

Whitesbog celebrates twenty years of its Blueberry Festival

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PEMBERTON TWP.- Buzzing like bees on the ground, over 4500 people attended the 20th annual Whitesbog Blueberry Festival. The parking lots were at a distance and shuttle buses transferred partici-

pants to and from the festival site. There were educational bus and walking tours of the plantation in conjunction with tours of individual homes and structures.

Nestled at the center of the days' activity was the Whitesbog general store,

where an official U. S. Post Office was open for post cards and letter mailing from the historic site. Postmaster for the day Donald Cooper, Browns Mills, hand canceled each article with an official Whitesbog Post Office stamp. In the background were sounds of

the hit-and-miss antique engines creating a 1930's atmosphere for the rope making, log cutting and multiple arts-and-craft vendors during this event, which took place on Saturday, June 28.

Perching the atmosphere was the music of mu-

sician and songwriter David Orleans. The four piece bluegrass band, "ome Cooking," also complement the afternoon events with melodies for basic country enjoyment.

There was plenty of food to enjoy, even a pie eating contest for the

youngsters to indulge in. The results were not like the movie "Stand By Me," however there was a serious sense of pride as a wide smile evolved on the winner, eleven-year-old Ryan Murphy, for his ability to gobble down the pie fast-

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