

# Festival is in full bloom

## Piketon celebrating dogwoods

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Organizers estimate the 23rd annual Piketon Dogwood Festival will draw 30,000 visitors today through Sunday.

The festival is a homecoming for area residents and originated with the more than 500 dogwood trees planted 20 years ago. All events are free. Here are a few highlights:

### Today

6 p.m. — Presentation of the Symbolic Dogwood Tree, Village Green; followed by music of Major Young on Middle Street stage

### Friday

3 p.m. — Dick Steel Band, Village Green  
5:30 p.m. — Dick Steel Band, grade school  
6:30 p.m. — Ginger's Dance Group program, Middle Street stage

6:30 p.m. — Middle Branch Band, grade school  
7 p.m. — Teays Valley Cloggers Program, Village Green

8 p.m. — Dick Steel Band, Middle Street stage

### Saturday

8 a.m. — Dogwood Cyclist Tour, leaving from Piketon High School

11 a.m. — Dogwood Five-mile run, leaving from PHS  
11 a.m. — Dogwood Trail Ride, leaving from Pike County Fairgrounds

11:30 a.m. — Lonnie Burton Band, Village Green  
1 p.m. — World Champion Barnyard Horseshoe Tournament, grade school

1:30 p.m. — Chainsaw contest, Market and Second streets

2 p.m. — Children's games and kiddie tractor pull, grade school parking lot

2:30 p.m. — Fiddler's contest, Middle Street Stage

3 p.m. — Pie eating contest, grade school parking lot

4:30 p.m. — Teays Valley Cloggers Program, Village Green

5 p.m. — Dogwood Festival Basketball Free Throw contest, game park on Lucas Street

6 to 10 p.m. — Antique car show cruise-in, grade school

### Sunday

8 a.m. to noon — Antique car show, grade show

12:30 — Horse, pony and mule show, fairgrounds

1 p.m. — Grand parade through Piketon

2:30 p.m. — Adelphi Band, Village Green

3:30 p.m. — Bobby Valentine, grade school

4 p.m. — Festival Banjo Contest, Middle Street stage

4 p.m. — Festival quilt drawing, Middle Street stage



Dogwoods are blooming in Southern Ohio this week, just in time for the annual Piketon Dogwood Festival.

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