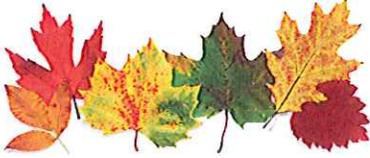


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Young Park sign on the corner of Cty Rd 38



Young Park dedication Plaque

FunFest 2015

With events to please everyone, and unseasonably warm autumn weather, 200 plus people gathered throughout the afternoon to enjoy FunFest 2015 at Baldwin's Young Park. Kermit and Margritte Young, for whom the park is named, donated the park's 80 acres in 2004 to the township to be used as a community gathering place for recreational and wildlife purposes and to be enjoyed by the citizens of Baldwin Township.

This year's festivities included a dedication of the park with a program and ribbon cutting ceremony with many of the Young family members in attendance. A plaque has been erected to honor the generous donation by Kermit Young to the Township of Baldwin.

The beautiful plaque and base for the decorative rocks were installed by David Patten, Deven Patten and Kenny Gustafson. Thank you for your commitment and dedication not only to Baldwin Township, but for the beatification of Young Park.

Sue Hix and Dean Kleinhans also planted beautiful native plants around the rock monument. The generous giving of your time is greatly appreciated.



Dedication and Ribbon Cutting

Like and Share our new Facebook Page

Baldwin Township Sherburne County Minnesota
Government Organization



Baldwin Township's 5th Annual Funfest is now history.

Saturday, September 19, 2015 was a beautiful late summer day with sunshine, breezes and lots of people at Young Park. We celebrated the donation of the 80 acres of park land, the placement of the park plaque that Kermit designed, and the official opening of the boardwalks on the walking trails. There were over 40 people from the Kermit and Margritte Young family who picnicked, reminisced, and celebrated. Adding to the festivities were residents, fire fighters, a face painter, food wagon, a honey and wood craftsman vendor, cookie-decorating, silent auction, maps presentation by the Planning Commission, a dunk tank (which was a favorite with town board and staff willing to be dunked), free popcorn, a basketball competition, tug-of-war, bouncy house, and hay rides. Entertainment was bluegrass music from Gerry Grider and Cristina Seaborn, and rock 'n roll music from the band "Platypus". Demonstrations were offered from Connexus Energy, Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, the Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation District, and a Fire Safety truck. A surprise visit from our County Commissioner Rachel Leonard definitely added to the enjoyment.

"THANK YOU" goes out to the Otto Bremer Foundation for funding the boardwalks, to all those who donated time and monies, and to the community for supporting the event!!! Which part of the funfest was your favorite? A difficult decision!!! In anyone's way of thinking, the funfest was another fantastic event at Young Park!

Article submitted by Judy Thorson



Playground Vandalism

Anyone with information concerning the vandalism to the Young Park playground, please contact the Sherburne County Sheriff at 763-765-3500 or the township office at 763-389-8931.

County Legacy Grant

The Township has formed a committee to discuss / investigate utilizing \$609,000 towards new township facilities.

Approved appointments at the October 5, 2015 regular township meeting were: Dylan Howard, Andy Schreder, Dale Hurni and Kimberly Good. Supervisor Brad Schumacher will be liaison to the town board.

A meeting is scheduled for the first part of November. Call the township for more details. The public is welcome to attend.

**Absolutely
No Overnight Parking
At Young Park**

**The Park Ordinance
will be enforced !**

Baldwin Volunteer Corps

We are a group of Baldwin citizens who are interested in serving our community. We sponsor the annual Baldwin FunFest as well as other civic activities.

If you would like to listen in, share ideas and be a part of our committee we meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Baldwin Town Hall.

Please contact the Town Hall for more information.



Many hours were put into the beautification of the Rain Garden at Young Park.

Thank you to Sue Hix, Dean Kleinhans and Judy and Mark Thorson.



Jim Oliver in his firefighter hat

Activities began at noon with games for the kids, hayrides, music, food, a silent auction, vendors and demonstrations. The Baldwin Planning Commission had a booth to talk about it's Comprehensive Plan, Connexus Energy put on a demonstration, the Sherburne County Soil and Water staff were present as well as representatives from the Sherburne County Wildlife Refuge.

