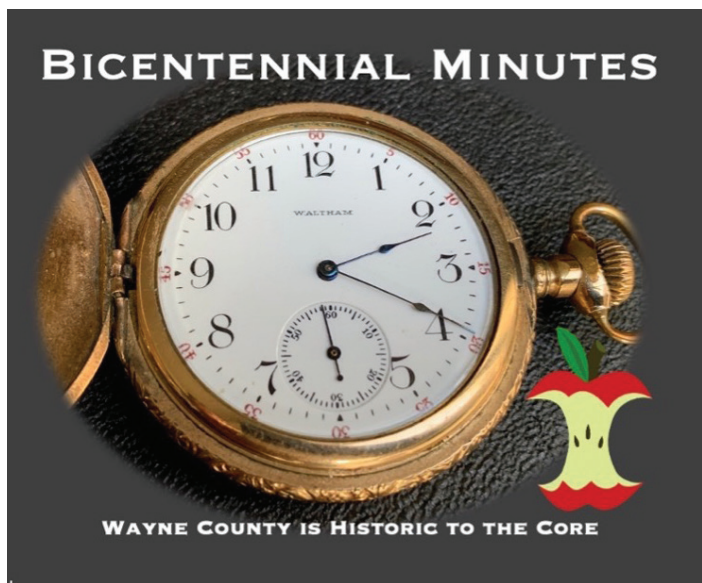


**WELCOME!**

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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*We urge you to share this newsletter with your networks*  
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**BICENTENNIAL MINUTES**

Starting April 7, 2022, a weekly Wayne County Bicentennial Minute will be released on Facebook and Instagram. A print version will be release to local newspapers and sound bites will be sent to WACK Radio. 52 Bicentennial Minutes have been produced under the leadership of Bruce Farrington. Two to five minutes in length, the Bicentennial Minute videos cover a variety of historical topics of interest. Coming up in April and May: April 7 – The Naming of Wayne County; April 14 – The Elephant That Would Not Cross the Bridge; April 21 – Clyde Glassworks; April 28 – Bickford and Huffman Company; May 5 – Automobiles Made in Wayne County; May 12 – Neversweats; May 19 and 26 – Band of Brothers (Parts 1 and 2).

**BICENTENNIAL GALA**

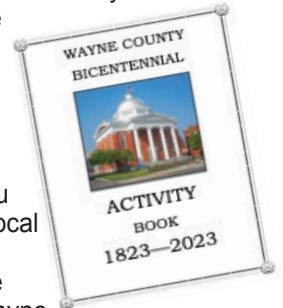
The Bicentennial Committee has selected The Ballroom at Carey Lake as the venue for a Bicentennial Gala Ball that will be held on May 13, 2023.

This will be a “dress up” event with a nice dinner and entertainment. Save the date and stay tuned for more information. Patti Holdraker is heading up this project and she would appreciate some volunteers for her committee.



**ACTIVITY BOOK FOR KIDS - AVAILABLE NOW!**

The Bicentennial Activity Book for elementary age students are available at all public libraries in Wayne County. Within the next few weeks, the activity books will be delivered to fourth grade classrooms that have requested them for this school year. The books will also be distributed to historical societies and other organizations to share out during the spring and summer. If you would like one, please visit your local library.



This book has been made possible by funding from the budget of the Wayne County Historian.

**MEMORIES BOOK**

The Wayne County Bicentennial Memories Book committee has received over 140 submissions. Headed up by Amber Linson, of Walworth, the committee members are Jim Wood and Sandi Hamilton of Sodus, Perry Howland and Anne L’Hommedieu of Williamson, and Kate Chamberlin of Walworth.

These dedicated readers, proofers, and history buffs are now reviewing and organizing the many stories, poems, photos, and artwork from around the county that will comprise this commemorative volume written by and for Wayne County residents.

**BICENTENNIAL CALENDAR**

The Wayne County 2022-2023 Bicentennial Calendar is still available! Filled with over 800 Wayne County historical facts and 300 colorful images, this calendar is a keepsake everyone will enjoy looking at hopefully to the next county milestone in fifty years. Calendars are available through the Museum of Wayne County History – <https://www.waynehistory.org/product-page/bicentennial-calendar>. Or you may visit the Bicentennial website to find out where you can purchase a calendar near you. <https://web.co.wayne.ny.us/DocumentCenter/View/3171/Where-to-Find-a-Calendar-PDF?bidId=>

**\*APRIL 11, 2023\***

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023 is our official 200th birthday.**

The Bicentennial Committee is working on plans for a BIG ceremony in Lyons.

As this is a weekday, and we understand some may find it difficult to attend, we are planning to livestream and record the ceremony.

