

A Newsletter for the members of the
Wayne County Retired Teachers' Association

Happy 2021 from WCRTA!!

Last year, it was decided to discontinue the winter newsletter. Since we have not been together since the Fall of 2019, we thought a short note to those of you who are on the email list would be a good idea! If you are in contact with anyone who is not on the email list, please share info with them.

We are hopeful that with the vaccine being rolled out now, we will be able to have some kind of a get-together in June. We will do a Spring mailing regardless. In the meantime, we hope everyone is able to stay safe and healthy.

In case you missed it, this article appeared in the Times of Wayne County:

Retired Teachers donate to Food Banks

The Central Western Zone, a branch of the Retired Teachers' Association of New York, at their November meeting, decided to use some excess funds to support local food banks. The Wayne County Retired Teachers' Association received a share of that money, and decided to supplement this with money from their treasury to donate even more to local food banks. The Food Banks, when contacted for their addresses, were pleased to be receiving this extra bonus in a very difficult season. The food banks noted that they were serving many more households this year than normal. On December 1, a letter and a check were sent to 13 food banks in Wayne County.

Our expenditures are less due to the fact that we haven't had our last two meetings. It's good to be able to help others out in their time of need.

We are still looking for someone or two retirees to step up and fill a vacant position we have on the executive board. Very little work and most all can be done at home.

In our last mailer, we included information about the Wayne County Bicentennial. We are including the updated information sent to us by one of our members, Gene Bavis. If you are interested in helping in any way, contact Gene. gbavis@rochester.rr.com c315-573-2768 See following information.

DISCREPANCIES FOUND IN OUR DATES

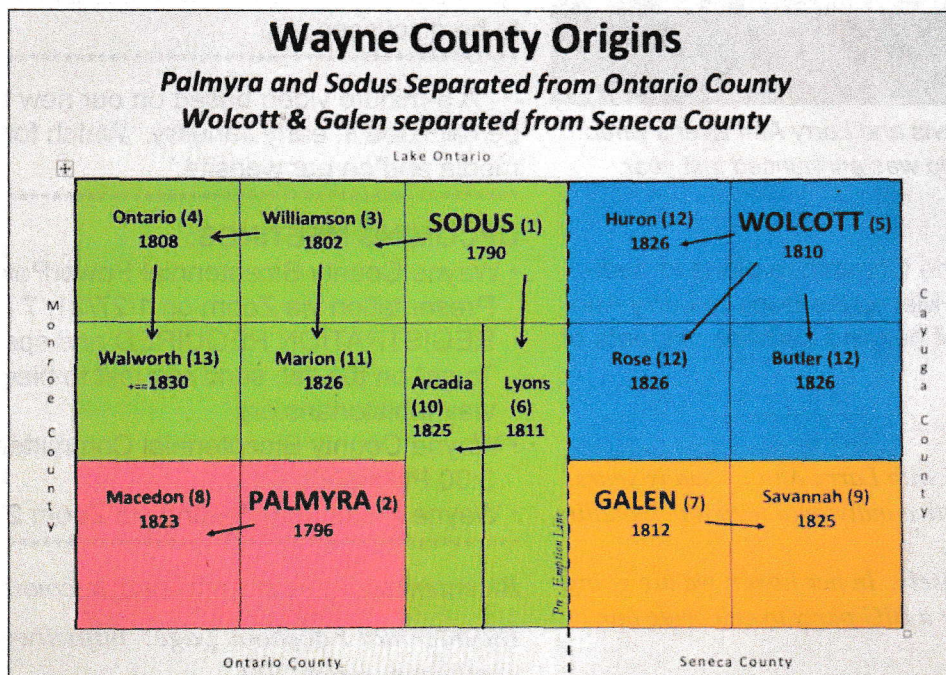
Comments from Gene Bavis:

As we have been researching various historical topics we discovered that a law establishing the Towns of Butler, Huron and Rose was different than the dates we have been using. We began to dig deeper. The final result is that 13 of our towns were established by an act of the NYS Legislature and in 11 cases, the date of passage of the law was different than the date that the law became effective. Please see the chart below.

This chart gives a summary for these 13 towns and the laws that established them.

Town	Law Passed	Effective Date	Divided from
Arcadia	2/15/1825	3/7/1825	Lyons
Butler	2/25/1826	4/3/1826	Wolcott
Galen	2/14/1812	2/14/1812	Junius
Huron	2/15/1826	4/3/1826	Wolcott
Lyons	3/1/1811	4/1/1811	Sodus
Macedon	1/29/1823	1/29/1823	Palmyra
Marion	4/18/1825	4/3/1826	Williamson
Ontario	3/27/1807	4/1/1808	Williamson
Rose	2/25/1826	4/3/1826	Wolcott
Savannah	11/24/1824	2/28/1825	Galen
Walworth	4/20/1829	4/5/1830	Ontario
Williamson	2/20/1802	3/1/1802	Sodus
Wolcott	3/24/1809	3/6/1810	Junius

On a related topic, Rosa has created a great "genealogy of towns" graphic. It's not really a map but it does use a stylized image similar to a real map of Wayne County. I think it does a great job of helping us visualize how the towns were divided up between 1790 and 1830.

