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Whitesbog planning an event to pick

About 5,000 come each year to village's blueberry festival

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When about 5,000 come to historic Whitesbog Village June 24, they'll have the chance to meet the woman who 90 years ago cultivated the first commercially viable blueberry — sort of.

At least, they'll be able to meet a reasonable facsimile, as Stephanie Shrader takes on the persona of Elizabeth Coleman White, daughter of Whitesbog founder J.J. White and “blueberry queen” to the Whitesbog community.

“Elizabeth White’s nephew commented that the first time he saw Stephanie, he thought she looked amazingly like his aunt,” said Whitesbog trustee Theresa E. Jacks.

That presentation and dozens of other attractions will be key to the 23rd annual Whitesbog Blueberry Festival, which starts at 10 a.m.



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Attendees of last year's Blueberry Festival bought up plenty of blueberry-themed goods.

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