

BELVIEW BULLETIN

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Belview's 125th Celebration Recap:

The big tent is down, and our little town is back to normal well at least until Belview decides to throw another party. After almost two years of planning the big event is here and gone. In looking back, all of the planning really paid off as the whole weekend was a huge success. The weekend was blessed with awesome weather which definitely aided in making for a memorable celebration. How do you even begin to thank everyone in whatever way participated to make it a great weekend? There are so many people that deserve to be recognized for all of their hard work and dedication leading up to and during the weekend but we must be cautious of naming names in fear of omitting someone. Events like this don't just happen they require lots of hard work and dedication with many of the folks working the whole weekend going from one volunteer job to the next often times with a house full of family here for the weekend that they didn't even get a chance to visit with. Your dedication does not go unnoticed. Thank you.

Leading off the event was an all school reunion that was filled with lots of reminiscing. The only hot air balloon flight for the weekend was on Friday evening with many on-lookers being able to watch as 5 balloonist took to the air. In keeping with tradition of days gone by there was even a bonfire which was enjoyed by many. The school song was sung and some of the past cheerleaders and fans belted out a few of the cheers. A good time was had by those that entered the annual bean bag tournament. Conversations and Cocktails was very well attended at the Odeon. And of course, Inn Like Flinn's and the American Legion were busy as usual.

During day two of the celebration, there were food vendors galore including the famous Legion Hamburger Stand. The Old West Society was very entertaining. There were crafters selling their wares. A Walking Scavenger Hunt, Sidewalk Art Contest, Horseshoe Tournament, men's softball tournament and a Medallion Hunt were also held. The 5K/8K Run/Walk had a nice number of participants this year. James J. Hill (Gene Short) visited the Depot and shared the history of the rail line. The 18th annual Show & Shine car and motorcycle show was a big hit. Kids were entertained with games, pony rides and a petting zoo. Folks enjoyed watching a square dancing demonstration in the afternoon. A fantastic fireworks display and a free street dance with music by HickTown Mafia were held Saturday evening.

Sunday morning, willing breakfast-goers got to test their skills and catch their pancakes as they flew through the air during the Chris Cakes Flying Pancake Breakfast at the Odeon. A Community Church Service was held in the park. Parkview Home opened their doors and invited people to come and tour their newly remodeled facility. Farming of Yesteryear which was a horse drawn farming equipment demonstration has held behind the school. To close out the weekend celebration in style there was a Kiddie Bike Parade followed by the huge Grand Parade in the afternoon.

Whether you still call Belview home or you had to come a distance, a big thank you goes out to all who came to celebrate our 125th anniversary with us.