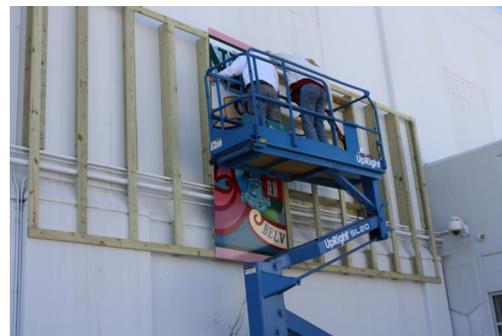


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Spring 2013

County Mural Back on Display



In 2012, the damaged mural depicting the cities and villages of the county was removed from a downtown building, restored by Troy Yunk's high school art students and has been re-hung on the Community Building. This project is the product of a cooperative effort between the Arts Council and the Community Building Complex boards. Money received from the Mural Mile Association and the Boone County Community Building Committee funded the effort.

The frame for the mural was constructed by Tracey Construction of Belvidere and Jay Allen and his son, Evan Schoepski installed the mural on the building. The Community Building Complex Committee is in the process of obtaining bids to light the mural.

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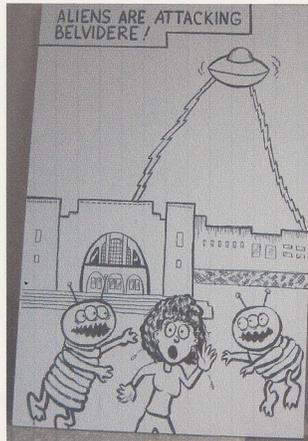
Millrace Dredging & Restoration Nearly Complete

The historical Baltic Mill Race in Belvidere Park has undergone extensive dredging of silt, re-establishment of the boulder edge in Ponds 1 through 4, and completion of the edge in Pond 5. Native prairie plants, wild flowers, grasses, sedges and trees will be added to the millrace banks to stabilize and beautify the area. Aquatic plants will be added to Pond 5. Accessible asphalt paths will be installed creating new locations for memorial benches. All paths will lead to the Baltic Mill stage and festival area. Anticipated completion date is the end of May which is just in time for the summer *Concerts in the Park* series on Sunday evenings.

Questions? Call Belvidere Park District 815-547-8378.



“Crossing the Stream” is seen here with the bases exposed during the dredging of the millrace ponds. This sculpture, funded by the Arts Council, was installed in June of 2007.



Perry Elementary School



St James Catholic School



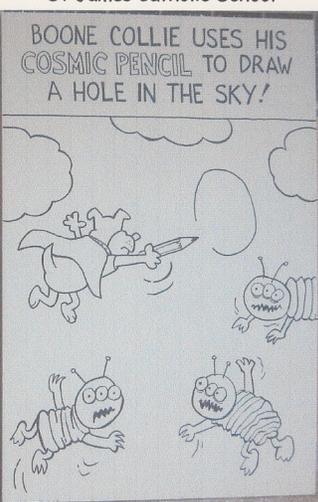
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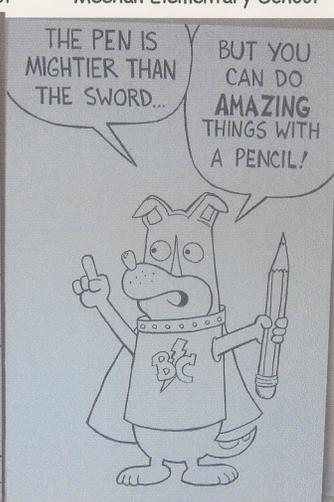
Caledonia Elementary School



Lincoln Elementary School



Kishwaukee Elementary School



Immanuel Lutheran School

The photo above shows the cartoon panels from the 8 schools that participated in the 2012 Fifth Grade Arts Festival. The panels were taken to each participating school where the students colored them in. Certain colors were to be used on all the panels. The panels are now finished and Jay Allen will prepare a photo montage for display at the Student Art Show as the panels themselves are too bulky to transport easily. The student art show will be held in the lobby of Belvidere North High School April 29 to May 3.

Several Organizations Help Fund the 2013 5th Grade Arts Festival

The Boone County Arts Council is pleased to announce that we have received an \$800.00 grant from the Rockford Area Arts Council and a \$2500.00 grant from the General Mills Foundation and a \$1000. grant from the Dist 100 Foundation for the Fifth Grade Arts Festival that will take place this October 23 and 24 at the Community Building. This will be the third year that we have provided this arts enrichment event for local school children.

2013 Coming Events . . .

Student Art Show

The Boone County Arts Council has sponsored the yearly Student Art Show since 1989 to recognize student art in Boone County. All Boone County students are eligible. Art teachers select five works from each of their classes for the show. The art work is then judged by the advanced art students from Belvidere North High School and a Best in Class blue ribbon is awarded for each grade level. All student artists whose work is selected for the show receive a Certificate from the Boone County Arts Council.

Last spring, Lorene “Sis” Benzel donated money to the Boone County Arts Council to start a fund for a future scholarship. The annual Heidi Benzel Award was created from the scholarship fund and presented in memory of her daughter who passed away in 2010. Heidi Benzel was a 1971 graduate of Belvidere High School whose favorite subject was art.

This year’s show will be held April 29th thru May 3rd in the lobby of Belvidere North High School.

Children’s Theater Workshop

The Children’s Theater Workshop will be held July 29-August 2, 2013. There will be one session, 9 am to 12:30 p.m., at the Community Building, 111 W. First Street in Belvidere. Marissa Meyer will again conduct the workshop. The week will culminate with a performance on the stage at the Community Building the evening of August 2. The cost is \$55.00 for members of BCAC and \$65.00 for non-members. Call 815-544-6242 for registration forms or information. Forms will also be available at the Belvidere Park District Office and the Ida Public Library. The registration deadline is Monday, July 22. Visit us at www.boonecountyarts.com for workshop forms or other information about the BCAC.

