

Scenes From Princeton's Past

This Saturday August 25th is the second annual Walking Tour of the Princeton City Cemetery, located at the edge of town on Hwy 73/Cty Trk J. As noted in our previous articles, this year's event will include the portrayals of 12 individuals who are buried in the City Cemetery, including Edward Mevis- a local banker; Olive Doyle-Librarian; Philip Lehner-Attorney; Dewitt Eggleston-Hotel Owner; Richa Thompson Rawson-daughter of the Newspaper Editor; Reverend Hoyer-Lutheran Minister; Henrietta Berger-wife of Saloon Keeper; Stella Humphrey Giese-wife of Lunberyard Owner; Millerd Mosolf-Refrigeration Shop owner; Polly Harvey Rawson-from the Civil War Era; Maria Wicks-Hotel worker and a divorced woman in the late 1800's; and Herman "Ham" Megow-Meat Market owner.

The 12 people being represented cover a vast period of time and a variety of professions. It is also a special tribute for a couple of the portrayals to be done by a distant family members this year.

Some of the interesting facts you will hear include:

- The Princeton Republic was the largest newspaper in Green Lake County in 1881,
- How homes & businesses were heated and how it was delivered,
- The rich history of a Civil War widow,
- The trading post and Hotel that graced the Fox River, and
- The early years of the Library.

There are two tours, one beginning at 1:30 and the second at 4:00 p.m. The tour will take about one hour. There is a small donation fee of \$5.00 which will be used toward the continuation of the restoration projects. Attendees are reminded that the cemetery grounds are uneven and on a combination grassy/gravel pathways. You will be walking on uneven ground or standing for the entire tour time so please wear walking shoes.

Parking is provided on the back portion of the cemetery off from Cty Hwy "J" and there are parking signs to follow for on-site parking. Please join us for this event to learn about Princeton's past.

Also available at the Cemetery Walk will be the re-published 1933 Band Mothers Cookbook. Originally put together by a group of women to help support the local band, purchase uniforms and provide music, this cookbook will bring back memories of how cooking and baking was done 80 years ago. Available for \$15.00, the Band Mothers Cookbook is a fund raiser for the Cemetery Restoration as well.

Visitors can also purchase the re-published Princeton Quas Qui Centennial Book, which is the history of Princeton from 1848 to 1973 for \$15.00. The Quas Qui Centennial Books can be also be purchased at City Hall in Princeton or by contacting Mark Judas or Patty Wianecki at US Bank. The Quas Qui Centennial Book will have a companion Book published in 2022, the 2023 Quarto Sept Centennial Book which will provide history from 1973 to present.

To further enjoy the day in Princeton the Historic Plaque Walking Tour is available for your viewing. With new plaque locations added in 2018, this self-guided walking tour features plaques placed on the exterior of buildings or on free standing pedestals which are historically significant to Princeton. A brochure will be available at the Cemetery Walk depicting the various locations or the location map can be found on the City website www.cityofprincetonwi.com

If anyone has information and/or pictures of those buried in the City Cemetery, please contact City Hall at 531 S. Fulton Street or call 920-295-6612 or email mneubauer@cityofprincetonwi.com or cnickel@cityofprincetonwi.com. All information that is collected goes in the binders of all the people buried in the City of Princeton Cemetery and are kept at City Hall.



The City of Princeton is in the Milk Moola Program from Kwik Trip, and is saving the caps from milk products. If anyone has any caps that they are not saving for another organization, the milks caps can be dropped off at City Hall. The money from the milk caps is going toward buying the cleaning solution to clean the gravestones in the cemetery. We have just sent in our first batch of milk caps and will be purchasing the D-2 cleaning solution used on the gravestones.

One of the stops on Saturday's Tour will be at this gravesite. This is a before and after picture of the stone which was cleaned using the D-2 solution.



Another portrayal will be of Dewitt Eggleston, owner of the Dizzy Bar which was an important part of the history of Princeton.



