

A little rain can't keep Delphos down. It rained before and during the Toast on Thursday and still, the Social Tent was packed, the illusionist was great and fun was had by all.

The sun rose on Friday and the day was beautiful until about 3 p.m. when the clouds and rain came. Boo, I say.

Even though the Friday's main event, the Battle of Businesses, was postponed to 6 p.m. today, the Social Tent was hoppin' in the evening and the band was great.

Today's schedule is packed with activities for all ages, including a pancake and sausage breakfast, bingo, the sidewalk art contest, Basket Bingo, the bake sale and art show at the bank, the ArtFest exhibit, the pet parade (one of my personal favorites), kiddie tractor pull, water ball, disc golf, tractor show, cruise-in and more. Whew! That's a lot.

I usually take a breather Saturday while I gear up for Sunday's events: the 5-K walk/run, parade and the Big Ticket Drawing.

Canal Days is a lot more than what you can do. It's also about who you see. It's great to find old friends and reminisce while enjoying a carnival atmosphere. New friends are also a possibility.

However it turns out, supporting Canal Days is supporting your community. Checks to various groups and charities around October are the evidence of all the hard work it takes to bring an event of this size together. A lot of organizations count on the festival's bottom line for theirs.

So while Mother Nature was a little stinker Thursday and Friday, today and Sunday promise to be perfect weather for a little fun, friends and celebrating Delphos.

Canal Days has been brought back to its former glory and far surpassed it. It seems to be the

place to be the third weekend in September. It is, after all, the last premier festival of the year right here in your front yard!

There's still time.

Editor's note: Many of you many have noticed a new message in the information underneath pictures. The Herald has a photo gallery of many local and area events at [www.delphosherald.com](http://www.delphosherald.com).

The newest additions are sports galleries. Miss the game or have a favorite player?

The Toast to the City photos are already up and the rest of this weekend's offerings will soon follow.

So visit the website, click on the photo gallery and have a look. You might be surprised on who you see; it might even be you!