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First National Bank Celebrating 150 Years 1864-2014

This early 1900's photo shows The First National Bank, located at the corner of East Bremer Avenue and what was then called East Water Street.

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In 1949 First National Bank and the Waverly Savings Bank merged. The two banks, which were situated across the street from each other, moved into the Waverly Savings building located at 100 East Bremer. First National Bank's first Autobank was built at that time.

In this photo First National Bank was located to the left of the autobank (not pictured), the post office behind, and Engelbrecht's office on the right.



In 1966 First National Bank expanded and a west branch office opened in what is known today as the College Town Plaza. The branch office was moved in 1985 to its current location, 921 West Bremer Ave.



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January 2014

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			New Moon 1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	First Quarter 7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	Full Moon 15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Day	21	22	Last Quarter 23	24	25
26	27	28	29	New Moon 30	31	

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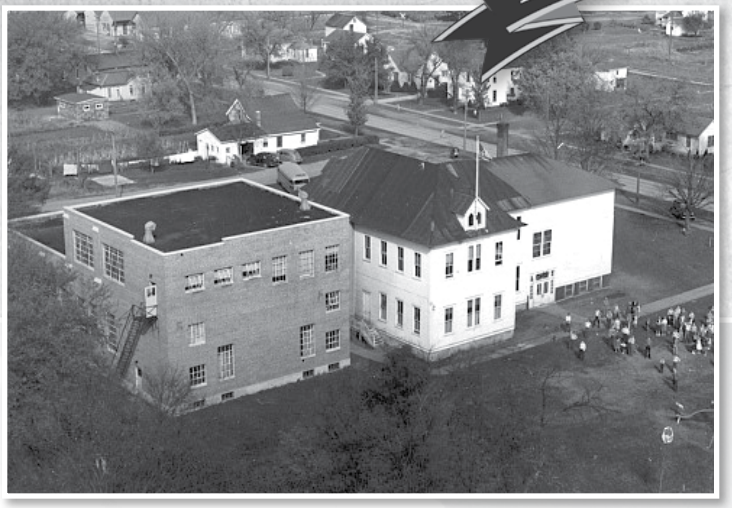

Arial shot of Plainfield's school from 1948.



Plainfield Community School in 1960s.



Nashua and Plainfield consolidated school districts in fall 1992. This is the current Nashua Plainfield Middle School. The elementary and high school buildings are both located in Nashua.

These schools housed the elementary, middle and high school students.

Photos courtesy of Horton-Plainfield Historical Club.

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February 2014

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9	10	11	12	13	Full Moon 14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Presidents' Day	18	19	20	21	Last Quarter 22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

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Frank Cotton opened Cotton Theatre in 1910. In 1918, it became known as the Regent Theatre. The building was gifted to the Cedar Falls Community Theatre in 1991. $1.2 million was spent to restore the building. In June 1994 the theatre became known as the Oster Regent Theatre. Photos Courtesy of Cedar Falls Historical Society.





Present Oster Regent Theatre on Main Street in Cedar Falls.

In 1848, the first mill race in the county was built in Cedar Falls and a damn was built across the Red Cedar River as well. The mill race provided power to a saw mill. In 1850, a grist mill was added to the mill race. In 1970, the mill race was filled in and became the current First Street.



Current view of Cedar Falls Main Street.

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March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						New Moon 1
2	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7	First Quarter 8
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins	10	11	12	13	14	15
Full Moon 16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins	21	22
23 Last Quarter	24	25	26	27	28	29
New Moon 30	31					

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Photo courtesy of Waverly Historical Photo Gallery.

