

Perkins County marks its 125th this year, with an anniversary committee already busily planning activities for fair time—volunteers are being sought to help with this historical celebration.

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If the excitement already being generated by an organizational committee is any indication, the county-wide celebration of the 125th anniversary at fair time will definitely be a historical event.

The committee is enthusiastically putting together events and non-stop entertainment for what is hoped to be the grandest Perkins County Fair ever.

However—they need the help of many volunteers to assure its success.

Clubs, organizations, groups and individuals are being asked to come forward and get involved in helping steer events throughout this special occasion July 22-29. There are several ideas for activities that could be held during the week that will require volunteers—adult games, kids games, cake decorating, horseshoes, cake walk, old-time crafts, farm olympics, food booths, etc.

A humorous play and demolition derby will contribute to the celebration, as will a talent show, the annual chamber breakfast, a parade, a tractor show, mutton bustin' a mentalist, a corn eating contest, and the ever-popular 4-H shows and exhibits, plus award presentations.

Funds are already being raised through the sale of various items of memorabilia that include salt and pepper shaker sets, pocket knives, ornaments, sun catchers, pie plates, crockery mugs, calendars, t-shirts and sweatshirts, and of course the special cookbooks published last fall that contain recipes from families around Perkins County and beyond.

These items are available for purchase at Grant City Hall, and the cookbooks and calendars are available at Country Supply.

Additionally, tickets can be purchased for a special mantel clock and lap quilt to be raffled off during the week of the fair.

T-shirts and sweatshirts can be ordered to size and color that carry the 125th anniversary logo.

To make the occasion even more fun, the committee suggests that those who own vintage clothing wear it during the week of the fair.

It's not too early to start planning, and it's not too early to get involved by notifying someone on the committee of your intent to become a volunteer during the 2012 Perkins County Fair.

Members of the committee include Linda Heitman-chairman, Ronda Lawyer-vice chairman, Janet Lagler-secretary, Jessie Faber-treasurer, Chris Loeffler, Becky Dahlkoetter, Shannon Jensen and Brenda Styskal.