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Imperial's 4th of July celebration will be a bit bigger in 2010.

That's due to the inclusion of the city of Imperial's 125th anniversary, or quasquicentennial, celebration that summer holiday weekend.

Imperial will become 125 years old in 2010, and plans are developing for three days of events, July 2-4, 2010.

The quasquicentennial events will be planned in coordination with the Imperial Volunteer Fire Department's annual 4th of July Family Fun Day and fireworks show.

Nothing is firm on the celebration schedule yet, but planners are discussing a huge birthday party, street dance, a pie-baking contest, art show and more.

Mary Deyle of Imperial is serving as the steering committee chairman.

Others on the committee include Merrilyn Leibbrandt, Brenda Ledall, Dianne Way, Jan Schultz, Leslie Carlholm and Jo Leyland. Representing the city council is Lynn Luhrs, and Claudette Swanson, county tourism director, is also on the committee.

More details on the plans will be given as the schedule is firmed up. Other organizations and individuals will be sought to help coordinate individual events.

Fund-raisers to help support the 125th birthday events are also planned.