

Saturday, September 23, 2006 - Crossroads this week

Committee has plans for Hamiota Centennial year

The Town of Hamiota will hold a Centennial and Homecoming Celebration (1907-2007) from July 18 to 22, beginning with the annual agricultural fair.

In 1984, the Rural Municipality of Hamiota celebrated its centennial with activities throughout the year. The Town of Hamiota - then a Village - celebrated alongside, but now has decided to have a celebration of its own.

The petition to incorporate Hamiota as a Village was prepared and presented to the Manitoba Legislature in December of 1906, and the first meeting of the local council with elected representatives took place in January 1907.

Ken and Vicki Smith have been appointed as the co-chairpersons of a 10-person centennial committee by the Hamiota Town Council. Three meetings have been held to date.

A number of events have been suggested and committee members have begun taking charge of various areas of responsibility for these events. Confirmed events include: a dramatization of the history of Hamiota; the Hamiota Heritage Challenge, and 'Amazing Race' style exploration of Hamiota history; a band reunion for members of the Hamiota Citizen's Band and Hamiota School Band; a display from the Hamiota & district Archives; a dance featuring 'Armadillo' and a fireworks display. The Pioneer Museum will be a focus for activities, and local groups will be encouraged to have an entry in the annual fair parade. Other activities are also in the planning stages.

The committee plans to meet twice a month and comments, questions and volunteers are welcome. Besides the Smiths, other committee members are Wayne Mathison, Nicole Therrien, Karen Mathison, Harry Andrew, Connie Steinburg, Wallace Henderson, Sheila Gregory, Heather Shane, Janice Norrie and Dick Prawdzik.