

Weather, pies make a mess at Dogwood Festival in Piketon

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PIKETON — The bad weather may have stopped some people from attending Saturday's Dogwood Festival, but it didn't stop the pie-eating contest.

"Thought for a minute we might not have the contest," said Hal Pixley, pie-eating contest coordinator.

Event workers went through the festival, recruiting contestants for the contest.

The event, sponsored by K&M Printing and Graphics and Tom Horton, ended up with seven eager participants.

After about five minutes, Samantha Gibson, of Waverly, was declared the winner, her face covered with banana cream pie. Her brother, David, won third place,

Today's events

■ **Noon to 1:30 p.m.:** Willow Creek Band at the Middle Street stage.

■ **Noon to 2 p.m.:** Quarter After Eight at the grade school stage.

■ **2:30 p.m.:** Grand parade through village streets.

■ **3:15 p.m.:** Adelphi Band at the Middle Street stage.

■ **4 p.m.:** Drawings for the Dogwood Quilt, Dogwood Basket and the Dogwood Banjo Contest, all at the Middle Street stage.

(All events are weather permitting. To find out an event's status, call the Dogwood Festival headquarters at (740) 289-2704.

and Amanda Page won second.

Participants entered for different reasons.

"I was hungry," David said.

Samantha, Page and David won Wal-Mart giftcards for \$25, \$15, and \$10.

Depending on today's weather some of the events, such as the Grande Parade may be cancelled,

said Theresa Parmeter, festival coordinator.

The Pike County Dogwood Car Show has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 1. Registration will be from 9 to 11 a.m., and the awards will be given out.

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