

## ASHLEY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



The Ashley Centennial Celebration on July 8-9-10, 1983 was considered a huge success. Co-chairmen of the 100th birthday party were Mary Ann Morris and Connie Sopocy. The three day extravaganza was sponsored by the Ashley village council. The entire community and surrounding area was involved, including the Ashley Community School.

State Representative Gary Randall presented a special legislative proclamation to Ashley Village president, Howard Bryant during the opening ceremony.

The centennial cake, made by Mary Lou McPherson was lit with 100 candles during the Coronation Ball in the old gym at Ashley High School. It was a gala event. Wayland Buckingham and Beatrice Lumbert were crowned King and Queen.

Among the activities, train rides from Ashley to North Star were a very popular feature. Another popular feature was the fun run and 10K run in which over 270 runners participated.

An estimated crowd of 5,000 saw the 150 unit centennial parade organized by Laurel Andersen. The overall estimated three-day attendance stands at approximately 20,000.

The entire weekend was made possible by many hard working persons too numerous to mention. The centennial will leave memories of our continuing heritage as our days pass by.

Ashley buried a time capsule storing some of our mementos. It will be opened in the year 2083.

Ashley Community Schools contributed largely to the success of the centennial!



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