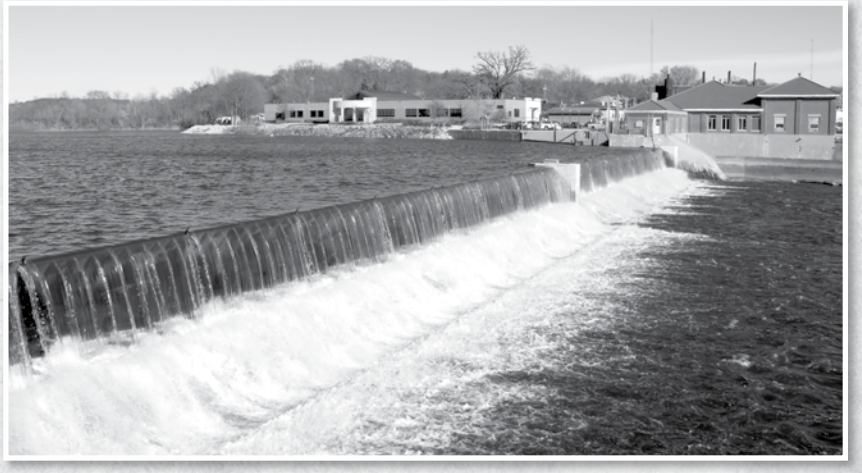


1853-1880
William P. Harmon, the founder of Waverly, built the first dam in 1853 using logs and stone in order to power his saw mill. Additional water-powered mills followed, including a flour mill and a woolen mill.

1880-1915
By 1880 entrepreneurs had built a more uniform and durable dam to harness the power of the river for industrial use. The crib dam was constructed using large timbers connected with steel spikes to form "cribs", then hand filled with stone to add weight.



1915-2010



2010-Present

In 1909 a new light and power building was erected which remains the oldest hydro-electric facility still operating in the State of Iowa. With the increased demand for electricity, a $25,000 bond issue passed providing funds for the construction of a new concrete spillway and floodgate structure.

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April 2014

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6	First Quarter 7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	Full Moon 15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter Sunday	21	Last Quarter 22	23	24	25	26
27	28	New Moon 29	30			

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The McLeod Center opened its doors November 18, 2006. It is a multi-purpose arena with 6,650 seats. The McLeod Center currently houses UNI men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball, and wrestling programs. Courtesy of the Office of University Relations, University of Northern Iowa.

History of UNI: In the late 1860's, a home for orphans of Civil War soldiers opened in Cedar Falls. Less than 10 years later the state consolidated services in the Orphans' Home in Davenport. The Cedar Falls Home then closed. Funds were approved by the General Assembly to start a state school for the training of teachers in the former Orphans' Home. The building became known as North Hall. As the campus further developed the building became known as Central Hall. Central Hall burned down in 1965. It stood where Maucker Union is currently located today. On September 6, 1876, the Iowa State Normal School held its first classes. In 1909, the Iowa State Normal School is renamed the Iowa State Teacher's College. In 1961, the college became known as State College of Iowa. In 1967, the college was once again renamed the University of Northern Iowa.

Courtesy of the University of Northern Iowa Archives.



Iowa State Normal School: The first classes were held on September 6, 1876. The building, which would later become known as Central Hall, was the only classroom building on campus. It stood approximately where the Maucker Union expansion is located today. Central Hall had been built in 1869 as one of Iowa's Soldier's Orphans' Homes to house children orphaned by the Civil war. In 1965 it burnt down.

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May 2014

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4	5	First Quarter 6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	Full Moon 14	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19	20	Last Quarter 21	22	23	24
25 Memorial Day	26	27	New Moon 28	29	30	31

