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Pickens Jubilee coming soon

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PENDLETON — The 32nd Annual Historic Pendleton Spring Jubilee will showcase entertainment, arts and crafts, and food with a touch of Carolina history.

The annual event, which will be held this Saturday and Sunday at the Village Green in Pendleton, is a tradition for many Upstate families and attracts thousands of visitors, said Jo McConnell, tours and events coordinator for the Pendleton District Commission.

Events will begin Saturday at 8 a.m. with the 19th Annual Jubilee Joy Ride's 28 and 62.5 mile (100 km) bicycle rides through the surrounding countryside.

The bike rides will take-off at the Pendleton District Agricultural Museum off U.S. 76 across from Tri-County Technical College.

From 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday, activities will be centered at the Village Green with juried arts and crafts booths, live entertainment and food.

Artisans will be on hand to provide art, jewelry, baskets, pottery, stained glass and many one-of-a-kind items for sale.

Entertainment includes bluegrass, gospel, jazz and soul music, magic and Cravin' Melon acoustics.

Kids of all ages will enjoy the "Scrap Exchange" where they can create items to take home, free of charge from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shape Note Singers will perform 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the nearby St. Paul's Episcopal Church, on East Queen Street.

Two historic homes, Ashtabula and Woodburn Plantations, will open for tours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Both charge a fee for future restoration and maintenance.

In the evening from 5 to 9:30 p.m., Tri-County Technical College presents Bluegrass Under the Stars, a free concert in the college amphitheater followed by a fireworks extravaganza.

The bands in order of appearance include Legacy Drive, Tugalo Holler, New Dixie Storm and Honi, Deaton and Dream, said Rebecca Eidson, a college spokeswoman.

The event will move indoors to the student center in the event of rain, Eidson said. Food and beverages will be available for sale.

This will be the fourth year the college has held the event that has drawn as many as 2,000 people in the past, Eidson said.

Funding is provided by numerous community sponsors. This year's champion sponsor is Sandvik/Valinite, Eidson said.

On Sunday, the Jubilee continues on the Village Green from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m., and Ashtabula and Woodburn will welcome visitors from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Blue Ridge Art Center will offer children a chance to show their creativity to "Make It and Take It" with them, free of charge.

The Sunday entertainment lineup includes bluegrass, original folk songs, country music and the Anderson Senior Follies.

For further information, contact the Pendleton District Commission at 864-646-3782, visit@pendletondistrict.org. or www.pendletondistrict.org/jubilee.