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People the attraction at Field Day

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CLARKSBURG — Catching up on each others' lives is what folks did most Thursday at the annual Clarksburg Field Day.

"People is the biggest entertainment that there is here," said Bob Zurmehly, 73, of Frankfort. "If there wasn't nothing here for entertainment they'd still come."

But the field day does offer some old-fashioned recreation like horseshoe pitching and trap shooting.

That brings out fellas like Darrell Ellett, 69, of Chillicothe, and Pat Ginther, 70, of Kingston. They shoot. Then they talk. And it's safe to say they do more talking than shooting.

"I see people I haven't seen in a while," Ellett said, saying it gave him a chance this year to inquire about a friend's wife, who he heard had been in the hospital.

For Ginther, a retired farmer, the field day ground — a well kept pasture — off Ohio 138 is just a nice place to come and relax.

Clarksburg's Majorie Rosenberger and Erma Haddox were among those Thursday listening to

music supplied by the Adelphi Community Band.

"For one thing," Rosenberger said, "it gets you away from the house."

The field day can draw you all the way from your home in Florida, too. Just ask Glen Herman.

"I come here every year. I have family in the area," he said, standing by the bandstand with a tape recorder aimed at the Adelphi band's woodwind section. "I tape their music. I like the old-time band."

Ginther claims to have 15 or 20 tapes of the Adelphi band's music which he takes back to Florida for some easy listening during the winter months.

A piece of peanut butter pie is what Ora Swaney of Chillicothe likes to take home from the field day. She had her eye on some sweet corn this year, too.

Taking credit are members of the Clarksburg United Methodist Church who spend the day baking cakes, washing and slicing their fresh garden tomatoes, grilling hamburgers and frying fish.

Seeing neighbors and old friends even if it's from behind a food



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Adelphi Community Band member Ray Connett, 96, of Piketon tunes up his clarinet while talking to an old friend, Roy Rittinger, 87, who lives on Ohio 138 outside Clarksburg.

counter is important to Wood.

Rev. Harold T. Phillips of Chillicothe came to the festival for the first time last year.

"I came back because it's care-free, relaxing and restful. It's nice to get away from the city for a few hours," Phillips said.