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Plevna celebrates 100 years.

Plevna, whose name translates to “town of many churches,” will celebrate its 100th birthday during a two-day celebration July 4 and 5, 2009. The town is located on U.S. Highway 12, 12 miles West of Baker.

Activities will include 5K and 1K runs/walks and a special “tot trot” designed for the budding marathoners under the age of 5 on July 4. There will also be a reenactment of the raid on an express freight wagon driver, known only as “Fritz,” who was killed about 5 miles northeast of Plevna by Indians in 1880. He is believed to be the last victim of such a raid in the Old West. The reenactment will take place near the site of Fritz’s grave.

In addition, there will be a parade down Plevna’s Main Street, food vendors of all sorts, a catered roast beef lunch and kid’s games sponsored by the Plevna Volunteer Fire Dept.

The evening of the 4th of July brings the second fireworks display in Plevna since the 75th anniversary celebration in 1984 and a street dance featuring the band “Cabin Fever” that will last until 1:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 5 will include a light breakfast at Plevna School sponsored by the Plevna High School National Honor Society or a full breakfast sponsored by the Plevna Bar and Café. Music will be provided at the school gymnasium by the local Christian vocal group “Forever Free.” Other groups from the four local churches will also offer entertainment.

In keeping with the town’s church roots, there will be a non-denominational church service in the school gymnasium at 11:00 a.m.

Individual Plevna graduating classes will hold their reunions all through the day and food and other vendors will be selling their wares throughout Plevna.

For more information or to register for the fun, go to www.Plevna.org.

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