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(S.D.)-Rapid City Committee Planning Commemoration Of 1972 Flood

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RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - A Rapid City committee is continuing its planning for a 40-year commemoration of one of the deadliest floods in U.S. history.

Former Rapid City Mayor Don Barnett says the June 8-10 weekend will be packed with history and will honor the families and relatives of the 238 who died in the 1972 disaster.

But he says it will also be very hopeful, talking about the 40 years of recovery.

Members of the flood committee continued the planning process Wednesday during a public meeting at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

Saturday evening will feature a convocation, which organizers anticipate will draw up to 1,700 people. Some 190 representatives of those who were killed during the flood have been invited and will be given reserved seating.

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