

City of Mount Clemens Debuts Commemorative History Book

The City of Mount Clemens will introduce a new commemorative history book at the annual downtown Oktoberfest celebration, September 22-24. The new book, entitled *Capital of Macomb: A Bicentennial History of Mount Clemens, Michigan*, is issued in anticipation of the city's upcoming bicentennial observance in 2018.

During 2018, the city will celebrate the 200th anniversary of its platting by Christian Clemens and its establishment as the Macomb County seat. Planning is now underway for a variety of public events to commemorate the historic milestone.

Deborah Larsen, who is assistant director and local history librarian at Mount Clemens Public Library, wrote *Capital of Macomb* for the city's bicentennial planning committee. The book is illustrated with more than 50 images, some never previously published. Copies are \$15 each, and all proceeds from sales of the book will be used to help defray costs of next year's bicentennial events.

“This book is a perfect souvenir of our bicentennial celebration,” said Mount Clemens Mayor Barb Dempsey. “It would also make a lovely gift for family and friends who grew up in Mount Clemens but now live in other places. It reconnects them with home.”

Copies of *Capital of Macomb* will be for sale at the Oktoberfest event. Following the Oktoberfest, copies may be purchased at the Mount Clemens Municipal Building, Mount Clemens Public Library, and the Anton Art Center.