride on Fire Trucks
- 4. Favors for Youngsters
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- 13. 50-Yard Dash—Boys 13-14
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- 15. Wheelbarrow Race—Boys and Girls 10-15

12:00-NOON RECESS

Tuesday Afternoon

1:00-GIRLS SOFTBALL VS. PONY LEAGUE TEAM

1:30-WATER SPORTS-WENONAH PLAYGROUND SWIMMING RACES

Boys— 5	to	6	Years		. De	ad M	an's Float
Girls— 5	to	6	Years		. De	ad Ma	an's Float
Boys— 7	to	8	Years		15	Yard	Freestyle
Girls—7	to	8	Years		15	Yard	Freestyle
Boys— 9	to	11	Years	(25	Yard	Freestyle
Girls— 9	to	11	Years		25	Yard	Freestyle
Boys—12	to	14	Years		50	Yard	Freestyle
Girls—12	to	14	Years		50	Yard	Freestyle
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DIVING CONTEST

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Boys and Girls—15 and Up

3:30-SOFTBALL GAME

Married Men vs. Single Men

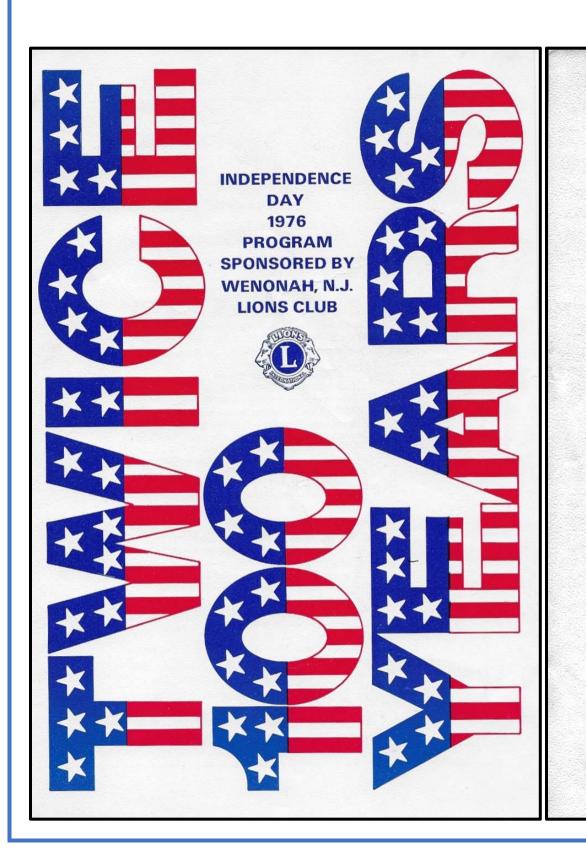
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7:45 - 10:00-BAND CONCERT-WENONAH PARK

Pitman Original Hobo Band

Walter Kaufman, Master of Ceremonies

July 4, 1976 – Celebrating the U.S. Bicentennial





Commemorating 200 Year of American Independence

Monday Morning

8:30-FIRE SIREN (FOUR ONE MINUTE BLASTS) 8:45-PARADE

Judges-Edith Hoelle, Margaret Gegenheimer Robert Mumford, Howard Denny

PATRIOTIC CEREMONIES-WENONAH PARK Immediately following Parade. (Approximately 10:00 a.m.)

Unfurling of Flag-National Anthem Sung by Grace Zimmer Accompaniment by Gospel Airs Brass Ensemble Lion President-Chuck Forsman

Advancement of Colors-American Legion

Flag Pledge-Community in Unison Invocation-Rev. Frank Hitner

American Legion Memorial Plaque-Jim Conway Welcome-Mayor Jack Sheppard

Guest Speaker-Congressman James J. Florio Retirement of Colors—American Legion Benediction-Rev. Frank Hitner

NOTICE: Fire Company will hold OPEN HOUSE immediately following patriotic ceremonies. Public is invited.

11:00-ATHLETIC CONTESTS-WENONAH PARK

- 1. Peanut Race—Girls and Boys 4-5-6
- 2. Peanut Scramble-Boys and Girls 6 and Under
- 3. Rides on Fire Trucks and Favors for Youngsters
- 4. Sack Race—Boys 7-8
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12:00-NOON RECESS

Monday Afternoon

1:00-GIRLS SOFTBALL VS. PONY LEAGUE TEAM

1:30-WATER SPORTS-WENONAH PLAYGROUND

SWIMMING RACES

Boys— 5 and 6	Deadman's Float
Girls— 5 and 6	Deadman's Float
Boys- 7 and 8	15-Yard Freestyle
Girls— 7 and 8	15-Yard Freestyle
Boys- 9 and 10	
Girls— 9 and 10	25-Yard Freestyle
Boys—11 and 12	. 50-Yard Freestyle
Girls—11 and 12	50-Yard Freestyle

