Press Release for Town of Yates, NY, June 30, 2022

<u>Kick-Off Event for 200th Anniversary Celebration of the Establishment of the Town of Yates</u>

The Town of Yates began preparations to commemorate their 200th Anniversary over a year ago, and now they are very excited to host the first of three celebratory "fairs" to recognize their bicentennial (1822-2022).

On Sunday, July 3rd, the Town will have "A Family Fair" featuring live music from the Lyndonville School band and choir, a number of inspiring songs by a gathering of church choir members from the Town's churches, and a mix of medleys performed by the Crescendo Barbershop Quartet out of Buffalo.

There will be a bounce house, face painting and sidewalk chalking. Free ice cream will be served while it lasts!

The event will take place outside the Yates Community Library, 15 N. Main St, Lyndonville, and it is recommended that folks bring their favorite lawn chair.

The Town will have historical artifacts on display at the Town Hall throughout the afternoon.

The event will run from 12:30 to 4:30pm.

The committee members who put together the 200th celebrations include: Jim Simon (chair), Susan Hrovat (deputy chair), Dawn Metty (town historian), Brad Bentley, Kelly Cousins, Cindy Grabowski, Ginny Hughes, Russ Martino, Cal Stinson, Georgette Stockman, Joanne Suhr, Valerie Wells, Tom Wenhold, and Katie Whipple.

Susan Hrovat, the coordinator for the July 3rd event, is particularly hopeful that local families will attend this kick-off event. "I am blessed and grateful to have grown up in and to be a part of this wonderful, patriotic farming community, and I am honored to be involved with a great team of volunteers to help celebrate our bicentennial!"

Town Supervisor Jim Simon looks forward to future press releases to highlight the two other major events. "Please join us to celebrate and honor the rich history of the Town of Yates, to instill community pride in our town, and to inspire future generations," Simon said. "Our second and third major events are: "A Street Fair" on Friday, August 19th, 5pm - 9pm, in downtown Lyndonville; and "A Grand Finale Lake Fair" on Saturday, September 24th, 1-9pm at the Town Park."

For more information go to the Town of Yates website: townofyates.org