Our goal is to have as many people participate in the event - representing towns from across Wayne County.

We are also looking forward to having youth participants from schools across the county be part of this important celebration.

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## PHOTO QUILT/POSTER

After Bicentennial Committee discussion, we have decided to produce the quilt and produce the poster as we originally planned. Profits from the sale of the poster will help to subsidize bicentennial activities.

Instead of raffling the quilt, however, the quilt will be put on display at as many venues as possible during the last half of 2022 and all of 2023. At the conclusion of the bicentennial year, we will find a permanent home for the quilt where it will be preserved for posterity and where the public will be able to enjoy it for years to come.

## FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM

Our Bicentennial Facebook following has grown to 3000 plus!! If you are not following Wayne County NY Bicentennial 2023 consider giving it a try. You are sure to find something of historical interest – maybe even something of local history interest on the street you live on! Please be sure to share Bicentennial posts on your page or groups you may be connected to. <http://www.facebook.com/waynecounty200/>

## 200 CLUB/315er CLUB

Donations to the Bicentennial continue to come in. The Bicentennial “200 Club” has grown to over 20 members. Have you become a “200 Club” member yet? We have been able to fund the production of Bicentennial T-shirts and a portion of the Bicentennial Commemorative Calendar through these generous donations. Both the t-shirts and calendar sales to help build funds for other projects.

The “big events” of 2023 are going to need a significant amount of money to keep the celebration affordable for our Wayne County families. If you haven’t donated yet, please consider a donation in any amount. And please, pass the information along to your friends and neighbors encouraging their support.

To donate, simply visit

<https://www.waynehistory.org/donationcampaigns>.

Select the level you wish to donate. A “special level” to commemorate Wayne County’s 200 years is available – the “Wayne County 200 Club.” For your donation of \$200 you will receive a special commemorative gift. At the \$315 level you will be donating to both the Bicentennial and the Wayne County Historical Society, and receive two special commemorative gifts.

You may also send a donation to the Wayne County Historical Society, 21 Butternut Street, Lyons, NY 14489. Be SURE to clearly mark it WAYNE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL FUND.

## BICENTENNIAL CALENDAR

### APRIL-JUNE 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 7 7 PM - Town of Sodus Historical Society  
Sodus Presbyterian Church  
Gene & Rosa Bicentennial Informational*
- April 13 9:30 AM - Bicentennial Exec. Committee (ZOOM)*
- April 14 Noon - Wayne Historians Organization (WHO)  
Newark-Arcadia HS*
- April 19 9 AM - Wayne County Board of Supervisors Mtg.,  
Lyons  
Gene & Rosa Bicentennial Update*
- May 11 3:30 PM - Bicentennial Committee (ZOOM)*
- May 12 6 PM - Sodus Lions Club - Steger Haus*
- May 19 TBD - Wayne County Community Endowment TBD  
Gene & Rosa Bicentennial Informational*
- June 2 6 PM - Sodus Chamber of Commerce, Sodus Library  
Rosa Bicentennial Informational*

## The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee

### LEADERSHIP:

Co-Chair – Gene Bavis, Walworth Town Historian

Co-Chair – Rosa Fox, Huron Town Historian

County Historian – Peter Evans

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

#### **Peg Churchill**

Retired Wayne County IDA Director

#### **Karen Dean**

Reliant Community Credit Union

#### **Caryn Devlin**

Historian, Town of Marion

#### **Phil Eygnor**

Supervisor, Town of Huron

#### **Linda Eygnor**

North Rose - Wolcott Board of Education

#### **Bruce Farrington**

former Village of Sodus Point Historian

#### **Steven Groat**

Supervisor, Town of Galen

#### **Linda Guest**

Historian, Town of Lyons

#### **Rhea Hayes**, Executive Director,

Museum of Wayne County History

#### **Steven Heald**

former Sodus Town Historian

#### **Patti Holdraker**

Times of Wayne County

#### **Kim Iraci**

Williamson Public Library Director

#### **Michael Jankowski**

Wayne County Clerk

#### **Richard Lasher**

Supervisor, Town of Rose

#### **Alicia Linzy**, Teacher

Lyons Central School

#### **Brian Manktelow**

NYS Assemblyman, District 130

#### **Marygrace Mazullo**, Superintendent

Williamson Central School

#### **Laurie McFaul-Frey**

Wayne County Fair

#### **Robert Oaks**

former NYS Assemblyman, District 130

#### **Jim Paprocki**, Webmaster

Wayne Historians Organization

#### **James Schuler**, Assistant Director

Wayne County Youth Advocacy Program

#### **Linda Stevenson**

Wayne County Historical Society

#### **Christine Worth**, Director

Wayne County Tourism