September 2011

**Old Sod Day Weekend:**

Another Old SOD Day weekend has come and gone. In spite of the windy, colder than normal conditions there was still a decent attendance and a great time was had by many. Eight hot air balloons were ready to come to town for a chance to take flight but alas mother-nature had other plans. Hot air ballooning is something you do because you want to not because you have to. As John Lewis and Bill Marhoun will tell you, “I would rather be on the ground wishing I were in the air than in the air wishing I were on the ground.” It is safety first with these guys and when the winds are too strong it just is not possible to fly. Hopefully next year will be warmer and calmer for our 125th Anniversary. Thanks to all who helped to make the weekend successful.

There were a number of drawings held this weekend. The lucky winners were as follows:

**American Legion Raffle:**

Guns-Allan Bendix and Tim Kulow

$100-Corey Hultquist

$50-Darold Zimmer

$25-Alan Sander

**Our Saviors Quilt Raffle:**

Winner-Jeff Huseby

**Preservation Commission:**

iPod Touch-Judy Rebers

$100 Bond-Rozanne Varpness

Handcrafted Wooden Bowl-Coralee Bibeau

Hotel Suite & Buffet Prairie Edge-Jeff Huseby

Casino Package JackPot-Marlene Rohman

Bird House/Planter-Taralee Aamoth

Box Planter-Jack Kissner

½ hour massage Julie’s Massage Therapy-Tonnette Sponster
Wheel Chair Accessible Picnic Table:

The City of Belview accepted the donation of a wheel chair accessible picnic table from the American Legion and the Belview Booster Club. The picnic table was made and delivered by Jay Peterson of Wasin Carpentry just in time for use at the Legion Hamburger Stand for Old SOD Day. The picnic table will then be placed in the Belview City Park.

Odeon Hall Addition and Renovation:

Work is scheduled to begin soon on the addition of the Odeon Hall. Work on the addition which will include the accessible women’s restroom, storage room, janitor’s room, and accessible exit can begin immediately. The work on the renovation inside of the Odeon Hall which includes some structural issues relating to the stage floor, the accessible men’s restroom, renovation of the existing chimney and furnace duct work will have to wait until after the first of the year. A grant has been submitted to the MN Historical for a portion of the work being done within the original 4 walls of the building. The Odeon will be unavailable for use February 1st for approximately 2 months.

City Seeking Information Regarding Broken Window At Gimmestad Land And Loan Office:

The large window at the Gimmestad Land and Loan Office was broken on Friday night of Old SOD Day. There were apparently witnesses to what happened but an identification has not been made at this time. Any information would be really appreciated.

125th Souvenirs:

The 125th Planning Committee is selling souvenirs to commemorate the city’s 125th Anniversary which will be September 14-16, 2012. There are cookbooks, coffee mugs, t-shirts, can coolers and calendars. There are limited supplies of some of these items as they are selling very well! These items would make great presents for birthdays or Christmas. The items are available at the City Clerk’s Office. A special thank you goes out to Barb Lewis for designing the logo for the 125th Anniversary which is on many of the items.