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It was a Grand Time at Gandy Dancer Days

Morning rain and cloudy skies couldn't dampen the festive spirit that spanned the three Gandy Dancer Days of music, food, fun, last weekend at the Webster Fairgrounds. From one end of Webster to the other, local folks and visitors numbering up to 2,000 celebrated the 24th annual event organized by the Webster Area Chamber of Commerce (WACC).

Thirty-eight teams comprised of 76 players competed for medals at the 1st Annual Gandy Dancer Days Pickleball Tournament, a new event this year, organized by Jim Cook of the Webster/Siren Pickleball Association. Winners and photos will be posted on the Webster Chamber website, *websterwisconsin.com* along with photos from all the various activities.

Kicking off the weekend – pun intended – were local cloggers showing off what Sheryl Baker taught them over the past year, augmented by dancers from her River City Cloggers. A robust crowd enjoyed brats, root beer floats and music by two duos and a band.

Other new events, in addition to the cloggers, included Cash Bingo and Kids' Bingo, hosted by the Siren/Webster Rotary Club. The grandstand was filled to capacity cheering on their favorite drivers at the car races staged by the Central Burnett County Fair Association.

Fourteen arts and crafts vendors provided opportunities for shopping in addition to flea markets, arts, bake sales and collectibles at the Senior Center, Log Home County Store, Northwest Passage Gallery and Emily's Luncheon.

"Organizations and businesses in the Webster Community stepped up to make this an incredibly successful event," said Bill Summer, WACC president. "We are so appreciative and proud of all the hard work, time, effort and financial support that made it possible. We look forward to celebrating 25 years of Gandy Dancer Days in 2023. See you there!"

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