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# Dogwood Festival hits right combination

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PIKETON — The fourth annual Dogwood Festival recorded an outstanding weekend from the standpoint of crowds, weather, flowering forests and festival offerings.

It was estimated by veteran crowd-counters that approximately 15,000 lined the routes of march for the Sunday afternoon parade. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. (Tod) Patterson of Piketon, lifelong Pike Countians, and grand marshals for the event, were attended by John Brodess and Maggie Zimmerman, grand marshals in two previous years.

The two-mile-long procession, led by American Legionnaires from Piketon and Waverly, featured the Piketon and Waverly High School Bands, the Waverly Junior Band and the Adelphi Band, antique automobiles — with two which survived the Xenia tornado drawing hearty applause, the mini-motorized Portsmouth Shrine Club, the Southern Ohio Corvette Club, floats, horsedrawn vehicles, Girl and Boy Scouts, the Beaver and Piketon Fire Departments, county Emergency Medical Services units, mounted units and two drill teams.

The Jasper Belles 4-H Club float was judged best local entry in the parade and David McCann's pony-drawn buckboard copped the best horsedrawn entry trophy. One of the mounted units, the Levis and Lace 4-H Club, "attacked" the village several times during the weekend in the guise of Confederate Gen. John Hunt Morgan's Raiders.

Climax to the weekend event was the formal dedication of that section of the Old Village of Piketon designated as an historic district of the National Register. Mrs. Richard Rankin of Washington C.H., South Central Ohio Preservation Society (SCOPS) president, introduced preservation and Ohio Arts Council dignitaries. SCOPS recognition awards were presented to Piketonians by Mrs. Joseph V. Vanmeter.

Mrs. Anne Grimes of Granville, folksinger-dulcimer performer, regaled the audience of 150 in the Piketon United Methodist Church with tunes she had collected through the years in Pike County and its environs.

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