

Belview Bulletin

September 2007

Odeon Hall Gets A Makeover:

Just in time for Old SOD Day, the Odeon Hall got a fresh new look. Thanks to the wonderful job done by Johnson Decorating of Belview. Scraping one hundred years worth of paint off of the building revealed that the original color of the building was a light tan with green trim. The finished job looks marvelous and compliments continue to be received.

CATS,CATS AND MORE CATS:

We seemed to be overrun with stray cats as of late. While some people have taken it among themselves to eradicate the stray cat problem there are others that out of the goodness of their hearts are actually adding to the problem by feeding the strays. According to the MN Department of Natural Resource's Fish and Wildlife Division they are particularly concerned with domestic and wild cats killing millions of birds each year. Wildlife officials believe the only way to reduce the damage being done by free-ranging cats is for cat owners to keep their pets indoors or on a leash. They also recommend having your pet neutered to prevent it from breeding. They also put a lot of emphasis on not feeding stray cats. They say that strays will often reproduce where there is a source of food, thus creating large colonies of feral cats. Stray cats may pose a risk to domestic pet cats and even people by spreading disease. In checking with how other cities handle the problem the City Council has devised a plan to begin to get a handle on the problem. They are adopting a cat ordinance. Which will include asking that all cat owners keep their pets indoors or on a leash. They also want to stress the problem of feeding stray cats, which is actually making the situation worse. **As of November 1, 2008 live traps will be set around town. The cats will be held for a designated "hold" time and if not claimed the cats will be relocated.**

Winners of the 3rd Annual Belview Area

Improvements Photo Contest.

the photo contest was a big success again this year. there were over thirty pictures entered in the contest again this year. there were a first and second place in each category along with a people's choice award.

children under 12 years old. first place. Morgan Iverson. second place. Ian Patnoe.

independence category. first place and second place. Pam Hultquist

NATURE'S NATURAL BEAUTY, FIRST PLACE, JODY GRANNES. SECOND PLACE, JILL WEIDEMANN SURINE
THE SUBJECT IS COLOR, FIRST PLACE, JOHN WROHN. SECOND PLACE, JILL WEIDEMANN SURINE.
BLACK & WHITE OF PEOPLE, FIRST PLACE, JODY GRANNES. SECOND PLACE, ERIC PATNOE.
THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD ENDED IN A THREE WAY TIE FOR PHOTOS ENTERED BY PAM HULTQUIST, JILL WEIDEMANN AND CAMERON RYER. WE ARE HOPING FOR AN EVEN BIGGER SHOWING NEXT YEAR AND ALREADY HAVE THE CATEGORIES CHOSEN. THEY ARE BLACK & WHITE(ANY SUBJECT MATTER), ANIMALS, HOLIDAYS, THE SUBJECT IS COLOR(THIS YEAR'S COLOR WILL BE GREEN), AND NATURAL FRAMES(USING DOORWAYS, WINDOW, FENCES, ROCKS, TREES, ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS, EVEN PEOPLE TO CREATE FRAMES WITHIN THE PHOTO), AND AS IN THE PAST, THERE WILL ALSO BE A CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OLD CATEGORY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE 2008 CONTEST CONTACT LORI RYER AT 507-938-4447.

Old sod day recap:

The weekend was filled with lots of activity again this year with a few new hi-lights including the 8k, 5k and 2k Run/Walk. While the number of participants wasn't large it was considered a very successful event and they are already planning next years race. They would like to thank all of the fantastic sponsors and volunteers and participants that made the first ever "Heart of the Prairie" Run a success.

And, hopefully you did not miss the Quilt Show in the gym at the school. It was very well done with a great selection of quilts to view along with a fun little history of each quilt. It was apparent that a lot of work went into the organizing of the event and hopefully those responsible will do it again next year.

While the "TOO FUN" Balloonist John Lewis and his recovery crew were here last year the weather did not cooperate and they were not able to lift off. But Mother Nature was a little kinder this year and the crew was able to lift off both early Friday evening and Saturday morning. While they were hoping for a couple of more lift offs during the remainder of the weekend and a Moon Glow in the evenings the winds were again too strong. Maybe next year!

For the last two years, the Balloonist and his crew have been sponsored by Alvan Sander & Sons. An event like this does not include balloon rides to the general public. The sponsors are considered honorary crew members of the balloon for the weekend. If conditions permit, and there is a lift off, the sponsors of the balloons are able to accommodate a couple of lucky people of their choosing to be honored with an experience of a life time. Friday nights lift off included Kim and Summer Sander. For Kim, it was a long time dream come true. It is actually Kim's love of hot air balloons that resulted in the balloonist coming to Belview in the first place. Saturday mornings lift off included Travis Jordet and Lori Ryer, two very surprised, excited and extremely appreciative individuals.

John Lewis said that he is looking forward to returning next year and hopefully bringing some more balloonist with him. If you would like to see photos of the hot air balloons watch the city web site in the near future as we are hoping to show some of the photos there along with other photos of the weekend celebration.

The big winners of the Belview Fire Relief Raffle were 1st prize \$3000-Ron Clausen, 2nd prize \$1500-Clark Grannes and 3rd prize \$500-Wendy Dieball. There were also 22 other winners in the raffle that won \$250 or less. The Firemen would like to thank all of the people that purchased tickets from them. The proceeds will be put to good use as the cost of ongoing training and equipment keeps rising.

The Belview Preservation Commission held their drawing after the afternoon show and the lucky winners were: Portable DVD Player-Tim Gjermundson, Camera-Lynn Bunting, Jackpot Package-Paul Quarter, Bond for MN West Bank-Nancy Lylso, and Wood Bowl made by Stan Johnson-Cinda Kohls.

While it is just a fun weekend for many, a special thank you goes out to all of you who in one way or another worked at and/or supported financially all of the organizations involved in making it another successful Old SOD Day weekend.

Reminder: Burn/Compost Site is for trees, brush, branches and clean compost material only. If the site continues to be a collection point for material other than this it will be closed except by appointment only.