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Re: Kootenai County's Sesquicentennial

The Kootenai County Commissioners are pleased to announce an important milestone for 2014, the county's sesquicentennial or 150th anniversary of the creation of Kootenai County.

The territory of Idaho was officially organized on March 4, 1863, by Act of Congress, and signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln. On December 22, 1864 the county was established by the Second Territorial Legislature from the north end of Nez Perce County. Sin-na-ac-qua-teen, a trading post below Lake Pend Oreille, was appointed as the first county seat. Rathdrum replaced Sin-na-ac-qua-teen as the county seat in 1881 and Coeur d'Alene replaced Rathdrum in 1908.

At tomorrow's Business Meeting on January 7th, we intend to adopt a Proclamation to recognize the significance of the county's sesquicentennial. We encourage participation in activities and programs, throughout 2014 which will enhance historical understanding and appreciation of this important milestone.

During our sesquicentennial, it is fitting that we acknowledge the creation of the county, and recognize the efforts of our forebearers during the territorial period in laying the foundation for the Kootenai County we recognize today. We are proud of our heritage and will demonstrate a continued spirit of determination and perseverance in creating Kootenai County's future.

The primary event to commemorate the anniversary will be the dedication of a monument at 10 AM on Wednesday, August 20th, 2014 located in the new Heritage Tribute Plaza at the county fairgrounds. The Fair's theme will be "Summer's Best Tradition" featuring several displays to highlight the sesquicentennial. For more information, please contact the Fair Manager, Dane Dugan, at 765-4969.

For additional information or any questions on the Sesquicentennial, please contact the Commissioner's office at 446-1602 or by email at: kboocc@kcgov.us.