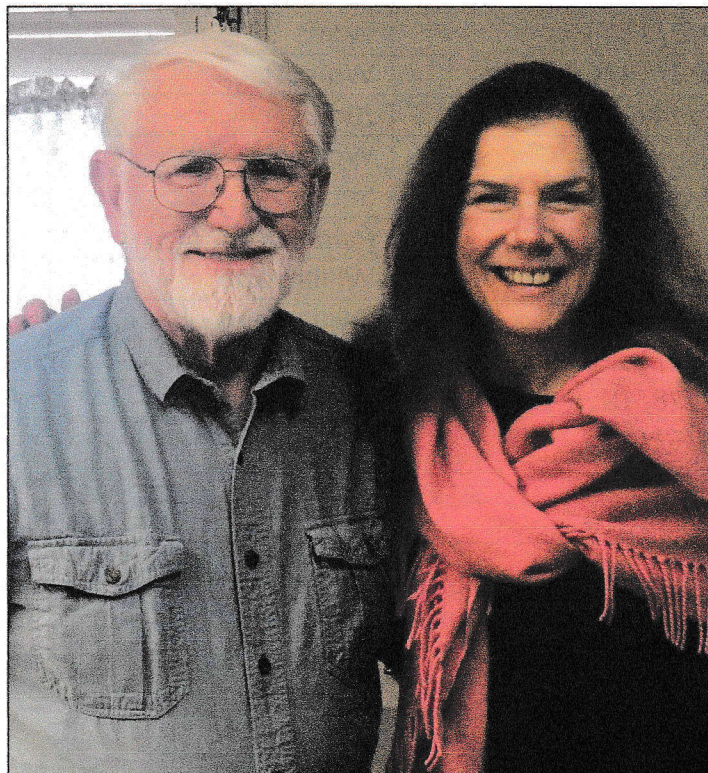


SAD NEWS BUT A CELEBRATION OF A LIFE WELL LIVED

We learned last week that, after a long, quietly fought battle with cancer, our Bicentennial co-chairman, Larry Ann Evans, died on December 18, 2020.

She was Director of the Wayne County Museum of History in Lyons, an actress, director, playwright, and author. Larry Ann leaves behind a son, Alex, and many, many caring friends. She was a fun, free-spirit and so involved with the Historical Society and Museum, that the void will be hard to fill.

According to her friends and son, no memorial service is planned at this time, during the COVID pandemic and the caution of social distancing. They hope to find a safer time in the Spring to organize a party to celebrate her amazing life.



Co-Chairs, Gene Bavis and Larry Ann Evans when their chairmanship was announced last year.

According to Gene, the Committee plans to dedicate the Wayne County Memories Book to Larry Ann and include memories of her and perhaps snippets of some of her work.

“What a LOSS!

I’ve known and worked with Larry Ann for many years. She was a wonderful, creative individual with a personality you couldn’t help but love.

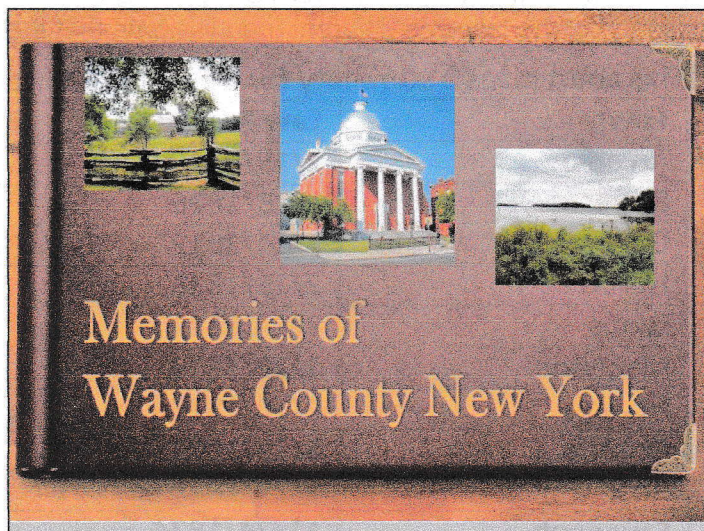
We will miss her immensely. In her honor, we are going to do our very best to have a BIG party to celebrate our Bicentennial,” said Gene.

BICENTENNIAL WEBSITE AND BICENTENNIAL FACEBOOK PAGE!

There has been a lot of action on our Facebook page. Historians are adding historic photos of their towns almost daily. We are all urging people to visit often as well as “like” and share the postings. Here is a link: <https://www.facebook.com/waynecounty200>

BOOK PUBLISHING IDEAS:

Recently Amber Linson, working with the Wayne County Writers Guild has come up with a possible layout for a Bicentennial Memories Book.



Visualization of cover

There are a list of questions and logistical things we need to discuss. The key thing right now is to describe the project. As for contributions, it is MY understanding, the public is being invited to share their stories and then the “writers” will create the stories/book. Who owns it, who publishes it, etc. needs to be discussed.

A 5-minute video based on our new brochure will be released in early January. Watch for it on social media and on our website.”

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Wayne County Bicentennial PowerPoint Presentation via Zoom on 1/27/21, 7 PM. REGISTRATION REQUIRED and space is limited. To get on the list, send request to bicentennial@waynehistorians.org
- Wayne County Bicentennial Committee on 2/3/21, 3:30 PM via Zoom
- Wayne Historians Meeting via Zoom 2/9/21, 10 AM

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