

THANKS!

Standard's Customer Appreciation Day draws big crowd despite rain

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Another year, another Customer Appreciation Day, or as we like to refer to it – Banana Day – has come and gone. This fun day is a way for the *Southern Standard* to show our appreciation to the many loyal subscribers and readers.

Friday was the day, with the office lobby flooded with excited guests, enjoying complimentary banana splits and discounted subscriptions and visiting with friends and neighbors. It's estimated the *Standard* staff and volunteers served 650

splits during the 2 ½ hour time span.

Local 4-H Honor Club members Keyle Rhea, Aleah Davis, Megan Biles and Emily Pennington worked hard serving and greeting guests.

Due to inclement weather, including rain and wind, guests gathered under a tent in the parking area.

Faithful newspaper subscriber Ruth Ann Henry sat outdoors before the rain started and enjoyed her tasty treat. She said she enjoyed reading the paper, with the front page and the comics being her favorite parts.

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Southern Standard advertising designer Eric Alexander serves banana splits to Riverview Terrace residents, from left, Mary Damon, Earnestine Perry, Frances Garrison, Martha Roberts and Bill Spray.



Six-year-old Hayden Pennebaker borrowed an umbrella while he played in the rain while his grandmother took care of business inside.



Volunteers, from left, Aleah Davis and Megan Biles prepare to serve another tray of desserts to guests attending Customer Appreciation Day. The girls are members of the Warren County 4-H Honor Club.



Ruth Ann Henry has attended many Customer Appreciation Days, but says this year's banana split was one of the best ever.



A display of tasty treats is ready for the taking. Approximately 650 banana splits were served at the annual Banana Day.



Advertising representative Jack Eslick assists customer Diane Sullens during the hectic activities on Friday. Hundreds of guests stopped by the newspaper office for both work and fun.



Jerry Hester took a quick snack break before an afternoon rain storm hit the downtown area.