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RE: Oconee County Sesquicentennial Planning

In January 2018, Oconee County will celebrate its 150th birthday!

In January of 1868, the Pickens District was divided, and Oconee County was created, with Walhalla being named the County seat. The name Oconee comes from the Cherokee word "Ae-quo-nee" meaning land beside the water. Oconee was a Cherokee town situated along the main British/Cherokee trading path between Charleston and the Mississippi River.

The Oconee County Sesquicentennial committee wants YOUR input on how to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup>! We are discussing options and would love to hear your ideas. Please take a few minutes and let us know what you want to see in 2018.

All ideas are welcome!

**Submissions should describe events that can occur in 2018, and should be sent by Friday, June 2, 2017** to the Oconee Parks, Recreation & Tourism office, 1099 South Cove Road, Seneca, SC 29672 or emailed to [pshirley@oconeesc.com](mailto:pshirley@oconeesc.com).

More information about the Sesquicentennial will be announced in the coming months.

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