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# PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Weld County 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: February Update

## SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

WELD COUNTY, Colo. – The celebration of Weld County's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will continue throughout February with articles on the anniversary web site highlighting the history of Weld County Towns. The stories behind Weld County's incorporated towns, unincorporated towns, and ghost towns will be available in the February update of the web site,



July 4, 1906 – Platteville Coronet Band. L-R, Back Row: Lew Birkel, Ed Cook, Bill Egner, Randolph Ross, Jim Stanton. Middle Row: Frank Vollmer, J.K. Elliott - Ft Lupton, R.S. Brown, Chas. Vollmer, John Birkele, John Wasley, Mike Morgan. Front Row: Arthur Terry, George Raney. City of Greeley Museums Hazel E. Johnson Collection #1991.42.1155J

[www.weldcounty150.org](http://www.weldcounty150.org). In honor of Black History Month, the African American town of Dearfield, founded in 1910 by O.T. Jackson east of Greeley, will also be featured on the site through a special presentation provided by Dr. George H. Junne, Jr. of the University of Colorado.

Also included in the February update:

- A feature story on Nancy Lynch of the City of Greeley Museums, who pulled together the town histories and made them available for the anniversary web site. Lynch, who has a very interesting history herself, has been consolidating Weld County history for a book due out mid-summer.
- A trip down memory lane as we revisit the blizzard of 1949 as told by Mike Peters in an article reprinted from the Weld County Past Times.
- News for Weld County Fair goers and participants regarding special classes at this year's fair that will focus on the county's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Information regarding anniversary merchandise which is now available from the county and at the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Road Show.
- Fantastic art sent to us by Weld County kids!

Don't forget – we need your help to tell the history of Weld County. Your stories and photographs can be submitted through the anniversary site at <http://www.weldcounty150.org/SendUsYourStory.html> The February update to the site will happen on January 30.

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