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Clarksburg Field Day tradition continues

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CLARKSBURG — Taking a trip to the Clarksburg Field Day is like taking a trip back through time. The people, the styles, the equipment change, but the activities have gone on for years.

Trap shooting, horseshoe pitching, greased pole climbs, fish and chicken dinners — even the Adelphi band — the activities were right out of the early 1900's.

In fact, the Adelphi band could have played at the very first one, according to some people. In the more than 100-year-old band was an old-timer when the first field day was held in 1915.

"The Adelphi band is probably the only thing that's stuck through. It was probably at the first field day, likely," Francis McCollister said.

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OVER THE years, there have been farm machinery displays, tractor and garden tractor pulls, balloon ascensions, orations by politicians and evangelists, and the girls' softball games. Even Midwestern Hayride with Bonnie Lou was once a Field Day staple.

Thursday marked the 68th time, the residents of Clarksburg turned out for the Clarksburg United Methodist Church's big day. Now, said Philip Hurtt, of 2070 Brown's Chapel Road, Clarksburg, "People just come back to see people they used to see." According to church members, it is a community day, a homecoming of sorts.

"It's a reunion type thing, anymore," said McCollister, of 17917 Ohio 138, Clarksburg. "People

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