Michael McWhinnie, a future Belmont farmer, gives his hens a ride in the parade.

Belmont’s Old Home Day celebration

BELMONT — Last Saturday, the Town of Belmont celebrated its 148th Old Home Day since the town was incorporated under the name of Belmont. Despite some morning showers, the sun finally shone over all the festivities and everyone enjoyed a day and evening filled with music, numerous activities, craft vendors and of course, lots of great food.

After a community pancake breakfast under the Tesla Pavilion, runners lined up for the first Baptist Church of Belmont was awarded the Albert Akersstrom II Award for their depiction of summertime fun that included a realistic looking campfire, another great way to enjoy a summer night.

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The American Legion sold pies at a booth on the field while the friends of Belmont Football also offered additional dinner options while there were also booths for everything from burgers to pulled pork. The local Boy Scouts offered strawberry shortcake for anyone who had missed out on dessert and others sold everything from popcorn to ice cream.

The band, B Street Band, provided the music for the evening as craft vendors who lined the town green or along the town line enjoyed a day and evening filled with music, numerous activities, craft vendors and of course, lots of great food.

Throughout the evening many people relaxed and enjoyed the bluegrass/folk music of the Tyler Road Band. Children also enjoyed a number of games and friendly competition.

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