HarvestFest

Due to the rousing success of the “Musical Petting Zoo”, the Arts Council will once again have a tent at the October 5th HarvestFest celebration held in Belvidere Park near the Baltic Mill. Stop by between 10am-4pm to toot, blow, strum or drum on a musical instrument. *Scarecrow Row*, a pet parade, and *Scary Stories by Libbie* are among the various family-friendly, free activities. Go to www.boonecountyharvestfest.com or call the Park District for more information.

P.S. BCAC has a need for donated musical instruments. Give us a call to leave a message on the BCAC office answering machine. 815-544-6242



These photos are from the 2012 Harvestfest “Musical Petting Zoo.”



Bits and Pieces . . .

Hearts and Arts Event

The Boone County Arts Council hosted a member get together on February 14th at the Brick Café. The “Hearts and Arts” event held on February 14 was very successful, drawing 70-75 members and their guests. The winners of the drawing for 3 prizes were: Homemade Valentine by Cathy Whitacare won by Lois Ramon, two sets of notecards created by Jan July won by MaryLou Poulter and by Joanne Wensky, and 2 tickets to Blue Thunder Music Boosters March 9th production of “Thunderstruck“ won by Mary Wainwright. It was reported that all chocolates were consumed!

Jan July also had several of her watercolors on exhibit at the Brick Café.



The 2 photos from the Hearts and Arts event were furnished by Alice Nelson.



Holiday Lights

The 2012 holiday light display was installed by Troy Yunk, who also modified and repainted the frames for the Arts Council. The lights were set up along the drive in front of the Baltic Mill this year.

Sculpture Book Donation

A copy of the book on the Babysitter sculpture was donated to the Arts Council by Jack and Peggy Wolf. Another new sculpture will be appearing soon in Boone County.

Student Art Awards



Miranda Maina, left, with instructor Edith Obenchain, is a Junior at Belvidere North High School. She was awarded a \$200 gift certificate to Dick Blick Art Supplies at the Marengo Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. Miranda entered a Photograph that was voted 2nd place by community members that attended the expo.

Jerrica Sawallisch, right, with instructor Troy Yunk, is a Senior at Belvidere North High School. She was awarded a 1st place for her computer art entry at the annual Rock Valley College Student Art Show. Over 350 pieces were entered in this years show from Rockford area High Schools.



German Band and Taste of Sister Cities Event

by Cathy Ward

Great food and catchy music performed by a visiting German band will highlight "A Taste of Sister Cities" on June 1, an event sponsored by The Sister Cities Association of Belvidere and the Boone County Arts Council.

French, German and American food, which will include appetizers and dessert, will be featured at this annual event, which will be held at the Community Building in Belvidere beginning at 5 p.m.

The 35-member German Band, which will be visiting Belvidere for a week, will also participate in Belvidere's annual Memorial Day parade on May 26.

The band, which visited a few years ago, hail from Belvidere's Sister City in Schweiberdingen, Germany.

Tickets for the event are \$20 for the dinner and concert. If guests want to attend only the concert, the cost is \$5. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

The Sister Cities program started in 1956 when President Eisenhower proposed a "people-to-people citizen diplomacy initiative."

Belvidere's group began in 1988 when it became a sister city of Schwieberdingen, a city of about 11,000 located in Bad-Wurtemberg state, about 10 miles from Stuttgart.

Vaux-le-Penil, France, also about 11,000 population, became Belvidere's second sister city in 1999. Vaux-le-Penis is on the Seine River about 45 miles south of Paris.

For two weeks this summer, four Boone County teens will travel to Europe and reside with a host family. Then later in the summer, teens from the two European cities will come to Belvidere to complete the exchange. In September, about 35 adults from France and Germany will visit the Belvidere area for about a week as part of the exchange.

"The Arts... Share The Vision"

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Watch for BCAC's new brochure: *Guide to Art in Belvidere in late Spring. It highlights sculpture, murals and buildings with brief descriptions and location map.*

**BOONE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL
2013 CONCERTS IN THE PARK SCHEDULE**

- June 9 Potts & Pans Steelband - Steel drum music
Baltic Mill Stage in Belvidere Park
6:30 P.M.
pottsandpanssteelband.org
Sponsor - Alpine Bank
- June 16 Small Potatoes - Traditional folk music
Baltic Mill Stage in Belvidere Park
6:30 P.M.
smallpotatoesmusic.com
Sponsor - Byron Bank
- June 23 Holmes Productions - Contemporary folk and rock music
Baltic Mill Stage in Belvidere Park
6:30 P.M.
Sponsor - Boone County Dental Study Club
- June 30 Dale Rhode and the Crossroads - Country music
Heritage Days at Doty Park before the fireworks
7:00 P.M.
Sponsor - Swedish American Hospital/Belvidere
- July 7 City of Rockford Pipe Band - Highland bagpipe music and dance
Baltic Mill Stage in Belvidere Park
6:30 P.M.
cityofrockfordpipeband.com
Sponsor - AARP/Illinois
- July 14 Starlite Radio - Folk, rock, pop, and soul music
Baltic Mill Stage in Belvidere Park
6:30 P.M.
starliteradio.com
Sponsor - Swedish American Foundation
- July 21 Saturday June Band - Classic and current rock music
Candlewick Lake Pavilion
6:30 P.M.
saturdayjune.com
Sponsor - Candlewick Lake Association and Poplar Grove State Bank

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