

Activities set tonight on eve of grid classic

Dover and New Philadelphia fans were keeping a wary eye on the weather today as plans continued for pep rally activities tonight on the eve of the two high schools' annual football clash.

In Dover, a fireworks display — replacing the traditional bonfire — was expected to be held from 7:20 to 8:30 in Crater Stadium. Led by the Marching Tornadoes, a snake dance to the stadium rally is expected to leave the high school parking lot around 7.

The annual kickoff dinner will begin at 6 in the cafeteria.

Those attending the rally are asked to stay off the field, to prevent damage hampering Friday's game, and to sit only in the home stands. Fireworks will be detonated from the visitors' side of the stadium.

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the annual parade spotlighting the Quaker football squad and floats will begin at 7:30, starting at the high school and winding through the downtown area. Skits, cheers, band songs and alumni will be featured at a pep rally from 8:30 to 9:45 in the high school gym.

A public spaghetti and salad dinner will be served in the high school cafeteria from 4 to 6:30.

Crater Stadium gates will open to the public Friday night at 6:30 for the 8 p.m. contest.

The weather forecast could test even the hardiest of fans. Cold, blustery weather is expected, with a 50 percent chance of rain or snow flurries expected tonight and Friday. The high temperature Friday is expected to be 40.

But regardless of the weather, an overflow crowd will be on hand for Friday night's meeting.