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Gilbert's Quasquicentennial

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July 30-31, 2004

GROWING THE FUTURE

GILBERT 125 SCHEDULE – FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2004

5:00 p.m.

■ Re-enactment of a pre-1840s, fur trade rendezvous, including demonstration of an iron forge. Presented by Chris Haywood and Ken Arnold of rural Ames and their friends. City-owned lot northwest of water tower. (No admission fee.)

5:00 – 8:30 p.m.

■ FFA hamburger fry, Valentino's cuisine, and Kettle Corn. High school.

■ Antique car and tractor show. North side of high school. (No admission fee.)

■ Cemetery walks organized by the history club of the Gilbert schools. A wagon pulled by a team of draft horses will transport ticket holders from the high school a half mile north to the local cemetery. Visitors will then walk on a prescribed route among the tombstones and encounter interpreters, who will tell about their lives and roles in Gilbert history. After the drama, visitors will ride on the horse-drawn wagon back to the school for coffee and homemade pie or other dessert. A new walk starts every 40 minutes with the wagon and horses making their last departure to the cemetery at 7:00 p.m. Only 200 tickets will be sold for the cemetery walk. They are available at the Consignment Gallery and City Hall on Main Street. The cost is \$3.00 per person and covers the horse-drawn ride, cemetery activities, and dessert. Tickets for \$1.00 are also available at the event for visitors who wish to walk to the cemetery. High school.

5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

■ History exhibits. Library media center at the high school. (No admission fee.)

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

■ Concert by the Barn Owl Band. The popular central Iowa group plays folk and barn dance music and performed on the Prairie Home Companion Show in Ames in 2002. Presented by the Gilbert Gazette, an unofficial web site for the community. High school. (No admission fee.)

9:00 p.m.

■ Dedication of Mary Wright Memorial Walkway, a sidewalk between the high school and cemetery. There is a fascinating story of how Mary Wright, a legendary postmaster in Gilbert, was concerned about the mud that country children had to walk through on their way to school and that townfolk had to walk through on their way to the cemetery. Mary took it upon herself to raise funds for the sidewalk, which was built in 1913. Organized by the school history club. East side of the football field.

9:30 p.m. or dusk

■ Fireworks for 20 – 30 minutes from the field northeast of Gilbert. Viewers can watch from the south bleachers at the football field or other locations. (No admission fee.)

9:00 p.m. to midnight

■ A street dance sponsored by the Open Flame Steakhouse with music by the Standing Hampton Band. The group captures the sound and magic of the glory days of classic rock, performing the best musical nuggets of the 70's, 80's and beyond. The corner of Main Street and Second Street. (Admission fee to be determined.)

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GILBERT 125 SCHEDULE – SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2004

7:00 – 9:30 a.m.

- Lion's Club pancake breakfast, featuring Chris Cakes Catering. Tickets can be obtained from members of the Gilbert Lion's Club or at the door. The cost is \$5:00 for adults, \$4:00 for ages 5 to 12, and no charge for pre-school youth. Contact club president Joel Kruckenberg for further information. Elementary school.
- Exhibit of G125 coloring contest artwork and awarding of prizes. Elementary school.

8:00 – noon

- Quilt show organized by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. People interested in displaying quilts or who wish further information, should contact Cindy Kruckenberg. Gilbert Lutheran Church. (No admission fee.)

10:00 a.m.

- Parade begins at high school. Entrants assemble at 8:30 a.m. The parade will move west on Mathews Drive, north on Main Street, returning on Second Street, Dunn Street, and Mathews Drive to the high school. Get entry forms at City Hall, Daisychains and Laughs, or on-line at www.gilbertgazette.com/g125. Return by July 24. (No admission fee.)

10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Food vendors: Boy Scouts (hot dogs and drinks), Beta Sigma Phi (loose meat sandwiches, chips, and drink), Gyro's Stand, Omicron (walking tacos), and Valentino's (pizza, brownies, Sno Cones, drinks). Lion's Park.
- Art fair and Bookmobile. Main Street. (No admission fee.)
- Re-enactment of a pre-1840s, fur trade rendezvous continues in city-owned lot northwest of water tower. (No admission fee.)

Noon – 3:00 p.m.

- History exhibits continue at library media center at the high school. (No admission fee.)
- Children's public art sculpture project organized by Jo Myers-Walker, a Gilbert artist. The Left Bank Studio on Main Street.

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Westory Fire Department open house and demonstration of new accident extrication equipment. Gilbert fire station. (No admission fee.)
- Concert by the Ed Kaizer Trio. It's a locally-based group that travels near and far to perform a fusion of classic and contemporary jazz. Adjacent to Daisychains and Laughs on Main Street. (No admission fee.)
- Youth activities, including games and clown. Upstill Park or in front of elementary school. (Nominal fee for some activities.)

1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

- The history club of the Gilbert schools offers two tours to its archeological dig at Zenorsville. It is an abandoned coal-mining town four miles west of Gilbert that played a significant role in Gilbert's early history. Wear walking shoes and bring insect repellent. Bus leaves from the high school. (No admission fee.)

4:00 p.m.

- Gilbert History Team Trivia Treasure Hunt starts in Lion's Park. Participants must register a team of no more than four, on Friday night or Saturday until 2:00 p.m. at the high school library media center. Contact Nancy Peterson. (No admission fee.)

4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

- A Mid-Iowa Baseball League double-header between the Gilbert Sandgnats and the Racoon River Bandits. Contact B.J. Schaben at KASI Radio. High school ball diamond. (No admission fee.)

5:30 p.m.

- Social hour for Gilbert High School all-class alumni reunion at the Quality Inn (formerly the Starlite) in Ames. Reservations are required for the 6:30 p.m. banquet. The \$16 fee can be paid at the door. Contact Gwen Thompson or Mary Dodds.

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

- Music by the Holy Ground sponsored by the Open Flame Steakhouse either on the patio or inside the restaurant. The group plays Irish/Scottish music. Corner of Main Street and Second Street.
- Youth concert. The group Like Knives performs pop music and will play the first half. The group Keepers of the Carpet performs pop and alternative music and will play the second half. At a Gilbert school. Specific location and admission fee to be determined.

Other possible events: Youth drama presentation of a bank robbery mystery. Contact Jo Myers-Walker at the Left Bank Studio on Main Street. (No fee.) Exhibit of zinnia project photos and other images at city hall. Contact Joy Leiseter. (No fee.)