

Bicentennial Bytes and Updates

-- September 2022 --

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

We urge you to share this newsletter with your networks

COUNTDOWN CLOCK

Please visit the Wayne County Bicentennial website to see recent upgrades. Among the fun additions is an April 11, 2023, 11 AM Countdown Clock. We have set that date and time as the official kick off for our Bicentennial Celebrations! It is closer that you may think.

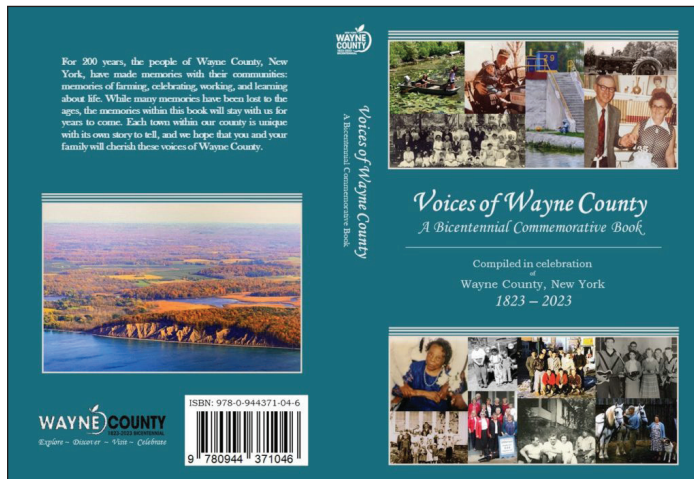
Check it out: www.waynecounty200.com

SPEAKING OF APRIL 11...

Invitations will be sent to state, regional and local officials as well as historical society representatives, student delegations, libraries, and many others. At 11 AM on 4/11/2023, we hope that every institution in Wayne County with a BELL will ring it. Can you help us spread the word to make a joyful noise across the county?

MEMORIES BOOK RELEASE IN OCTOBER!

Titled "Voices of Wayne County", this 450+ page book will be released on October 11, 2022. Amber Linson and her team have done a fantastic job of collecting and organizing 140 submissions. The Bicentennial Committee is working with historical societies and other retailers to make these available for the public. The retail price is \$25 plus \$2 sales tax. Check the Bicentennial website for a list of places you can buy this great book.



PS...these would make GREAT Holiday Gifts!

BICENTENNIAL QUILT

The Wayne County Bicentennial Photo Quilt is nearly complete. Forty photos of historic Wayne County have been printed on cloth and pieced together. Next spring, a poster of this beautiful quilt will be offered as a Bicentennial souvenir.

BICENTENNIAL MURAL

The Thatcher Company in Williamson has agreed to the installation of a Bicentennial Mural on their building located on Route 104 across from McDonald's. The mural will be approximately 124' x 15' and will have 7 panels highlighting important aspects of Wayne County History.

Working with Mural Mania artists from across the county, a group of local historians are currently developing the mural timeline and content.

SEEKING SPONSORS AND DONORS

The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee, in cooperation with the Wayne County Historical Society, is actively raising money to carry out the plans to celebrate our county's 200th birthday.

Sponsor and donor money will help pay for the April 11th reception, reduce the cost for Gala tickets, support the Bicentennial mural, fund expenses associated with Torch Relay, pay for Family Fun Day programs, and support the Volunteer Recognition/Donor/Sponsor Event near the end of 2023.

We are starting with some of the larger companies/businesses who might like to have their names associated with this celebration of Wayne County's History and Heritage.

Questions or suggestions about donations or sponsorships may be directed to bicentennial@waynehistorians.org.

200/315 CLUB

This was our first attempt to raise funds to get some of the Bicentennial projects started.

Recognition is a crystal apple/ base.

If we recruit 5 more donors, \$1,000 becomes available to support projects and programs.

Can you help?



Here are the details:

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

WAYNE COUNTY FAIR, 2022

The Bicentennial Committee had a presence at the Wayne County Fair in Floral Hall for all 6 days of this year's event.

The publications (calendar, activity book, rack cards and brochures) as well as the Bicentennial t-shirts were all available to public. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped to share the bicentennial story with our visitors. The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee was presented a 2nd place ribbon for our display! AND the Bicentennial Float won "Best Float" in the Wayne County Fair Parade.

TOWN RACK CARDS

All 15 Town Rack Cards have been printed. Each card gives the founding date and describes from what other entity it was divided as well as the source of the name.

Other interesting information and references have been added.

If you'd like to get a copy for your town, contact your Town Historian or check at your Town Hall or Library. Some folks are collecting all 15 rack cards.

They make interesting reading.

BICENTENNIAL EVENTS RACK CARD

We have created a preliminary listing of Bicentennial events planned for 2023. Check your local sources for a copy. It can be viewed on the Bicentennial website.

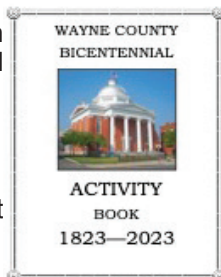
ACTIVITY BOOKS

These are being distributed to each school district for the 2022-23 school year.

Home schoolers and anyone interested may obtain a copy from your local library.

You may also download and print some or all of the pages by visiting:

<https://waynehistorians.org/Publications/>



COMMEMORATIVE CALENDARS

We still have a few of the Commemorative Calendars available. As you know, these were not intended to be used for keeping track of your appointments. Instead, they are fun to look at each day to see what interesting tidbit of local history occurred "today." We hope you will buy one of these keepsakes before they are all gone.

BICENTENNIAL MINUTES

Beginning April 7, 2022, Bicentennial Minutes (short, narrated slide shows) have been released on YouTube and social media each Thursday. In all there are 52 different ones that cover all 15 towns and many different topics. About 1/3 have been released. As new ones are released, each link is added to the Bicentennial website: <https://web.co.wayne.ny.us/547/Bicentennial-Videos> Print versions are being sent to local newspapers and audio to WACK radio.

PROGRAMS

Would your organization like to have one or both Co-chairs of the Bicentennial Committee speak to your group?

A customized program can be arranged if you contact bicentennial@waynehistorians.org

 Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/waynecounty200/>

 Instagram - @waynecounty200.

**"Wayne County is
Historic to the Core!"**



The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee

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Co-Chair – Rosa Fox, Huron Town Historian

County Historian – Peter Evans

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