DIVING CONTEST

Boys and Girls-Up to 11 Years Boys and Girls-12 Years - 14 Years Boys and Girls-15 and Up

3:30-SOFTBALL GAME-CEDAR AVENUE

Married Men vs. Single Men

Monday Evening

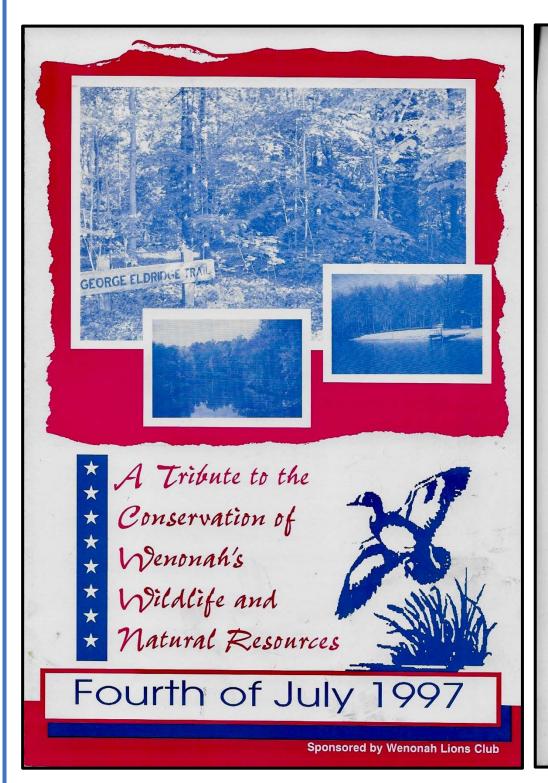
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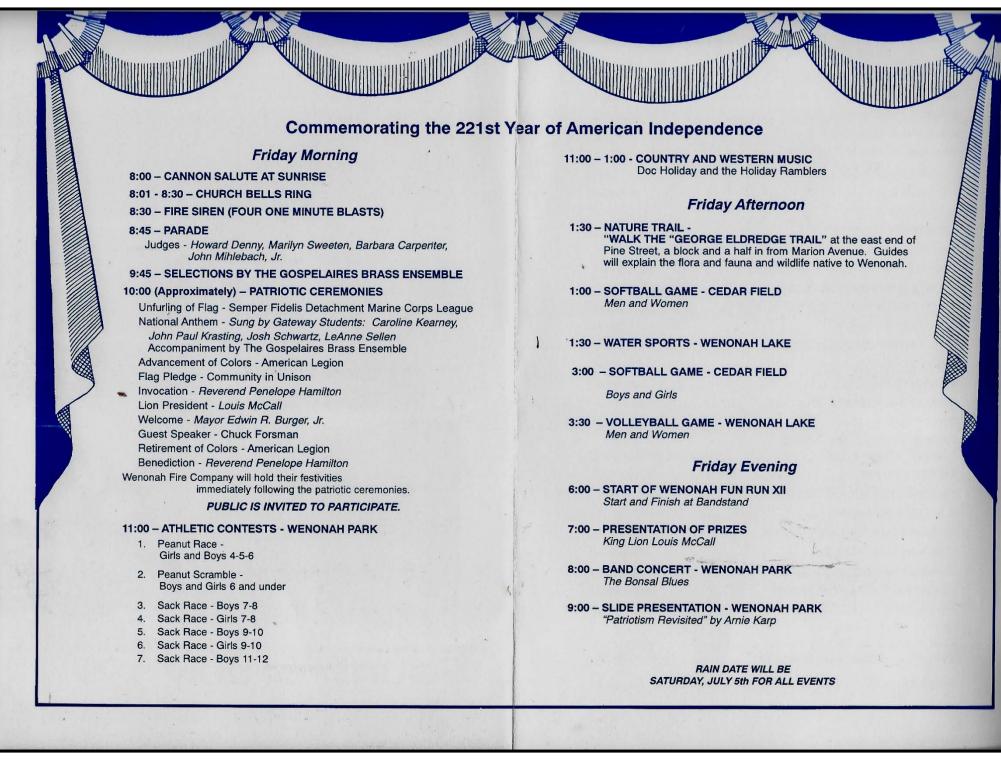
Master of Ceremonies-Robert Shrvock Wenonah Seal-Award and Presentation by Women's Club Women's Club Bicentennial Quilt Drawing

