The Village of Valmeyer’s Centennial Celebration will officially begin on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at the Valmeyer Village Board meeting when Mayor Howard Heavner signs the Official Proclamation declaring 2009 as the Centennial Year for Valmeyer. Valmeyer was officially incorporated as a Village on December 4, 1909.

Festivities unofficially began on Saturday, November 1 when the Valmeyer Centennial Committee sponsored the First Annual Halloween Spooktacular Dance at St. Mary’s Parish Center.

Community members and representatives of the Village’s civic organizations began meeting in 2008 to lay the groundwork for the Centennial festivities. Chairman of the Centennial Committee is Dennis Knobloch, with Heavner serving as Honorary Chairman. Laurie Brown is serving as Secretary to the group, while Tammy Crossin is the Treasurer.

The committee has already introduced a number of Centennial-related items including a calendar, note cards and note pads. Numerous historical photographs are included on the pages of the 2009 calendar. Also available are coffee mugs, old-fashioned glasses and coolie cups that feature the Valmeyer Centennial logo. All of these items are currently available for sale at Valmeyer Village Hall.

Events have been planned throughout the year including concerts which will be held in various venues – the Village churches, park areas in the new town area and at Borsch Park. Musical groups from Scott Air Force Base and the St. Louis Symphony will perform at concert events. The Original Boneheads – a trombone quartet from St. Louis will be performing at concert events. The Original Boneheads – a trombone quartet from St. Louis will be performing at concert events. The Original Boneheads – a trombone quartet from St. Louis will be performing at concert events. The Original Boneheads – a trombone quartet from St. Louis will be performing at concert events. The Original Boneheads – a trombone quartet from St. Louis will be performing at concert events. The Original Boneheads – a trombone quartet from St. Louis will be performing at concert events. The Original Boneheads – a trombone quartet from St. Louis will be performing at concert events. The Original Boneheads – a trombone quartet from St. Louis will be performing at concert events. The Original Boneheads – a trombone quartet from St. Louis will be performing at concert events. The Original Boneheads – a trombone quartet from St. Louis will be performing at concert events. The Original Boneheads – a trombone quartet from St. Louis will be performing at concert events. The Original Boneheads – a trombone quartet from St. Louis will be performing at concert events. The Original Boneheads – a trombone quartet from St. Louis will be performing at concert events. The Original Boneheads – a trombone quartet from St. Louis will be performing at concert events. The Original Boneheads – a trombone quartet from St. Louis will be performing at concert events.

Valmeyer’s Midsummer Celebration will include expanded Centennial activities including the Centennial Parade on Sunday, July 5 at 2:00 p.m.

A Centennial History Book of Valmeyer is being compiled which will be available by the Summer of 2009.

A musical / drama presentation featuring Valmeyer’s early history will be staged at Borsch Park on the evenings of August 20-22.

Fall events will include the Second Annual Halloween Spooktacular featuring the Fountain Creek Band at St. Mary’s Parish Center on Saturday, October 24, and a formal Centennial Ball on Friday, December 4 featuring dinner and dancing.

More events are being planned, and a complete listing of Centennial events, including concert dates and locations will be available in January. For more information regarding Valmeyer Centennial activities visit Valmeyer’s website at www.valmeyerillinois.com.