

WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC. 2024 WELLS REUNION AGENDA

Saturday & Sunday, May 25-26, 2024 Johnson Central High School 257 North Mayo Trail, Paintsville, KY

PICNIC: Saturday, May 25th, 2024

WHERE: Thealka Park, Johnson County Park & Recreational Area

2244 State Hwy. 581

Thealka, KY

(Directions to the park from Paintsville and information as to all the amenities the park has can be viewed on the internet by typing in Thealka Park, Johnson County, Thealka, KY. The directions will also be set out on our website @wellsancestry.com and on the Wells Family Facebook page.)

TIME: 1 PM—6 PM

(Shelter #2 is reserved for the whole day if anyone wants to come earlier or stay later than 6 PM but everyone is required to leave before dark. The Johnson County Park and Recreational employees will prepare a Wells Reunion sign.)

Last year's picnic was enjoyed by approximately 30 Wells Family members. Everyone enjoyed good food, meeting and visiting with Wells Family cousins, and listening to the wonderful music and singing provided by our talented cousins. If you play an instrument or sing, we encourage you to participate. We have many talented musicians and singers in the family. If you have any games you think may be enjoyed by the group, please feel free to bring those, too.

Please let us know if you plan to attend the picnic by sending an email to kphoward@bellsouth.net or by posting on the Wells Family FB page. kand an extra chair or two as seating may be limited.. There are numerous places to pick up fast foods or deli items in Paintsville, among them Food City, WalMart, Burger King, Wendy's, McDonald's, KFC, Taco Bell, Long John Silvers, Bob Evans, and others. There is electricity and water at the shelter if you wish to bring potluck dishes or do grilling. We will be responsible for cleanup before leaving so please bring garbage bags and paper towels, etc.

REUNION: Sunday, May 26th, 2024

<u>DOORS OPEN</u>: 9:00 A.M. – Wells Family Members, with the help of the janitor, will set up tables for the reunion.

<u>REGISTRATION</u>: Registration can be made online at our website @<u>wellsancestry.com</u>. If registration was done on the website, please stop by the registration table. You do not have to fill out new registration forms—just let us know that you did register on the website and get your name tag and door prize ticket. If online registration was not done, please complete a registration form so that we can track how many people attended with you and any changes to your address or email address to use for the newsletter.

MASKS & HAND SANITIZER WILL BE AVAILABLE.

<u>RECEPTION</u>: Socialize with cousins and reminisce about old times. Get to know your Wells cousins!! Activities and games for the children will be available in both the meeting area and the gymnasium. If you have games or activities which you think the youngsters will enjoy, please feel free to bring those. For the children under age 12, we will have the dollar drop for them to scramble for and which they can use to buy items in the Chinese auction.

WELCOME: President Charlene Muncy

<u>AUCTION</u>: Bring items for the main auction and the silent auction, such as family history items, handmade items, such as crafts, etc. The proceeds from the auction sales will benefit the organization for reunion and newsletter expenses. Be sure to set a minimum price for the auctioneer to begin with. We don't want to sell items for less than what was invested in them, especially for handmade items.

<u>SNACK TABLE/DINNER</u>: Dinner will be served following the auction. Snacks will be provided for those who may have health problems or have had to travel some distance to the reunion and need to have a little sustenance until dinner is served.

MEMORIAL SERVICES: Remembering family members we have lost since the last reunion.

BLESSING: Dinner prayer.

<u>DINNER</u>: Please bring your favorite "potluck" dishes, plus a little extra to share with those who are unable to do so. The Association will provide drinks, paper products, eating utensils and ice. NOTE: There will be a greeter to assist in helping carry your food to the kitchen.

<u>HISTORY PRESENTATION/QUIZ</u>: John B. Wells III will present a new Wells historical report and will quiz the audience on Appalachian culture and sayings.

ELECTION: New officers will be elected.

<u>WELLS SCHOLARSHIP</u>: Dr. Randall Wells will award the \$500.00 scholarship check to the 2024 recipient.

AWARDS & DOOR PRIZES: Youngest, oldest, traveled the farthest, largest family, etc.

<u>DOORS CLOSE</u>: 5:00 P.M. We encourage everyone to stay around to visit with your extended family and friends following the activities as it may be your last opportunity to attend a reunion.

OUR PRESIDENT MAY SEE THE NEED TO ADJUST THE SCHEDULE.