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Sherman Days Event Has Plenty Of Sweet Moments

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The first Saturday of August is known for the annual celebration of Sherman Days with the traditional parade, vendors, bounce houses, live music, chicken BBQ, and more.

The theme of this year's parade was Welcome to Candyland, but the event also included a solemn tribute to the 27 girls who died at Camp Mystic in Texas on July 4. Sponsored by Community Connections in Findley Lake, volunteers handed out Teddy Bears to children along the parade route, asking them to remember the young girls who lost their lives in the flood.

A highly anticipated addition to this year's parade was the special platform from which the masters of ceremony announced the progression of the parade. In former years, announcers for the parade simply stood on a trailer bed, which had no railings or steps. Sherman Mayor Colleen Meeder commented how much safer the platform is now.

The grand marshal for the parade was Sherman resident Bob Crane who has served as an EMT for 54 years and has been a member of the Stanley Hose Co. for 64 years. A tribute to Crane's service to the community was read as he passed the platform.

The tribute stated: "To our department and to the community, Bob was more than a responder — he was a symbol of dependability, calmness and compassion. He was, in every sense of the word, a security blanket for our town."

Another special event of Sherman Days 2025 was a ribbon cutting for a "Free Little Library" in Edmunds Park. This is an extension of Minerva Library and is part of the Eagle Scout project of Jasper Eschenbach and his family. The project also includes two benches and two additional flower boxes.

Sherman Days officially began on Friday, Aug. 1 with the alumni dinner in the school gymnasium. Saturday's events included a volleyball tournament in Edmund's Park, Candyland games on Miller Street, the duck race in Edmunds Park, cow chip bingo, activities at the Yorker Museum and horse-drawn wagon rides provided by Laff 'n' Lyon Ranch.

Sunday's events included a car cruise from noon until 4, and music filled the air throughout the weekend, provided by local bands.



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Horse-drawn wagon rides were provided by Laff-n-Lyon Ranch on Saturday.