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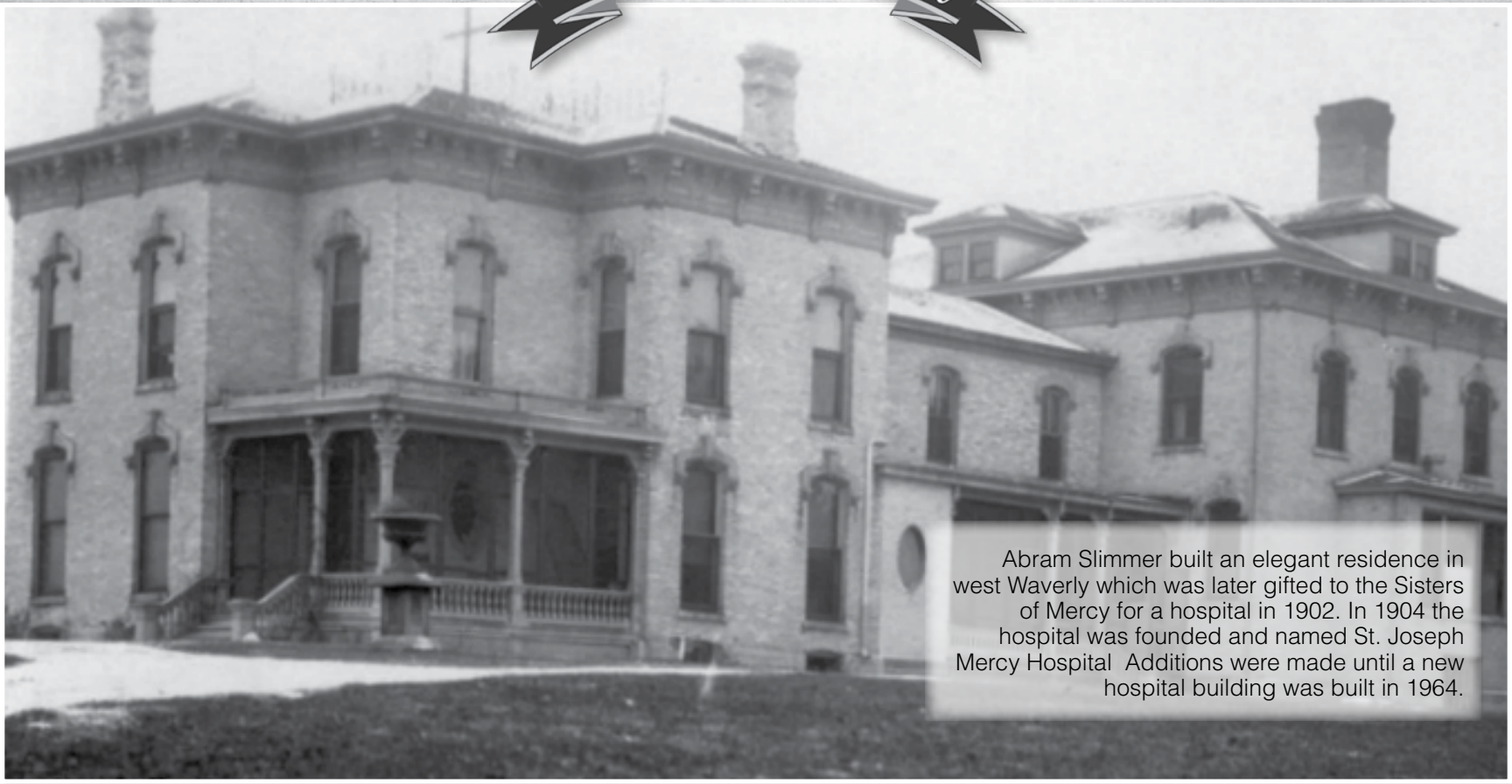

Abram Slimmer built an elegant residence in west Waverly which was later gifted to the Sisters of Mercy for a hospital in 1902. In 1904 the hospital was founded and named St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Additions were made until a new hospital building was built in 1964.

St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, a new $1.3 million modern facility had a patient capacity of 45 and was dedicated as "one of the most modern small community facilities in Iowa." Courtesy of Waverly Historical Photo Gallery.



Courtesy of Waverly Historical Photo Gallery.



Courtesy of Waverly Health Center.

In 1974 the Sisters of Waverly sold the hospital and it became a city owned facility. The building was renamed as Waverly Municipal Hospital. In 1994 construction was done to add a second addition to the hospital. In 2004, Waverly Municipal Hospital becomes Waverly Health Center to reflect the continually expanding range of health care services offered on the campus.

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June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	First Quarter 5	6	7
8	9	10	11	Full Moon 12	13	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	Last Quarter 19	20 College Hill Arts Festival	21 Summer Begins
22	23	24	25	26	New Moon 27 Sturgis Falls	28
29	30					

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In 1998, the First of Waverly Corporation, First National Bank's holding company, purchased Farmer's State Bank of Plainfiled. All exsisting staff memebers were retained, including Don Schrage, the former owner and president of the Farmers State Bank of Plainfield. This bank building was torn down in 2009 after the new First National Bank building, located just across the street, was built in 2008.

Farmer's State Bank of Plainfield began operations in 1917. The bank was located at 801 Main Street and was remodeled in 1967.



