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The City of Weirton has long been recognized as the melting pot of America. Families through out the world migrated to the City of Weirton to obtain a job at our steel mills so they could provide a better life for their family. Such was the case when my grandfather came to America from Hungary and settled with his family within the City of Weirton, where he and my grandmother raised 10 children. My grandparent's story is one that could be told by thousands of the citizens of Weirton whose families also migrated to our community. I am very pleased that the Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center is sponsoring this years "Festival of Nations". This event gives us the opportunity to promote unity and diversity and to learn more about the culture of the numerous ethnic families that are our neighbors. It is events such as the "Festival of Nations" that will preserve the history and culture of our community for future generations.

Sincerely,

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