

Belmont Old Home Day “Rockin to the Oldies” on August 9, 2008

The Old Home Day Committee welcomed Belmont residents and many wonderful guests to a fun-filled day of “Rockin’ to the Oldies” on Saturday, August 9, 2008.

Morning activities included our annual Pancake Breakfast, Flag Raising Ceremony, 10-mile Road Race, Tioga Fun Run, and Children’s Games and 4 & 5 Year Old Summer Soccer Program Exhibition Game in Sargent Park.

Music filled the Main Street area with theme-oriented “Routes 56”, a band of local boys (Shawn Chase, Rob Court, and Kyle Nickerson). Everyone had a fabulous time browsing the wide array of craft and specialty vendors and grabbing a bite to eat from the concessions before settling in for the Grand Parade. There were numerous entries to depict the ‘50s and ‘60s period. Thank you to all who participated. There wouldn’t be a parade without you! As this was the 40th running of our annual 10-mile Road Race, we honored Suzanne (Sue) Roberts as the Parade Grand Marshal. Sue and several members of her family help year after year to keep this tradition alive.

Afternoon activities included a well-attended Amateur Talent Show on the Bandstand behind the Library. As with any Talent Show, there were many more observers than participants; however, several people approached Old Home Day Committee members at the conclusion to say they were interested in participating in the 2009 Show. Start practicing your song, poem, and dance routine, etc. now! Registration information will be available soon.

Each year, we hear how so many area families plan their reunions around our town’s annual Old Home Day celebration. That’s wonderful and fulfills the purpose of this time-honored tradition. For many people, the Chicken Barbeque at the Fire Station provides that welcome rest and a chance to catch up with friends and family before regrouping for the evening activities.

Belmont Old Home Day 2008 ended with an evening filled with wonderful music provided by “Annie and the Orphans”. They played so many songs from the era we were honoring this year that young and old could be seen singing along with all of the hits that have stood the test of time. Hundreds of people were there to enjoy the music, free rock climbing and bungee jumping, and concessions that led up to our spectacular fireworks display. Each year, we hear so many wonderful compliments on how amazing the fireworks are. We of course believe it has a lot to do with the location... our small town with such a grand sense of community spirit!

Mark your calendars now for our 2009 celebration... Saturday, August 8.

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