

BELVIEW BULLETIN

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BELVIEW RECEIVES LEGISLATIVE RECOGNITION:

On a sunny day if the winds are light take a look skyward and you just may see a hot air balloon or two peacefully floating by.

Belview's rich agricultural land when viewed from the wicker basket of a hot air balloon resembles a colorful patchwork quilt. Depending on the wind direction the balloonists may drive north of the river to set off for a southerly flight over the beautiful Minnesota river valley. If there are slight winds out of the south the hot air balloons lift off from the athletic field or another suitable site and float north.

This past September during the Old SOD Day celebration close to a dozen hot air balloons took to the air. Year-round if conditions are right there may be a solo balloon seen drifting over the treetops or a number of hot air balloons gracing the sky around Belview.

The unexpected sight of a hot air balloon drifting overhead causes many an onlooker to pause in awe. We often hear the comment made as to how the hot air balloons ever came to be in Belview in the first place. A few years ago as a present to his wife, who had a passion for hot air balloons a local resident took his wife to the Hudson Hot Air Affair, in Hudson, WI., a hot air balloon festival in hopes of obtaining a ride for her. After getting to meet a few of the balloonists an invitation was extended for the balloonist, "We came to your festival now you should come to ours." The invitation was accepted and a couple of the balloonists did come to Old SOD Day that fall and within a couple of years two of the families along with their hot air balloons moved to Belview. And, now they along with their friends that are also involved in the sport enjoy ballooning in and around Belview.

Besides local designation by the Belview City Council, the City of Belview has also received legislative support in the form of a Senate Resolution which was authored by Senator Gary Dahms designating Belview as the "Hot Air Balloon Capital Of Minnesota-more hot air balloons per capita than any other city in the state."

125th CELEBRATION COMMITTEE TO HOLD WHOPPER FEED FUND RAISER:

Please plan to attend the Whopper Feed at the Odeon Hall on Thursday, March 17th at the Odeon Hall. The funds raised will be used to help cover costs associated with the City's 125th celebration in September 2012.

LITTLE TOWN

(Found in the May 20, 1949 Belview Independent)

I like to live in a little town

Where the trees meet across the street.

Where you wave your hand and say "hello"

To everyone you meet.

I like to stand for a moment

Outside the grocery store

And listen to the friendly gossip of

The folks that live next door.

For life is interwoven

With the friends we learn to know.

And we hear their joys and sorrows

As we daily come and go.

So I like to live in a little town.

I care no more to roam.

For every house in a little town

Is more than a house. It's a home.