Gothenburg junior and senior high school students are gearing up for homecoming this week.

Homecoming candidates were announced during a pep rally Friday.

King candidates are Mark Hilderbrand, son of Mike and Connie Hilderbrand; Tyler Sheets, son of Curtis and Arlene Sheets; and Landen Haake, son of Craig and Lori Haake.

Queen candidates are Emily Max, daughter of Doug and Crys Max; Kira Peterson, daughter of Tim and Lynn Peterson; and Ali Abramson, daughter of Tom and Paula Abramson.

Since Monday, students have dressed in different outfits including pajamas and cowboy wear to go with the homecoming theme “Send the Broken Bow Indians Back in Defeat”.

Wednesday was gender day.

On Thursday, students will be asked to dress in various colors—seniors, black; juniors, white; sophomores, blue; freshman, red; eighth graders, yellow; and seventh graders, brown.

Friday is Swede Pride Day. Classes are asked to wear clothing symbolizing Swede pride.

Each class will be dismissed early Friday afternoon to decorate a float for the annual homecoming parade.

The parade, at approximately 2 p.m., will proceed downtown and back to the school's performing arts center for a pep rally.

Following the homecoming football game Friday night against the Broken Bow Indians, the new king and queen will be crowned on the football field.

A semi-formal dance is scheduled in the Dudley Elementary gymnasium from 10 p.m. to midnight Friday night. Organizers ask that no jeans or T-shirts be worn. Doors will close at 10:30 p.m.

Out-of-town and out-of-school dates must be signed up in the school office by Thursday at 3 p.m.