

Arts and crafts fest will be held on courthouse lawn Friday, Saturday

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MILLERSBURG — The courthouse lawn will host the talents of more than a dozen artists and craftspeople over the Antique Festival weekend.

According to arts and crafts coordinator Janet Flickinger, artisans scheduled for the arts and crafts show will offer for sale everything from stained glass, handcrafted wood and painted wood items, homemade quilts, candles, pottery and more.

"This year, we have new crafters coming to the Antique Festival for the first time," Flickinger said. "We are bringing in different items than have been offered in previous years."

Artisans from all over Ohio will be represented, Flickinger said. Among two of the new artists are Catherine and Jerry Clayton, of J.C. Woodworking, Sidney, which features handmade wood items, and Marie Stief, offering such wood items as wood benches from reclaimed barn siding, handcrafted night lights and potpourri. A favorite seller of Stief's is a Buckeyes solar light post featuring Buck's mascot Brutus,

crafted from landscaping posts.

The Claytons will be bringing furniture reproductions and small wood items, many of them decorated in the tole style by Catherine.

"We will be bringing a cedar chest and two small cabinets that Jerry has built, inspired by antiques, as well as many small wood items such as picture frames," Catherine said. "I'll be bringing along small wood boxes I've decorated by hand, many of them in a Christmas holiday theme."

A favorite of the Claytons are decorated stepping stools for youngsters, painted and crafted to last a lifetime.

The arts and crafts show will open at 10 a.m. Saturday and close at 6 p.m. Hours for Sunday are 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

A weekend gallery titled "Barns of Holmes County" featuring photographs by Mariah Mumaw and prints by David Ernst will also be open at 28 S. Clay St., across from the old jail through the festival weekend. The gallery will be open for the same hours as the arts and crafts show, with an open house Friday from 7-9 p.m.

Parade

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the day of the event. However, all participants must be lined up by 1 p.m. because getting everything for what Mirich said is "probably the longest parade in Holmes County" is more than a chore.

But, Mirich said he attributes the parade's success to great help from volunteer Shane Snyder and many employees of Killbuck Savings Bank, where Mirich works. "There are a lot of people from the bank, and any more they know I'm going to ask them to help."

For Carrie Morrison, the parade was the perfect vehicle for promoting Relay for Life, which in eight years in Holmes County has raised more than \$700,000.

"Everybody goes to the Antique Festi-

val parade," she said, adding, "We wanted to do more with cancer survivors."

Survivors of cancer, particularly breast cancer because October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, will ride on the group's hay wagon and walk along, distributing goodies — bracelets, shirts and candy — and educational information to spectators.

"It's a good way to get our name out there and let people know when the event's going to be and get rid of our stock (of giveaways)," she said, adding, "I think of it as a way to thank everyone in the community. People have really stepped up to the plate."

To avoid traffic, Mirich encourages even spectators to plan on arriving in town by 1:30 p.m.

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