

Preliminary wording for a mission statement for Gilbert's 125th anniversary celebration
Presented at the meeting of the G125 Group on July 16, 2003.

The celebration for Gilbert's 125th anniversary will provide Gilbert area residents, Gilbert High School alumni, and visitors from central Iowa the opportunity to:

- have fun and enjoy a variety of festivities.
- have plenty of opportunity to converse with one another.
- learn more about the heritage of the town and nearby area.
- celebrate 125 years of the town's history.

The celebration for Gilbert's 125th anniversary will:

- help build a greater sense of community spirit for the town and nearby area.
- leave a lasting legacy whether tangible such as money given for a project or intangible such as good memories and an improved sense of history and community connections on the part of the participants.

The celebration for Gilbert's 125th anniversary will:

- be smaller than many town festivals such as Story City's Scandinavian Days.
- be larger than Gilbert has had for over a decade.
- Be based mostly on no cost or low cost entertainment.

The celebration for Gilbert's 125th anniversary will:

- involve local, area, or alumni talent when possible
- involved central Iowa talent.

The celebration for Gilbert's 125th anniversary will:

- be organized by a core group of volunteers with specified leaders currently known as the G125 Group working under the auspices of the town of Gilbert..
- involve other volunteers whether individuals and organizations.

The celebration for Gilbert's 125th anniversary will:

- be held on the weekend of July 31, 2003 in conjunction with Gilbert High School's all-class reunion banquet at the Starlite on Saturday night.
- honor the all-class banquet with no events scheduled during the dinner hour to conflict with the reunion.

The celebration for Gilbert's 125th anniversary will:

- have a safe environment with safe activities.
- provide activities for people of all ages.
- be a place where families feel comfortable.