

PCBO finalizing plans for 183rd celebration

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Plans for the 183rd Fourth of July Celebration are being finalized.

The Pekin Community Betterment Organization recently held their regular meeting.

The following is an update from that meeting.

The group currently has \$20,105.43 in the treasury.

Event dates are July 3-6.

There is a clean-up day scheduled for May 18 at the Pekin Park beginning at 9 a.m. The playground area will be the focus.

Alan Bishop and Anita Temple will represent the PCBO on the 2014 Bicentennial Salem Washington County Committee.

Bishop and Temple will update the PCBO at upcoming meetings.

In June, Campbellsburg will host its annual All-American Hoe-down Festival and the PCBO will have a float in it.

The Fourth of July parade theme is "Celebrate Our Freedom."

The PCBO voted not to pay for advertising with local newspapers and radio stations because they feel the celebration is a news event.

The 2013 program book and ad sales are progressing. All committee members are contacting businesses for their support.

The Safari Bicycle ride is scheduled for June 8. Plans are progressing and volunteers are

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needed.

Darlene and Kenny Hall are putting together the annual 5K walk/run, which is set to begin July 6 at 8 a.m. in Pekin Park.

Hall said Pacers and Racers are scheduled to help organize the event and she is waiting on T-shirt quotes.

The plan is to buy 100 T-shirts.

The motorcycle ride was postponed and will be held at a date after the Fourth.

Pekin will again try to attempt to break the World Record for largest spoon ensemble.

That attempt will be at 3:30 p.m. in the park on July 4.

The tentative schedule for July 4 will be; Parade 10 a.m.; events at the park get underway at 12:30 p.m. with the normal opening, flag events and then the prince and princess contest will get underway at 1 p.m.

Dollars for scholars will be at 2 p.m. and the queen contest will get started at 2:30 p.m.

Gills Grove will be on the stage at 4:30 p.m. and the WSLM Karaoke and Texan Country Idol Contest will be from 6-9 p.m.

July 5 will feature the Pekin Idol contest with prize money increased from past years. Rhonda Burnett has secured two judges.

On Saturday July 6, it will be Praise Day from 1-4 p.m. with the Lick Creek Band set to play from 6:30-9:30.

The flea market and food vendors will be open daily and Derby City Amusement will host rides for all ages. The Borden Lions Club will host their annual fish fry, as well.

On Saturday the annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament will take place.

Anyone wanting to volunteer or more information is encouraged to attend the PCBO's next

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meeting, which is scheduled for May 16 at 7 p.m. at the park's shelter house.

Volunteers are both needed and welcomed according to President Anita Temple.