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Festival blooms again

Dogwoods celebrated in Pike

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Stella Howe has been working on the festival for a year, and the fruits of her labor are about to blossom.

Friday marks the start of the 24th annual Pike County Dogwood Festival. This year, there will be something new — tanning.

It's the craft of carving utensils and utility bowls out of wood, Howe, who is treasurer for the festival and in charge of arts and crafts, said.

Also this year, all the old-time crafts will be together in one section on Zebulon Street to make them easier to locate, she said.

The festival, which gets its name from more than 500 dogwood trees that were planted in Piketon about 25 years ago, will last through Sunday.

Activities include broom and apple butter making, an antique car show, spinning, fiddle and banjo contests and quilting.

Every year a dogwood quilt is raffled off for \$1.

"It's a beautiful quilt," Howe said. "Last year's went to Alaska."

Second prize in will be an afghan.

Festival-goers will see the lives of early Americans recreated in the small village, which was founded in 1814.

"I think we've got a real nice festival scheduled if the weather cooperates," Howe said.

Every year, a dogwood tree is dedicated. This year, one will be dedicated to Bristol Village, a retirement village in Waverly.

A grand parade will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. "We always have a big parade," Howe said.

Everything seems to be coming along nicely, except the dogwoods.

"The trees aren't in bloom. Maybe by the end of the week they'll come out more," she said.



Dogwoods blooms are beginning to pop out just in time for the Piketon Dogwood Festival.

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1994 Dogwood festival schedule

Thursday 6 p.m. — Presentation of Symbolic Dogwood, Village Green 7:30 p.m. — Rock Band, Middle Street Stage	Friday 4-6 p.m. — Music, Village Green 5:30-7:30 p.m. — Southern Variety, Middle Street Stage 7-9 p.m. — Salem Ridge Band, Grade School Stage 7-9 p.m. — Music, Village Green 8-10 p.m. — Hard Times F.O.P., Middle Street Stage	Saturday 6 a.m. — Cyclist Dogwood Tour, Piketon High School 10 a.m. — Five Mile Run, Piketon High School Noon to 2 p.m. — All Most Country, Middle Street Stage 12:30-2:30 p.m. — Shannon's Studio, Village Green 1 p.m. — Barnyard Horse Shoe Tourney, Grade School 2 p.m. — Children's Games, Grade School 2 p.m. — Kiddie Tractor Pull, Near Grade School Stage 2:30-4:30 p.m. — Dogwood Fiddlers Contest, Middle Street Stage 3 p.m. — Pie Eating Contest, Grade School Stage 4:30-6:30 p.m. — Rock Solid Stompers, Village Green 5-7 p.m. — Dick Steele, Grade School Stage 5-7 p.m. — Southern Variety, Middle Street Stage 7:30-9:30 p.m. — Last Time Out, R.W. Skeens, Village Green 8-10 p.m. — Bad Thing-Rock & Roll, Middle Street Stage	Grade School Stage 8-10 p.m. — Unlimited Tradition, Middle Street Stage Sunday 9 a.m.-Noon — Antique Car Show, Grade School Noon-2 p.m. — Gingers Dance, Flip & Twist, Middle Street 12:30-2:15 p.m. — Bobby Valentine Show, Grade School Stage 12:30 p.m. — Dallyville Freewill Baptist Church, Village Green 2:30 p.m. — Grand Parade 3:30-5:30 p.m. — Bobby Valentine Show, Grade School 4-6 p.m. — Adelphi Band, Village Green 4-6 p.m. — Dogwood Banjo Contest, Middle Street 4 p.m. — Drawing for Dogwood Quilt, Middle Street
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Information about the festival is available by calling Dogwood Inc., 289-2704.

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