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Wayne County Bicentennial Committee Creates Free “Keepsake” Activity Booklet *Each Town’s History, Word Searches, and More*

Wayne County, NY – March 22, 2022 – The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee has been busy since the fall of 2019 planning and creating unique events and materials to help residents prepare, participate, and commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the county. The latest item is a 60-page activity book that features a journey through all Wayne County towns, highlighting important historical facts and special features within each, along with puzzles, coloring pages, word searches, as well as a “what did you learn” sections.

Targeted for children in grades 3 through 5, the book can also be a family or group activity for all ages. Committee member Caryn Devlin, Marion Town Historian, was the lead historian for this project. “This is a great book for kids of any age to learn about our towns. I would like to thank everyone who worked on this project to make it a success,” stated Devlin, “which includes all the town historians, as well as Rosa Fox and Gene Bavis, Bicentennial Committee Co-Chairs, Lizzie Fox, Perry Howland, Peter and Sue Jane Evans, and their three grandchildren who made helpful suggestions to make it more engaging for younger residents.”

“An understanding of Wayne County’s diverse history is the KEY to better understanding our collective history, as a county, state and nation,” said Huron Historian and Co-Chair, Rosa Fox. “This is something we can all benefit from.” Fellow Co-Chair and Walworth Historian, Gene Bavis, stated, “Each of us should know at least some details of our own local history and heritage. It makes us better citizens.”

The Activity Books are currently available for children at all local public libraries in the county. Elementary schools and local historical societies will have copies soon. If any other organizations would like to be a distribution site, please contact the committee via the Bicentennial website. To learn more about Wayne County’s Bicentennial milestones and events you can follow the Bicentennial Facebook and Instagram pages @waynecounty200 or visit www.waynecounty200.com.

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About Wayne County's Bicentennial - Set-off from Ontario and Seneca counties by an act of the New York State Legislature, Wayne County was established on April 11, 1823. Wayne County celebrates its 200th anniversary in 2023. The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee is coordinating a year-long community celebration to mark this anniversary. Please visit www.waynecounty200.com for more details about the Wayne County Bicentennial.