

Waverly Sesquicentennial

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If you were not in town for the above well-known black-and-white photo of people standing on the Wartburg football field in a formation spelling the word Waverly, Sept. 25 is your opportunity to add color to local history.

The Sesquicentennial committee will kick off the town's 150th birthday bash with a re-enactment of this photo at the W-SR High School football field just three hours before the Homecoming game.

The Waverly newspaper will capture this living image in still photographs and video footage from a Nagle Signs lift extended high above the press box.

Throughout the weekend long celebration, participants of all ages will find joy and energy in the activities designed for a wide range of tastes. Here are some highlights:

Kids of all ages can crowd at the carnival at Kohlmann Park, which will open at 5 p.m. on Friday. At 10 a.m. on Saturday morning, participants can burn off some calories with old time fun games like sack races. At 11:30 a.m., the Waverly Fire Department will cut the ribbon in front of its brand new museum and host an open house for the community.

Later in the day, history buffs can take a tour of the Ira Sturdevant home and join volunteer guides for a cemetery walk.

On Saturday night, at the AMVETS ball diamonds, music lovers can enjoy River Stock concert, a line-up of groups like TOAST and **Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50s**. Hosted by the Jaycees, the event will benefit the Waverly Area Veterans Association.

On Sunday, Craw Daddy's will hold a race called Double or Nothing Nautical Nonsense. At 2 p.m., Jim Busta Polka Band will usher in the grand finale of the celebration.

More details about the events will be featured in the newspaper.

For more information, call the Waverly Chamber of Commerce at 352-5861.