

# Bicentennial Bytes and Updates

-- December 2020 --

## WELCOME!

I have been tasked with helping to keep committee members (County and Town), volunteers, and members of the Board of Supervisors apprised of our efforts as we prepare for the Bicentennial celebration on April 11, 2023.

- Patti Holdraker,  
Member, Steering & Souvenirs Committee

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## BICENTENNIAL WEBSITE AND NEW BICENTENNIAL FACEBOOK PAGE!

There is a Bicentennial Page on the Wayne County NY Website. To make it easier to remember, Tourism Director secured a domain name for us that directs people to that page. That domain name is [www.waynecounty200.com](http://www.waynecounty200.com)

Rosa Fox, Gene Bavis, Jim Paprocki and Caryn Devlin are administrators of a NEW Facebook page called "Wayne County NY Bicentennial 2023." The plan is to post something each day. The postings will include some of the PowerPoint images, historic markers, historic photos, and special events/anniversaries. They are urging people to visit often as well as "like" and share the postings. Here is a link: <https://www.facebook.com/waynecounty200>

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The so-called "Dog and Pony show video was shown at the Walworth Town Bicentennial meeting in November. Gene Bavis highlighted to the group that there is a (1) Wayne County Challenge – a program to explore historic sites throughout the County – will be ready in the Spring. (2) The County Budget will be completed in December and will include budgeting for the Bicentennial Celebration. (3) T-shirts – Available next Spring (4) The Wayne County Library Directors met on November 10 and will become involved in the efforts.

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## OTHER FUNDRAISING IDEAS:

**Sponsorship Program:** Utilizing corporate and individual sponsorship for financing purposes with the idea that these folks would be recognized as sponsors in advertising. This program was delayed due to COVID issues.

**Grants:** Hoffman Foundation Grants – Monies would flow into the county historian's office as well as the Museum of Wayne Co. funding. These need to be coordinated asks. Must benefit local history projects.

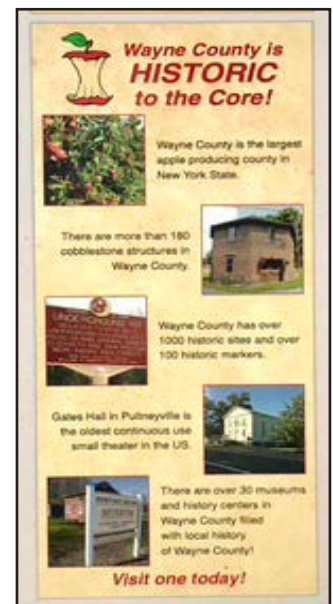
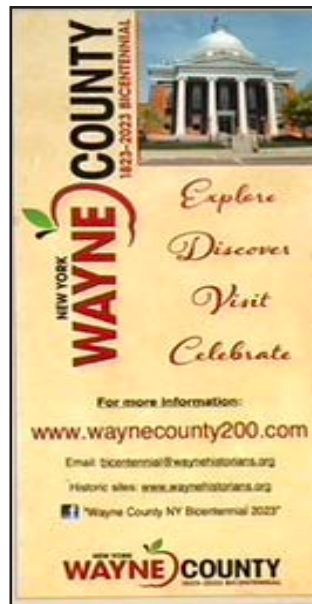
**PRIORITIES** for next few months need to be established as COVID continues.

- Spend 2020 budget (Wayne County Historian)
- Calendar needs to be finished by early 2021.
- Schedule virtual or in-person meetings in 2021 for the Dog and Pony Show
- Social media releases on a regular basis on the Wayne County Bicentennial

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## MEETINGS HELD IN NOVEMBER:

- Bicentennial Steering Committee on 11/4 with 15 attending
- Librarians Meeting 11/10/20 attended by 9 of the 13 Library Directors in Wayne County.
- Wayne County NY Challenge on 11/17
- Website on 11/19
- Walworth Committee for Bicentennial on 11/20
- Brochure/Rack Card/PowerPoint on 11/24 – From that came:
  - A Rack Card – ready to print (See Below)



- Brochure – sent to designer to finish design started by Rosa
- A script for a video based on the brochure – in discussion with someone to put it together

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wayne Historians Meeting on 12/7 at 10 AM via Zoom. First on the agenda will be the Power-Point presentation. Anyone wishing an invitation to the meeting, please contact Gene at [genebavis71@gmail.com](mailto:genebavis71@gmail.com)

Wayne County Bicentennial Committee on 2/3/21  
at 3:30 PM via Zoom

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We are planning to order vinyl banners with the  
Wayne County Bicentennial Logo on them. One will  
be given to each Town to be on display in the Town  
Hall.

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An application has been sent to the Hoffman Foun-  
dation to help fund the Calendar project.

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The Library Directors Meeting went well and the

directors may use the children's activity books – chil-  
dren may pick up printed books there or download  
them.

Herm Auch – worked in many functions at Roches-  
ter newspapers and has the ability to use graphic pro-  
grams to help with the booklets we need to produce.

Challenge was to start by town with three levels.  
First level included visiting 5 towns.

Questions to be asked: What did you learn?  
Why do you think this is important?

The booklet contains “must see” sights for every  
town.