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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Weld County 150th Anniversary Celebration

SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS HIGHLIGHT WELD COUNTY'S HISTORY

GREELEY, Colo. – In 1861, a new county was formed in the West in what was once the Territories of Nebraska and Kansas. One hundred and fifty years later, Weld County is still a thriving and growing community that will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2011. In celebration of the sesquicentennial, the Weld County Commissioners have organized several opportunities to highlight, promote and share Weld County's unique history.

The Weld County 150th Anniversary Web Site: The web site celebrating the county's history will debut on January 3, 2011. Each month the site, www.weldcounty150.org, will feature a different topic regarding Weld County's history ranging from towns and agriculture to educational institutions and pop culture. The site will kick-off with articles about the formation of the county and includes intriguing historical notes about life in Weld County 150 years ago. A unique aspect of the Weld 150 site is the inclusion of stories and photographs submitted by the public that pertain to Weld County's history.

"The Weld County Commissioners are excited to celebrate the rich history of the County," said Weld County Commissioner Douglas Rademacher. "We invite everybody to visit the web site and offer their own stories."

The Traveling Road Show: Throughout 2011, a series of educational displays will make their way throughout the county. These displays highlight the county's history as well as the history of individual Weld County towns. Starting with the Weld County Farm show in January, these displays will offer a unique opportunity to explore the history of Weld County. Dates for the road show can be found on the web site at www.weldcounty150.org.

Closing Celebration: The year's events will conclude with a Closing Celebration in November 2011. While details of this event are currently pending, it will highlight and celebrate Weld County and include a special presentation to the representatives of Weld County's towns. Please check the web site for more information in the months to come.

The County Commissioners invite everyone to participate in this wonderful celebration by visiting the road show when it is in your town and by visiting the web site at www.weldcounty150.org – learn why Weld County is a great place to live!

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