

Ray and Marie Sipe

Key to the Alexander County Presentation

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

Marie volunteered and was very active during the fund raising efforts for the construction of the Alexander County Senior Center. Due in no small part to her efforts, the Center was dedicated on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1992.

She has also served on the Board of Trustees of the Senior Center and was first appointed to the Board on August 7, 2001 to a 2 year term; she was reappointed again on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003 to her 2<sup>nd</sup> two year term and then reappointed to her 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 year term on July 25, 2005 which expired in July 2007. God Bless Marie Sipe

for her efforts and for her service to the senior citizens of Alexander County.

Ray Sipe, currently serves as President of Sipe Lumber Company, Inc.

The Sipe family has been active in the lumber business since 1938, when Mr. Lawrence Sipe, the father of Earl, Carl and Ray began buying and selling land, timber and lumber that year. Eventually, Lawrence turned over the day to day operations of the lumber business to his three sons and the business grew into what is today, some 76 years later, Sipe Lumber Company. (The longest **continually** operated family owned business in Alexander County.)

Sipe Lumber Company and Ray and his brothers, the late Earl and Carl Sipe and

other family members whom still work at Sipe Lumber have contributed greatly to the growth of Alexander County.

It is also worth mentioning that Ray is also a member of “the Greatest Generation”, having served in the United States Army during WWII. He participated in the D-Day Invasion of France on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944 and served in General George Patton’s 9<sup>th</sup> Division of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army. PFC. Sipe fought in France and Germany during some of the fiercest fighting and battles of WWII. He was wounded in battle and received the Purple Heart for his wounds and the Bronze Star for bravery.

God bless Ray Sipe.