8:00-BAND CONCERT-WENONAH PARK

Pitman Original Hobo Band

July 4, 1997 – 125 Years after Wenonah's 1st Celebration

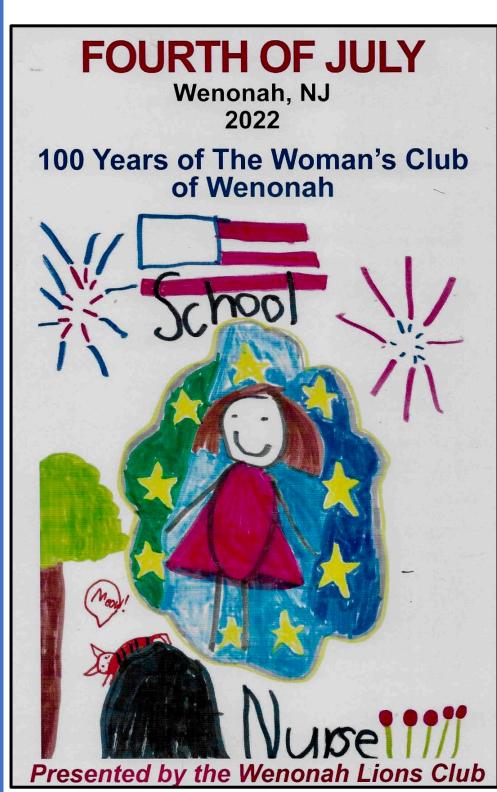




July 4th Parade Music 2014-2021



July 4, 2022 – 150 Years after Wenonah's 1st Celebration





Commemorating the 246th Year of American Independence

Saturday, July 2nd, 2022

2:00 pm - WENONAH LAKE DEDICATION CEREMONY

Sign dedication and park renaming, honoring long-time residents and volunteers John and Kathy Howard. Sponsored by The Wenonah Lake Association and Borough Council

Sunday, July 3rd, 2022

11:00 am - NATURE WALK

Meet at the S. West Ave. trailhead. A guided walk that describes the diverse habitats, local flora and natural beauty of our local conservation area. Sponsored by The Wenonah Environmental Commission

4:00 pm - 14th ANNUAL SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL GAME

(Under the Lights) Lisle Field - W. Mantua and Hayes Avenue

Monday Morning, July 4th, 2022

8:20 am - FIRE SIREN (FOUR ONE MINUTE BLASTS)

8:30 am - PARADE STARTS - E. Mantua and Marion Avenue **Judges -** Patti Houwen, John McCann, Heather Funk and Thomas O'Brien

10:00 am (Approximately) - PATRIOTIC CEREMONIES

Advancement of Colors - American Legion

National Anthem - Sung by Margaux L'Italien

Flag Pledge - Community in Unison

Invocation - The Rev. Benjamin B. Maddison, of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

King Lion - Kevin Salvatore

Welcome - Mayor John Dominy

Wenonah Hometown Legends Award - Christopher DeMaise

Presented by Carl Hausman

Woman's Club of Wenonah - Kiki L'Italien

Essay Winner - Jillian Doheny

Commander of the Wenonah American Legion - John Forren

Retirement of Colors - American Legion

Benediction - The Rev. Benjamin B. Maddison, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

11:00 am - ATHLETIC CONTESTS - WENONAH PARK

Peanut Scramble Boys and Girls 3 and under

2. Peanut Scramble -Girls and Boys 4-6

3. Sack Race - Boys 7-8

4. Sack Race - Girls 7-8

5. Sack Race - Boys 9-10

6. Sack Race - Girls 9-10

7. Sack Race - Boys 11-12

8. Sack Race - Girls 11-12

9. 25 Yard Dash - Girls 7-8

10. 25 Yard Dash - Boys 7-8

11. 50 Yard Dash - Girls 9 -1012. 50 Yard Dash - Boys 9-10

13. 50 Yard Dash - Girls 11-12

14. 50 Yard Dash - Boys 11-12

15. 50 Yard Dash - unlimited

11:00 am - 2:00 pm COMMUNITY GET TOGETHER

in Veterans Corner at Wenonah Park. Please bring a valid ID. Last call at 1:30 Music from Kevin Schultes.

Sponsored by the Wenonah Fire Company and American Legion Post #192

11:30 am - 14th ANNUAL PIE EATING CONTEST

at the Wenonah Park Bandstand
Sponsored by Summit Cakery and Cafe

Monday Evening, July 4th, 2022

6:00 pm - PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

at the Wenonah Park Bandstand King Lion, Kevin Salvatore

6:15 pm - CONCERT WITH 12 HOUSES BAND

at the Wenonah Park Bandstand

Parade registration was graciously provided by The Wenonah Public Library

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RAIN DATE WILL BE SATURDAY, JULY 9TH FOR ALL EVENTS

The End

The Wenonah Historical Society hopes you enjoyed reading about July 4th – the best day of the year in Wenonah. We'll conclude with a few more photos, and memories ...

