

Letter from the Mid Marion County Rotary Club

Dear Fellow Turkey Trotters:

Welcome to the 73rd annual Turkey Trot! The Mid Marion County Rotary Club is proud to sponsor this time honored event of family, friends, food and fun held on the historic Square in downtown Yellville.

The theme for this year's festival is "Be the Inspiration." Locally, we drew the theme from our community who reached out for us to assume sponsorship. "Be the Inspiration," is also the theme for Rotary International this year. We have been instrumental in the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. Ben Salzman, a doctor from Mountain Home, spearheaded PolioPlus through Rotary to reduce the number of polio cases worldwide from 365,000 in 1985 to 20 last year. Through his inspiration polio is being defeated.

Highlights of this year's festival include American Legion breakfast at the Legion Hut; Rotary Oktoberfest on the Square; Friday Night Street Dance featuring the Welcome Ridge band from 7-9 pm; 5k Run Saturday morning; Turkey Trot Parade at 10:00 am Saturday on the traditional route; performances by the Buffalo River Cloggers, The Turning Pointe School of Dance and the Polynesian Ohana Dance Group; Music by The Dan Benton Band Saturday from 2:00-4:00 pm; and Saturday Street Dance featuring Buckshot from 7:00-11:00.

We are proud to have fellow Rotarian, David Doshier, serving as Grand Marshal for the event. Doshier will oversee the festival and lead the parade through downtown Yellville on Saturday, October 13, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

We are proud of our sponsors for this year's event: Baxter Regional Medical Center, Blacksheep BBQ Smokehouse & Grill, North Arkansas Abstract and Title, Arvest Bank, Marion County Paving, Ranger Boats and two anonymous donations.

We hope that everyone who attends Turkey Trot will enjoy a time and place where our communities come together. It is a time for homecoming and reunion, a chance for families to come together and old friends gather for fun and fellowship.

I am proud to be a part of this festival! We invite everyone to come out, bring a chair, and sit back and enjoy the festival.

Stan Duffy, President Mid Marion County Rotary Club



**It's Turkey Trot Time In Yellville!
Hope You Enjoy the Festivities!**

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