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Fayette County 250th Celebration Announces Appalachian Quilt Project to Preserve Community Stories

Uniontown, PA— As part of the Fayette County 250th Celebration, the Fayette Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the launch of the *Fayette County 250th Appalachian Quilt Project*, a community-driven initiative designed to capture and preserve the stories, traditions, and spirit of Fayette County through the art of quilting.

The project will be led by local resident and quilter Nancy Volk, who was drawn to Fayette County by its natural beauty and outdoor recreation and has since developed a deep appreciation for its people and rich history.

“I want to help tell the story of the residents of Fayette County through quilting,” said Volk. “This project is about honoring both our past and present, our traditions, experiences, and even the landscapes that define our community.”

Community members of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate by creating and donating a 6.5-inch square quilt block. Each block should reflect a personal or shared connection to Fayette County and may include embellishments such as embroidery or cross-stitch. Participants are encouraged to draw inspiration from family heritage, local industries, cultural traditions, or meaningful places.

Volk hopes the project will inspire creativity and storytelling across generations.

“We’re hoping to see the traditions and stories of our community brought together in the Appalachian quilt tradition,” she said. “Maybe you have your grandfather’s shirt he wore to work in the mine, a piece from a quilt your grandmother started, or even a new block that represents your family today.”

Each submission must include a card with the donor’s name, hometown, and a brief description of the block. The primary colors suggested are red, white, and blue, but all blocks will be accepted. All quilt blocks will become the property of the Fayette County 250th Committee and should be submitted no later than May 31, 2026.

The completed blocks will be assembled into a large commemorative quilt to be displayed in Uniontown, Fayette's County seat in 2026. In addition, each block will be professionally photographed and digitally archived as part of a permanent online collection and traveling exhibit, ensuring these stories are preserved for future generations.

Quilt blocks can be dropped off or mailed to:

Fayette Chamber of Commerce

65 West Main Street, Suite 107

Uniontown, PA 15401

For questions or additional information, please contact Kenzie Hay at the Fayette Chamber of Commerce at 724-437-4571.

The Appalachian Quilt Project is one of many initiatives planned as part of the Fayette County 250th Celebration, commemorating the county's founding and honoring its journey from the American Revolution to today. Under the theme of resilience, heritage, and community pride, the celebration aims to engage residents, highlight local stories, and inspire a shared vision for the future.

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The Fayette County 250th Committee, led by the Fayette Chamber of Commerce, is open to the public and welcomes participation from communities, organizations, and businesses interested in creating events and initiatives to celebrate this historic milestone. The next meeting will be held on April 1, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Uniontown. Call the Chamber at 724-437-4571 for more information.