

Lamar sets July 15 celebration

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There is a lot of history to be told about the village of Lamar, Neb., 16 miles east of Holyoke.

This year is a special one for the community of 18 residents as Lamar will celebrate its 125th birthday.

Carolyn Wallin, who has deep roots in the community, is chairing the celebration next month on Sunday, July 15, when people will gather for a potluck supper at 5 p.m. at the Lamar Fire Hall. Iced tea and water will be provided, as well as table services.

Everyone is invited, she said.

Following the meal, a short program is being planned. Wallin is also working on a book of history for the event.

She said Friday, June 8 she was still compiling stories for the historical book from people with ties to Lamar but wanted them submitted to her by June 20.

She said the stories could include family historical memories, information about buildings and newer memories of the area. Those "newer" stories about Lamar and the town of Chase, Neb. could include the Lamar Cafe that operated on Highway 6, sites such as the Arterburn Lake, or area schools including Lamar and Chase, which no longer are in operation.

"There are quite a few families that lived in and around Lamar since 1950 that we do not have stories about," she said.

Wallin said in her research, it has been amazing to learn of all the inter-connections between families with ties to Lamar. That includes her own family and her husband's, she noted.

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The stories submitted to her will be used with selected historical stories compiled in the book for Lamar's 100th centennial celebration in 1987.

People with questions can email Wallin at wallincarolyn@gmail.com.

Anyone with questions or information can also phone her at 308-882-5922.

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