



Deshler Daze was a great success

This year's weekend Deshler Daze celebration had a few new events adding to a fun filled family weekend. This year's weather was not as hot as last year but we did have to watch the storms that brewed in Thayer County, the Family Movie night held at the baseball field Friday evening was cut just a little short due to the lightning for the safety of the public but they are hoping to be able to due a movie night again. The Deshler Chamber served over 600 BBQ chicken dinners, with Trinity Youth Group Friedensau serving ice cream sundaes. Mike Berger held a cardboard boat building workshop at the Thayer County Activity Center for Saturday's boat race. This year there was a Beer Garden and music held Friday at the Fair Ground, sponsored by Fair Board. Live music was featured at the 4th Street Tavern for those not ready to go home for the evening.

Saturday June 17, was filled with family fun events. The one mile fun run began at 7:00 a.m., and was sponsored by the Deshler Double D Relay for Life team. Deshler Lions Club offered a free will donation Pancake Breakfast at the Deshler Public School to get your day started off on a full tummy.

Ikes fishing was held at Gabby Pond and enjoyed by all this year there were five albino catfish in the pond, with a special prize to the angler who caught the first one. Please see the Ikes tournament article for more information. The Chess tournament was held at Jennifer Reinke Public Library at 9:00 a.m. it was enjoyed by chess lovers of many ages. Matt Schoof Sand Volleyball tournament began at 9:30 a.m. and lasted throughout the day. Many other activities in the park included the free swimming, Bounce House and Balloon Twisting. At noon you could get a hamburger or hot-dog meal sponsored by the Deshler Community Fund. A few highlights of the day were the Deshler Volunteer Fire Department Rubber Duck race and the ever so famous card board/duct tape boat races held at the swimming pool. The races were directed and supervised by Shannon Le-Fave. The Alumni banquet began with social hour at 5:00 p.m. and dinner was at 6:00 p.m. 4th Street Tavern hosted a street dance to finish out the events on Saturday evening.

On Sunday June 18, the Willing Hands 4-H Club served a Father's Day pork chop dinner at the Activity Center that was attended

by about 165 diners. This year a Road Rally began at the Fairground with 22 entries. It was fun to see everyone try and figure it out the clues. Some they didn't make it out of town. For others it was their first time for a Road Rally, and they report they would do one again. Deshler Volunteer Fire Department held a hamburger meal to finish out the weekend of events.



Berdon Pedersen demonstrated the craft of broom winding during the Chicken Barbeque. His demonstration was enjoyed by young folks as well as some of our 'old timers' who remember jobs at Deshler's Broom Factory.