JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION IN KENDLETON TEXAS

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Regardless of whatever change may lie ahead, community members of Kendleton have worked to preserve the past through the people of our great city. Always, celebrating Juneteenth yearly in our community is a reminder to African-Americans what the fourth of July symbolizes for all Americans, freedom.

The Fort Bend County Heritage Unlimited Museum is open to the public to ensure our history of area black residents in the century after freedom is known among all. "If we don't recognize our people, no one else will," York said this in her comments on last year Juneteenth celebration.

We celebrate with our barbecue feast by some of the greatest cooks of our community, red soda water, water melons that past pioneers like Willie Melton and other great farmers of Kendleton grew in their fields and provided for us to enjoy. Acknowledging the blood shed for us to have this right to "FREEDOM" represents the joy of freedom, a new beginning in freedom. If we never put forth effort to expose the truth about African-American slave experience, Americans won't be free. Shut your hearts off from the truth will only bring you to destruction for the truth of our pass is the future of our existence.

Why should we let our people forget our ancestors' endurance of one of the worst slave experiences in human history? Many has profited from this slave legacy. History books have only told a small part of the story or none at all. Therefore, we should new forget to celebrate this legacy.

I will continue to say: Once upon a time we were bound people, NOW we are FREE! Therefore, do not shun away African-Americans, but Let Freedom Ring, Let Freedom Ring in our hearts, souls and minds!

Veronica Harris
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City of Kendleton

CITY OF KENDLETON ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

KENDLETON CHURCH OF GOD

619 FM 2919

KENDLETON, TEXAS

SATURDAY JUNE 17, 2017

@ 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bar-b-que

Watermelons

Snow cones

Popcorn

Red Soda

Hay/Trail Ride

Games