

City of Philippi

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What a great 175th celebration we had on Friday. Thanks to all that attended and braved the cold. It was important to hold this celebration at the Blue and Gray Park because the river and the bridge are what makes us special.

It was great to celebrate with old and new friends. We had great greetings from Senator Manchin and Congressman McKinley's office. House of Delegate Member Chris Phillips gave us some encouraging words about the past and the future. Of course Senator Capito joined us and made the celebration truly special.

I now have to thank those that made the celebration a success. The Barbour CEOS made 300 cupcakes that were enjoyed by all. Shop-n-Save provided a commemorative cake for the occasion. City employees helped set the park up for the event. I can't go without thanking Ed and Karen Larry. The Larrys donated 500 commemorative napkins to go with the cupcakes. Also, Karen spent four hours with me outside in the cold weather. Let me tell you it was cold!

I am excited for the future of Philippi. We have several utility projects underway and are currently in the planning process of a few unique projects that we believe will help Philippi grow.

Sincerely,

Jeremy D. Drennen, CPA
City Manager