

Clowns, queens and crafts make for weekend full of activity and socializing

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PIKETON — With what looks to be a sunny, warm weekend coming up, Pikeon leaders are urging southern Ohioans to visit the village for the Pike County Dogwood Festival in the next few days.

"It's pretty much traditional," said Theresa Parmeter, coordinator of the festival. "We always like to say there's lots of family fun and entertainment."

At the opening ceremony at 6 p.m. today, the Dogwood Festival queen will be crowned. This year's candidates are Bridget Lynnette Allen, a Waverly High School senior; Rebecca Hamilton, a Waverly High School junior; and Chymna Lin Hyland, a Pikeon High School junior.

This year's selected grand marshal, Robert Trainer, also will be formally introduced.

"He has had many years of service to Pike County," said Parmeter. "He was the owner and operator of Trainer Jeweler in Waverly, which is now Dixon's Jewelers."

Trainer was a county commissioner for 12 years, Waverly City Council member for 13 years and a trustee for Evergreen Cemetery for more than 50 years.

The county residents are part of the festival's fun, as it offers an opportunity for socializing, said Trainer.

"Come by, walk around and you're bound to run into some neighbors and friends," said Mayor Billy Spencer. "Everybody should come down and check out Pikeon."

Besides good conversation, the festival offers entertainment.

"There's something for everyone to do at the Dogwood," Parmeter said. "We have the vendors and the crafters for people to come out and see crafts being made and sold."

New crafts will be featured this year, said Spencer.

"We're trying to get back into more crafts," he said, noting many visitors enjoy that aspect of the festival.

Other entertainment includes music. This year's fiddle and banjo contests are on the same night, back to back, rather than the usual two-night split.

The festival's grand parade, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, will feature the main Shriners group from Columbus,



Today

- 6 p.m. — Opening ceremony on the Village Green
- 7:30 p.m. — Davenport and a D.J. on Middle Street

Friday, April 27

- 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. — Bobby Jo's Cloggers on the Village Green
- 5 p.m. — Pike's Past slide presentation, past scenes from Dogwood Festivals, by Jim Henry at the Dogwood Headquarters
- 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. — Stone Johnson, blues and rock, on Middle Street
- 6 p.m. — Mark Wood Fun Show on the Village Green
- 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. — Registration for Dogwood Star Karaoke Contest on the Middle Street Stage
- 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. — Mark Lewis and Dan Daly on the Village Green
- 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. — Dogwood Star Karaoke Contest on Middle Street

Saturday, April 28

- 7 a.m. — Registration for 5K Run at Pikeon High School
- 8 a.m. — 5K Run at Pikeon High School
- 8 a.m. — Cyclist Dogwood Tour at Pikeon High School
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Trail Ride at 230 W. Second St. (farm behind Pikeon High School)
- 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. — Registration for corn hole tournament at the administration building
- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Mike Boyle and friends, country and rock, at the Village Green
- Noon — Corn hole tournament
- Noon to 2 p.m. — Mothman, '60s and '70s, on the Middle Street stage
- 1 p.m. — Chainsaw contest on Main Street by the funeral home
- 1 p.m. — Pie-eating contest on the Village Green
- 1 p.m. — Pike's Past slide presentation, a trip around Pike County, by Jim Henry at the Dogwood headquarters
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. — Bobby Jo's Cloggers on the Village Green
- 2:30 p.m. — Fiddle contest on Middle Street
- 3:30 p.m. — Banjo contest on Middle Street
- 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. — Uptown bluegrass on Middle Street
- 4:30 p.m. — Arm-wrestling tournament on the Village Green
- 8 p.m. — Dogwood Star Karaoke Finals on Middle Street

Sunday, April 29

- 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. — Car show registration at the administration building
- Noon to 1 p.m. — Car show judging at the administration building
- Noon to 1:30 p.m. — Poverty String Band on Middle Street
- 1 p.m. — Bob Howland, gospel, on the Village Green
- 1:30 p.m. — Car show awards presented at the administration building
- 2:30 p.m. — Grand parade on the village streets
- 3:30 p.m. — Adelphi Band on Middle Street
- 4 p.m. — Drawing for Dogwood quilt on Middle Street
- 4:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. — Dick Steele on Middle Street

which will bring its clown unit, as well as its marching band.

"It's the first big festival in the area, and the weather is supposed to be good," she said. "It's good for families

to just come out and enjoy everything."
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