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Slice Of Life Part Of Sherman Days Event

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The cows were mooing around the pen but the chips were slow to fall at Cow Chip Bingo, one of the many popular activities at Sherman Days, which were held from July 31 to Aug. 2 this year.

Cow Chip Bingo is a game where participants buy squares on a grid, and the winner is determined by where a cow drops its waste. The Sherman grid had 100 squares, and chances cost \$10 each. The winner received half of the proceeds and the Sherman Days fund received the other half. "So, you might win up to \$500," said Village Clerk Jeanette Ramm.

There were two separate Cow Chip Bingo games on Saturday afternoon. The games were held at 1:00 and 3:00, but after 2:30, no chips had fallen on the grid.

An adult longhorn was originally placed in the pen, but was replaced by two calves in hopes of getting better results.

Sherman Days draws a large, enthusiastic crowd each year. Although it kicks off on Friday evening with two live bands, a bonfire and an alumni dinner at the school, the big event is the parade at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

The office of Grand Marshal of the parade was shared this year by Joyce Ayers and Larry Fardink. As she introduced them, Sherman Mayor Colleen Meeder said "As we honor and celebrate 250 years as a country, we also celebrate those who have dedicated their lives in service to this community. This year's two Grand Marshalls both



Joyce Ayers and Larry Fardink were the Grand Marshalls of the Sherman Days Parade.



Participants in Cow Chip Bingo during Sherman Days hope that their square will be the first.

exemplify service to this community."

Ayers served on the Mayville VFW for 50 years and as a Stanley Hose Auxiliary member for 36 years. She recently retired after 15 years as an assistant crossing guard for Sherman Central School.

Fardink has served 62 years with the Stanley Hose Company and is a member of the fire police.

The theme "250 Years of America" was carried out through the plethora of events that took place. Saturday began with a 5K run/walk at 8:30 a.m., followed by the parade, a chicken BBQ and basket raffles at the Stanley Hose Company. A Corn Hole Tournament was held at 1, a Duck Race took place at 2 and horse-drawn wagon rides were available from Noon to 4 p.m. at Edmunds Park.

Activities also took place at the Yorker Museum, where visitors could explore the historical buildings, listen to a dulcimer band, enjoy refreshments, and learn spinning and weaving techniques of an earlier age. Pony Rides were made available by Faith Haven Stables in front of the museum.

Sherman Days were to culminate with a car show/competition on Sunday. Participants hoped to win one of three trophies, handmade by Amanda Meeder, who co-owns and runs the Cooler Bar & Grill. However, the car show had to be cancelled because of predicted thunder storms.

Sherman Day Organizer Michelle Emory posted the cancellation on Facebook. "The decision was made with the safety of our participants, vendors, and spectators in mind," she said. "We appreciate everyone's understanding and hope to see you all at future events."