Photo courtesy of Horton-Plainfield Historical Club.



Plainfield's First National Bank branch location.

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July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day	First Quarter 5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Plainfield Days	Full Moon 12 Plainfield Days
13	14	15	16	17	Last Quarter 18 Waverly Heritage Days	19 Waverly Heritage Days
20	21	22	23	24	25	New Moon 26
27	28	29	30	31		

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Lincoln Elementary School stood for many years at the corner of Third Street and First Avenue, close to the grounds of the current First National Bank downtown office. In the late 1970's First National Bank decided to build a new bank building to accommodate the need for a larger space. The bank wanted to stay in the downtown area. A concern in the community was that Lincoln School, the oldest school building in Waverly, would be demolished so the bank could be built. School had not been held in the building since 1973, but it had been used for storage. However, the community was reassured the heritage of Lincoln School would be preserved in the new bank building. Fixtures from the school, as well as the past bank buildings, would be used in the building.



The original Waverly High School, built in 1926. Attendance was optional. In an attempt to convince students to complete their educations, school officials ran ads in the local newspaper touting the benefits of higher learning. It later became the junior high.



Photo courtesy of Waverly-Shell Rock Schools.

A brand new Middle School was built in 2011 for the Waverly Shell Rock Community Schools. This was built after the flood of 2008 that affected both the elementary and the junior high buildings and now houses 5-8th grades. It is currently located at 501 Heritage Way in Waverly.

July

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August 2014

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First Quarter 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Full Moon 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Last Quarter 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	New Moon 25	26	27	28	29	30

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Photo courtesy of Mike Stark.





Long ago Piggly Wiggly, the first self-service supermarket in Cedar Falls, called 602 Main Street home. Later it became Eagle Food Center and then Deel's SuperValu. Since June 23, 2003, 602 Main Street has been home to the Cedar Falls Financial Center which includes First National Bank and the Accel Group.



First National Bank's first Cedar Falls office was opened in August of 1998 on Whitetail Drive. In April of 1999, First National Bank opened a second office on Washington Street, which was closed after the current Cedar Falls Financial Center opened on Main Street on June 23, 2003.

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September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2 First Quarter	3	4	5	6
7 Grandparent's Day	8 Full Moon	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Last Quarter	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Autumn Begins	23	24 New Moon	25	26	27
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Photos Courtesy of Wartburg College.



Old Main, the oldest building on the Wartburg College campus, is on the National Register of Historic Places. It was built in 1880, a year after the college moved to Waverly. Its red-orange bricks were manufactured at a local brickyard, and the foundation rock came from a quarry east of town. The multipurpose building originally served as a residence hall, dining hall, and classroom building.



Old Main currently houses the Education Department and Social Work departments.

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October 2014

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			First Quarter 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	Full Moon 8	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day	14	Last Quarter 15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	New Moon 23	24	25
26	27	28	29	First Quarter 30	31 Halloween	

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Plainfield's City Park, which was later renamed to Gallagher Park. Movies were played in the park off the projector shown in the background of this picture.



This is the current Plainfield sign located across from First National Bank, which was completed July 13, 2012. Inspiration for this sign came from the former City Park and Gallagher Park's sgins.



The City Park was renamed to Gallagher Park on July 30, 1941.

October

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November 2014

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2 Daylight Savings Time Ends	3	4	5	Full Moon 6	7	8
9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	Last Quarter 14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	New Moon 22
23 30	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	First Quarter 29

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North side of East Bremer in the 1960s. Shops featured above are Meyer Shoe Center, Skantz, Coast to Coast Stores, Johannsen, and BE Micks.



Current shops and restaurants located on North side of East Bremer. Thompson Shoes, East Bremer Diner, Bo Studio 121 and B.E. Micks.

Photo courtesy of John Myer's collection.



South side of East Bremer. Stores include Broadie's, Harrison's, Geo Kohlmann, and Curtis Hardware.



Current south side of East Bremer. Stores include Trebors, Waverly Chamber of Commerce, Asian Garden, and the Bakery.

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December 2014

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
◑ Last Quarter 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
● New Moon 21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
◐ First Quarter 28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

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