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RE: Mason County Celebration Event

It is with great pleasure that Mason County invites the public to our 151st birthday celebration to be held on Thursday, March 17th at the Mason County Fairgrounds, Building 13. The event will begin at 3:00 p.m.

The program will include a presentation by the Commissioners of Mason County's past, present and future.

We are very excited about this event and have invited several groups from Mason County to share their history by displaying photos and memorabilia of their activities. Our goal is to inspire pride in Mason County and encourage our citizens to learn more about our heritage. We would also like to recognize descendents of Mason County pioneering families who were residents of the county at the time the County was established (1854 era). Please contact the Commissioners' office for more information.

As part of our celebration, the Mason County Historical Society will include a tour of the Mason County Courthouse in their first historic walking tour of 2005 which is scheduled on Sunday, March 13th. The walking tour starts at 2 p.m. at the Mason County Historical Museum and will conclude at the Colonial House where Green Diamond Resource Company has graciously agreed to host a reception.

We sincerely hope you can attend these events.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 427-9670 or 275-4467, ext. 419.

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