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A page out of Belmore history

The top left photo shows Belmore as it was in the year 1910, with livestock including a pig on the main street. The hotel burned down in the year 1914, and Herd's store had the same fate in 1933. The top right photo shows Culross Street looking west, between 1908 and 1914. The photos were supplied by the Belmore Homecoming committee.

Celebrate a Community with Heart



1855 - 2005

Wednesday June 15
to Sunday June 19

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Come home to Belmore in 2005

Belmore is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2005, with its first-ever Homecoming.

The community has quite an interesting history, says event organizer Barry Mulvey. Looking at historical documents and news clippings, he said it's obvious Belmore was intended to be a bigger town. It's well laid out in a grid of lots and roads. At one point it had three hotels. But there was no river to provide power for running mills, and the railway never went through Belmore.

What the community lacks in size it makes up for in heart, evidenced by events such as the annual maple syrup festival.

Mulvey said Homecoming 2005 is an ambitious endeavour for a small community. Volunteers have stepped forward to help, and more - a good many more - will be needed as the event draws closer.

Homecoming festivities kick off on Feb. 18, at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. There'll be a dinner and dance, with music by Crippled Ducks. The Beard Growing registration will take place that evening.

The main festivities will take place Wednesday, June 15, to Sunday, June 19.

The official opening is on the Wednesday, with a variety concert and local dignitaries.

On Thursday there'll be ball games. Kyle Wright, who's organizing the sports side of the festivities, said a special feature on the Thursday will be the Under 19 Australian national champions. Chris Wright, who has played on the Canadian championship Elmira team, will play on Friday.

Saturday is the big day with a parade, ball hockey tournament, beef barbecue and a dance to Eddie and the Edsels on the arena floor.

On Sunday, a special event is Bridal Fashions from the Past, put on by the UCW and WMS, plus a chicken barbecue and closing ceremonies.

There'll be breakfasts, a golf tournament (Friday in Wingham), food booths, euchre tournament, youth dance, car show, horseshoe tournament and much more.

"It's our first go at a homecoming," said Mulvey. He invites anyone who'd like to help out to check the Homecoming website at www.Belmore2005.ca and contact any committee member listed. People of all ages are welcome, including young people. "We need everybody," said Mulvey. So far, about 150 volunteers are involved - pretty good for a community with a population of about 120.

Information is available on the website about registration prices and event admissions.

Funds from the Belmore Homecoming 2005 will be put toward replacing the arena roof.