

Press Release

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> Town of Galen Celebrates 200 Years

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> On Valentines Day, the residents and friends of Galen can begin to
> celebrate its 200 years as a New York State Township. It was on
> February 14, 1812, that the New York Legislature passed the bill that
> created the Town of Galen.

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> A Bicentennial Committee has been meeting weekly during the month of
> January to outline a series of observances. The first one will occur
> on Valentines Day. From 9 a.m. to noon there will be a special postal
> cancellation conducted by James Darnell at the Clyde Post Office on
> South Park Street. Then at noon, Mr. Darnell will move his cancelling
> operation across the village park to the Brick Church Museum.

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> At the Museum a reception will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Along with
> the commemorative stamping of envelopes there will be a greeting by
> Town Supervisor Steve Groat at 12:15. Everyone is invited to stop in
> for a few minutes or stay for a few hours. At 1 p.m. a short talk will
> be delivered describing life in Galen and the USA in 1812. Then at 2 p.m.
> another talk will focus on life one hundred years later in 1912.
> Refreshments will be served. Tickets for the upcoming banquet will
> also be available.

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> Then on Saturday, March 24, a Bicentennial Banquet will be held at the
> Bud Hinman Post #947 V.F.W. Hall. The social hour will begin at 4:30
> p.m. and a buffet dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. The program is
> entitled "Glimpses of Galen" and will use the services of several
> presenters providing brief insights into both family and community
> life during Galen's 200 years. Service club and historical displays
> will be in evidence, along with background music and a slide show.
> Tickets are \$15 per person.

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