

Annual Dublin Area Reunion draws near; coincides with DDP birthday, AlleyFest

Plans are underway for the big Dublin Area Reunion, set for June 13 at the high school cafetorium.

The event is for anyone who lives in Dublin, has ever lived in Dublin or just drove through town and wished they lived here.

Hosted for the fourth year by Dublin National Bank, the reunion was started more than two decades ago as a means of reviving old friendship and building new ones. Founders were Dick and Mary Yantis and Everett and Betty Hightower.

Each year several hundred people gather at the cafetorium for visiting and a barbecue lunch sponsored by the Dublin Historical Society as its annual fund raiser. Donations go to upkeep of the society properties, which includes the Dublin Historical Museum, the Wright Historical Park, the Lyon-Prim Events Center and what was formerly St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The doors open at 9 a.m. and will close about 3:30. Parking will be available on the east side of the cafetorium. Limited parking will be available on the west side because that lot will be used by participants in the Tour de Pepper bicycle race, which is part of the 118th birthday celebration of Dublin Dr Pepper.

The Dr Pepper activities take place in and around the bottling plant, located at the corner of Elm St. and Patrick. AlleyFest, the popular arts and crafts show, will be in Hogan's Alley, between Patrick and Grafton Streets and between Blackjack and Elm. Also scheduled for that day is the Lions Club's annual 10-2-4k race.

For more information about the reunion, call Karen at Dublin National Bank, 445-2213. For information about the Dr Pepper birthday, AlleyFest or the 10-2-4k run, call 445-3939, 445-3466 or go online to www.dublindrpepper.com. For general information, call the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, 445-3422.

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