



## **Chautauqua County Bicentennial 1811 - 2011**

*Plans are underway to celebrate 200 years of rich and vibrant history. Please join us as we showcase historic sites, commemorate historical events, and encourage residents and visitors to explore and learn more about this special place.*

### **2011 Tentative Calendar of Events**

- February 9      **200th Birthday Celebration**, Chautauqua Suites, Mayville  
7 – 9 PM; refreshments, birthday cake, reading of proclamation;  
Reenactment of 1<sup>st</sup> county meeting; Get your *Passport to History*
- Commemorative Post Office Cancel** at all county post offices
- February 16      National Park Service tour to retrace route of **Abraham Lincoln's  
inaugural train** will stop in Westfield
- April 9      **Two Towns, Two Centuries**, Celebration Hall, Mayville  
(sponsored by towns of Chautauqua & Pomfret)
- May 7      **Greystone Nature Preserve Tree Planting Event**—A celebration  
of native trees, environmental literature, and local foods; part of a  
project to plant 200 trees in the county (sponsored by Eco NRG  
and SUNY Fredonia's FACE Center)
- July 4      **County 4th of July Celebration** – Special prizes for the best  
Bicentennial floats; Bicentennial booth in the park; fireworks
- July 8-10      **Bemus Point—Stow Ferry Celebrates 200 Years**
- July 23      **Bicentennial Ball**—Casino at Bemus Point, 6-11:30 PM  
Buffet dinner, dancing with Razz & Friends, Chinese Auction
- July 25-31      **County Fair**—Bicentennial booths in Commercial Building
- August 5-7      **Civil War Encampment** at McClurg Museum, Westfield
- August 13-14      **Bicentennial History Fair**—39 historical groups and reenactors  
will come together for displays & demonstrations, Chautauqua  
Suites, Mayville
- August 21 -      **Miller Bell Tower 100th Anniversary**—Chautauqua Institution

- Sept 19                    **100 Years of Kling Furniture Manufacturing** – program by Bill & Jim Kling; sponsored by CCHS & Carroll Historical Society
- September 24            Day long workshop for Historians—Chautauqua Institution

### **Happening Throughout the Year**

***Passport to History***—Passport holders can earn points & win prizes for each of 16 historical events and/or sites that they visit throughout the county in 2011. Passports will be available for purchase beginning February 9. Events and sites include:

- Antique Equipment Show, Stockton
- Ashville Day
- Busti Apple Festival
- Bemus Point- Stow Ferry Bicentennial Celebration
- Bicentennial History Fair
- Bicentennial Celebration, Town of Chautauqua
- Chautauqua County Historical Society, McClurg Museum, Westfield
- Dunkirk Lighthouse and Veterans' Park Museum
- Harvest Festival, Harmony Historical Society
- Het Haverkamp Huis Museum, Clymer
- Festival of Grapes, Silver Creek
- Findley Lake & Mina Historical Society
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Miller Bell Tower, Chautauqua Institution
- Old Fashion Day, Fenton History Center
- Sherman Day, Sherman
- Sinclairville History Fair

***Bicentennial Biographies***—200 historically significant individuals from the County will be highlighted in one minute biographies to be aired on local radio stations. Starting in January, 5 individuals will be featured each week, and then posted on the County Historical Society website for the remainder of the year.