

Lee County 150 Celebration Planning Meeting #4
Wednesday, February 5th, 2020
Beattyville City Hall 5:00pm

Attendance: Kenneth Isaacs, Dedra Brandenburg, Carol Kincaid, Sue Booth, Linda Smith, Doug Brandenburg, Shirley Reece, Sarah Wasson, Phillip Angel.

- 1) Update from previous meeting Thursday, Jan 29th.
 - Bob Smith confirmed Senator Robert Stivers as our event speaker
 - Uploaded video on 1977 Runaway truck explosion
 - Donation request letter
 - Submissions of photos from Teresa Noe & Dorthy Flynn.
 - Data submissions by Sue Booth.
 - Ordered 150 Year Road Signs to place at main entrances into Lee County.
 - Rough layout of 2020 event dates.

2) The group went over donation letter. Letter attached at the end of this doc.

3) Group Discussion: The group talked about the video posted last week on the 1977 Runaway Gas Truck explosion. It was mentioned to talk to Bill Begley about the Bridge collapse event.

Dedra Brandenburg told the group about the HGTV Hometown takeover Video competition and that tourism and DBA and the city is working on a video focusing on the WPA building. Sarah Wasson and Phil Angel will work on arranging busses of kids to come to the building tomorrow at 12:30pm for a final shot "Help Us Bring Back Our Town". Dedra posted a community wide invitation for everyone who can to meet at the WPA building for the final video message. Doug Brandenburg will go through the courthouse and invite office staff. Also contacting the Juniper Health Office as this is normally their lunch hour.

Brenda Campbell has agreed to go on camera and talk about the Fixer area, Townsend cave and other stories. She also will be dropping off VHS tapes of interviews that PEP did with Charles Lightfoot, Mary Helen McGuire, Edith Little. Will need to find a way to get those videos in a digital format.

Sue Booth talked to Michelle about doing the "150" cupcake message. She agreed at a price of \$80.00. Carol Kincaid will research history of the Catholic Church in Lee County along with photos to send into the research committee.

The Lee County fiscal Court is Thursday, Feb 13th and City Council is Monday Feb 10th. We need to get in request for donations to them. Discussion on how to get people to attend the March 1st event. Sue Booth suggested a money tree with 150 dollars on it to be given away that day. Doug Brandenburg talked about the nursing home van and senior citizen van to bring people. Need to check with them about operating on a Sunday.

May 1st weekend about a May Pole. Reach out to Judy Spencer or Mary Amburgy about how to do the dance.

Donation Letter:

Feb 1, 2020

Dear Beattyville/Lee County Business,

March 1, 2020 marks the 150th birthday of Lee County. This is a momentous occasion for our community as it gives us the opportunity to look back and appreciate how the community came together during tragedy, triumphs, and most of all the amounts of “change” that has happened over the years.

A group of community volunteers has been meeting every week to plan celebrations and activities throughout 2020 starting with a Kickoff Event on March 1, 2020 at 3:00pm. There will be a commemorative ceremony and afterward a reception for Lee Countians with cake, fellowship, and music.

We are in the planning stages of events all year including, a Maypole dance, old fashioned trade days, old timers baseball games, and will merging 150 year celebration activities to annual events that occur each year.

The research group is working on piecing together articles, photos, and histories for a pictorial history book with accompanied written articles. They are also collecting video footage of stories from pillars in the community such as Jr. Smith, Reva Crabtree, Paul Treadway and others. This footage of personal stories is planned to be turned into a “Stories of Lee County” DVD for purchase. The school system has students working on posters, poems, and songs celebrating Lee County and the Beta Club will be working on a timeline to install in the courthouse yard.

There are many wondrous activities happening all across Lee County and with your support materials can be purchased such as signage, advertisement, printing cost, materials, entertainment bookings and community awards.

Please consider giving a donation to the Lee County 150 Year Celebration fund. Sponsors will be recognized at each activity, on all advertisements, and banners. Donations can be sent to Beattyville/Lee County Tourism C/O 150 Year Committee P.O. Box 738, Beattyville, KY 41311. Visit www.leecountyky150.com for more information on activities and for notes from previous meetings. Please call (606) 464-5038 if you have any questions. If your business is interested in sponsoring any specific detail such as the Old Fashioned Dress Contest or Lee County’s Longest Beard Contest then please let us know.

Sincerely,

The Lee County Celebrating 150 Years Committee:

Linda Smith, David Jennings, Anita Brandenburg, Dedra Brandenburg, Jessica Treadway, Teresa Mays, Doug Brandenburg, Carol Kincaid, Shirley Reece, Sue Booth, Cheri Murray, Elizabeth Cundiff, Sandy Gay, Alicia Liesegang, John David Sipple, Joshua Hagan, Kenneth Isaacs, Tammy Sticker, Lisa Moore, Sarah Wasson, William Owens, Missy Begley, Shannon Estes, Phillip Angel, Ronnie Paul Begley, Becky Mullins and Chuck Caudill.