

Committee has several events already scheduled for July 2-4, 2010 weekend

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The city's 125th birthday planning committee has been meeting regularly on activities for the three-day event next year over the 4th of July weekend.

This week, the committee is releasing the logo design, which will be used on all of the quasiquicentennial's advertising, posters and souvenirs.

Mary Deyle, who chairs the 125th committee, said they spent a lot of time on the logo, which was designed by Chris Fidler at The Imperial Republican.

Imperial is an agriculture-based community, so it was important to incorporate into the logo the area's major ag interests at the time the city was established in the mid-1880s, Deyle said. Those include wheat, corn and cattle, all of which continue to be important today.

In color, the logo features shades of brown and blue.

According to the dictionary, quasiquicentennial means 125th anniversary; a celebration to mark such an anniversary; or relating to a period of 125 years.

The quasiquicentennial celebration is set for July 2-4, 2010.

Events will kick off Friday night, July 2, with a big birthday party and entertainment. A cake decorating contest for men, women and kids is part of the opening night events, capped off with a square dance.

The committee is working on acquiring a major speaker for the opening events on Friday night, as well.

A range of activities is set for all day Saturday and Sunday morning.