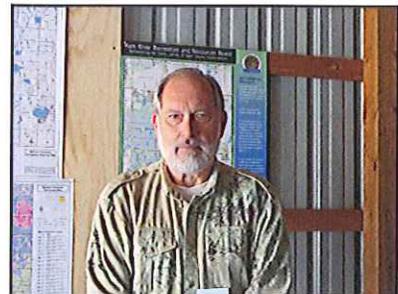
Many thanks go out to all those who helped make this event possible. If you are interested in being a part of a group of volunteers that is helping build a sense of community in Baldwin Township, please call or email the township office for more information.



Rock 'n Roll music by Platypus



The kids lined up for face painting



Commissioner Harris representing the Baldwin Planning Commission



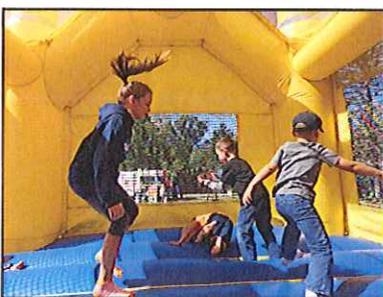
Baldwin Firefighters vs Baldwin Supervisors and Staff "Tug of War"



Supervisor Swanson in the Dunk Tank



Cookie Decoration is always fun for the kids



Having fun in the Bouncy House



Blue Grass music

Thank you to everyone who made the Baldwin FunFest 2015 a huge success.

- * Baldwin Maintenance Department * Baldwin Township Fire Department * Platypus * Gerry Grider & Cristin Seaborn *
- * Krisie Galligher, Carol Swanson, Judy Thorson and Elaine Philippi * Jon and Polly Smith * Marv's True Value * Connexus Energy *
- * Sherburne County Soil & Water * Baldwin Park Committee * Sherburne County Wildlife Refuge *
- Baldwin Township Planning Commissioners * Baldwin Township Volunteer Corps and Staff * Baldwin Township Supervisors *



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Unless otherwise noted, all meetings start at 7.00 p.m)

- October 5 Town Board Regular Meeting
- October 20 Town Board Regular Meeting
- October 28 Planning Commission Meeting
- November 2 Town Board Regular Meeting
- November 11 **VETERANS DAY** (Office Closed)
- November 17 Town Board Regular Meeting
- November 18 Planning Commission Meeting
- November 19 Park Committee Meeting
- November 26 **THANKSGIVING** (Office Closed)
- December 7 Town Board Regular Meeting
- December 15 Town Board Regular Meeting
- December 16 No Planning Commission Meeting
- December 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** (Office Closed)

LET'S GO GREEN!

To save money on paper and postage

If you send a message to
cheryl.dobson30239@gmail.com,
we will have your email address for the green
edition of the newsletter.



As we approach the heating season, the fire department would like to send out a friendly reminder to all households to check/replace batteries in your carbon monoxide detectors and smoke alarms. You may also want to consider replacing any alarms that are 3 years old or older.

Also, as we approach the snow season, please remember to keep the blue EMS address signs free of snow. Plow trucks can throw snow that sticks to the signs. The address signs only work when responders can read them.

Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness
(Rough Guidelines for New Clear Ice Only)

2" or less
STAY OFF!

4 Inches
Ice Fishing

5 Inches
Snowmobile or ATV

8-12 Inches
Cars or Small Pickup

12-15 Inches
Medium Truck

Department of Natural Resources

As the temperatures start to drop the lakes will start to freeze. Below are the minimum recommended ice thickness from the Minnesota DNR.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

Prairie Restorations, Inc.

Bringing people together with the land

Whether you're seeking to preserve or enhance an existing native landscape, or you're looking to restore what once existed in your area, Prairie Restorations, Inc. can help you create an authentic and ecologically-sound plan for your property. Going native can be an exciting process that can bring years of enjoyment and satisfaction. Prairie Restorations, Inc's Princeton headquarters includes administrative offices, seed production fields, flower plots, greenhouses, seed cleaning and retail operations.



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If you're a local business and would like to be featured in our next newsletter, please contact us.

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