

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council
From: Tom Baker, Town Administrator
Date: January 2, 2013
Re: 125th Anniversary: February 2nd Special Meeting

Purpose: As you know, Bruce Leland has been our leader and has stimulated many ideas and actions for our 125th Anniversary year.

The purpose of this item is to update Council on our progress with planning for the 125. Staff also would like Council authorization to purchase a “Time Capsule”, which can be taken from Council’s budget line item for the 125th Anniversary.

Discussion: As you know, February 2, 1888 is the date the Town was incorporated. Therefore, as our Kick-Off event for the 125 Anniversary the planning group is proposing the following:

**Draft Agenda
Town of New Castle
Special Meeting
February 2, 2013**

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Proclamation Honoring the Town of New Castle on it 125th Anniversary.**
- III. Mayors’ Remarks:**
 - a. Mayor Del Dawson – 1982 – 1988**
 - b. Mayor Steve Rippy – 1994 – 2001**
 - c. Mayor Bill Wentzel – 2001 – 2006**
 - d. Mayor Frank Breslin – 1988 – 1994, 2006 – Present**
- IV. Council Resolution: Setting 125 Anniversary Event Dates and Themes.**
- V. Display “Time Capsule”:
Explain items needed and
date and place of burial.**



VI. Celebratory Gathering for Refreshments and Informal Storytelling.

FIREWORKS – Ross Talbot is organizing the fireworks. A question that the 125 Group will consider is whether the Fireworks occur at the end of the meeting – as a finale or at the beginning of the meeting so that Ross and others can attend the Celebratory Gathering? Council input is desired. We will also talk to the 125 Group and Ross about this matter.

MEETING LOCATION – We can hold the entire meeting at the Community Center and have people watch the fireworks from the ally and parking lot or we can move from Town Hall to Library Community Room or CC.....? Council input desired.

MEETING START TIME – Exact meeting time will depend on when we do the fireworks. We will consult with Ross to determine what is best for his crew.

Actions Requested:

1. Set February 2nd as a Special Council Meeting date. Specific time of meeting will be set once we understand when the best time is for Fireworks - Ross Talbot will advise us.
2. Authorize staff to acquire the Time Capsule – Bruce has researched and will describe for Council – estimated cost is \$479.00 plus delivery.

Staff has attached the 125 Groups most recent meeting notes. Our next meeting is January 3rd at 4 PM in Town Hall.

Notes from the December 19th 125 Anniversary Planning Meeting (3rd mtg)

Events Calendar: This third meeting reviewed the Events Group calendar of events for our 125 year. This event calendar will be reviewed for conflicts and adjusted as needed. For example, it was pointed out that the summer event dates conflicted with Strawberry Days. Bruce stated that the Spring parade was an historical parade and BMD parade was a future parade.

February 2 nd , 2012	Anniversary, Proclamation	Town Hall
Spring – May 10, 11, 12	Historic time – Ghost walk, Coal Country Feud, Motorless parade	Downtown. cemetery
Summer – June 21, 22, 23	Vintage baseball, old time games, community picnic	VIX Park
July 13 th	Hogback Hustle	
Fall – September 8, 9 th	Burning Mtn. Festival, car show, disc golf, parade	Burning Mtn. Park
Winter – December 7 th	Chili Cook-Off	Burning Mtn. Park

It was also pointed out that the above event calendar was only the major event dates and that the storytelling and educational events that will be interspersed throughout the year will be coordinated with the Library. The Library has begun to identify stories for their 75th year celebration, which will coincide and be part of the 125th events.

Storytelling Submittal Form: Tim Cain presented a form to help solicit community stories. It was suggested that the form add a request for historic dress and artifacts. Ideas about storytelling included:

- Perform the New Castle Play by Jack Jabor (is spelling correct?)
- Develop a story with period costume and stage a one-person show
- Have actors or community members read selected newspaper stories from history
- Talk to Joe McNeal (spelling?) regarding the town's water system history
- Include ranchers and horses
- List a cast of characters -- Contact John from the Vaudeville Revue in GWS. John is a neighbor of Ross Talbots and may become part of our storytelling events.

Tim and others will work with the Library to organize a series of storytelling type events.

Spring – Historic Pioneer Motorless Parade: It was suggested the parade include different people representing different times in history: Frontiersmen, coal miners, gold miners (panning for gold), ranchers, farmers, loggers, ice house...the cub scouts and the Coal Ridge Band can participate. Looking for a stage coach to be part of the parade. John Harcourt is the group leader for the Spring Parade. He has a vision for the parade that can include a short story by an MC as the various period characters walk by the Grand Marshal. He is also brainstorming the possibility of a pictorial “walk through” in the community center to give people more information about the various periods in history. John needs volunteer to help him with organization and logistics. Public Works and Police will assist. All ideas are welcome!!

February 2nd Kick-off event: Bruce Leland has taken the lead on the Feb 2nd event, which is the date of incorporation in 1888. The vision for this event is:

- Convene a Special Meeting of Council
- Read a Proclamation for 125th Anniversary
- Resolution setting event dates
- Comments of the Community from the Past Mayors
- Display the Time Capsule – (Tell community when we will bury and what we want to put inside.)
- Fireworks – (Ross Talbot is determining if he can accomplish this. The timing of the agenda will be determined by when the best time is for the fireworks)
- Community Reception for refreshments – Community Center or Library

Next Steps: Next meeting is January 3rd from 4PM to 4:45PM. At that meeting we will begin to organize other aspects of the Spring event: Ghost Walk (Patty Ringer has all the materials and may be able assist); Coal Country Feud.

Additionally, Lisa Doherty of New Castle is capturing community stories on video through her production company ReelSoul Productions. Lisa is excited to join us on Jan 3rd. The Dec 24th issue of the Post Independent has a feature story of Lisa and community stories (Front Page Story).