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Cherry Blossom Festival Begins A Week Later In 2008

Macon, GA---Mark your calendars for the **2008** Cherry Blossom Festival taking place **March 28th through April 6th**. **Remember, these dates are a week later due to the Easter Holiday falling during the third week of March so make your plans accordingly.** “In 2005 when Easter occurred during the festival, we experienced a decrease in attendance from the out of town visitors and from local residents. We realize that Easter is a time many want to spend with family at their home churches” said President and CEO Wright Tilley.

There have also been some questions regarding the birthday celebration in honor of Mr. Fickling which Tilley provided insight, “Several people have asked about the 2008 festival not including the date of Mr. Fickling’s birthday. I want to let everyone know that we will have our traditional Founders Day celebration, to honor William A. Fickling and Carolyn Crayton, during the 2008 festival and it will continue to include free birthday cake, Dairyland cherry ice cream, and Coca-Cola.”

Planning is underway for the 10 day Central Georgia Celebration with organizers bringing back annual favorites and adding exciting new changes.

The first event to kick off the 26th annual festival will be November 17th when the festival will crown the royalty who will serve as ambassadors during the week of pink. The Little Mr. and Miss pageant will take place the morning of the 17th at the Douglass Theatre. All children ages 4-6 who have not yet entered the 1st grade are eligible to enter by November 9th. That evening at Porter auditorium on the campus of Wesleyan college the Queen and Princesses will be selected. All high school senior girls in Central Georgia are encouraged to apply by September 6th.

For more information on these events, or to volunteer for the 26th annual Cherry Blossom Festival, please call 478-751-7429.