

Whitestown
Pioneer Days
1971

While In Whitestown For
PIONEER DAYS
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The Whitestown United Methodist Church
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We Will Also Have A Large

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Sat., Sept. 11 9 to 9

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Whitestown To 'Turn Back Clocks' For Pioneer Day Celebration

Plans and preparations have reached a peak as townspeople of Whitestown eagerly await this coming weekend — the Whitestown Pioneer Days. Homes, businesses and churches are buzzing with activities while attics, basements, garages are being searched for old-time relics and sewing machines whizzing as costumes of yesteryear are created and trunks are searched for other outfits. Beards are being groomed to perfection, bikes are being decorated, the town is taking on a new look as anticipation mounts.

The Pioneer Days will start Saturday at 11 a.m. with an American Legion Parade with contestants passing in review for judging of various entries from best-dressed to best beards. Judging the contests and planning to speak briefly are Congressman John Myers, Republican, Mrs. Mark Aikens, State Auditor, Democrat, and Sigmund Myers, GOP Mayor candidate, who will be among many dignitaries expected

for the two-day celebration. Senator Keith C. McCormick will be emcee for the show at the reviewing stand.

Participating in the parade, to start at the Lions Club Park and proceed up Main street through town, to Laughner street, west to Buck street and north into the ball park, will be the floats by American Legion, Whitestown Community Center, Methodist Youth, Indiana State Tourism, Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Zip Code and Odd Fellows.

Also there will be the Shrine Motorcycle Patrol, Lebanon High School Band, Lebanon Veterans of Foreign Wars Color Guard, Whitestown American Legion Color Guard, Whitestown Legion Auxiliary color guard, Lebanon 40 et 8 calliope, Musket shooters, plus clowns, horses and covered wagons and Salena Studle and her chuck wagon. First place will be awarded a trophy and five-runner up ribbons will be distributed. Satur-

day's agenda also includes: Horse Show, Lions Park, 12:30 p.m.; Greased Pig contest, ball park, 2 p.m.; Sack Race, Main Street, 3:30 p.m.; Frog Jumping contest, Main street, 4:30 p.m.

On Sunday's schedule will be a Community Church Service and old-fashioned gospel sing at Lions Park beginning at 11 a.m.; bicycle and tricycle decorating contests, Main Street, 1 p.m.; Rooster Crowing contest, Main Street, 2 p.m. Tractor Pull, Lions Park, 2 p.m. Hay Stack Hunt for children six and under at Lions Park, 5 p.m.; Watermelon Eating Contest, Main Street, 6 p.m. There are nominal fees for some of the contests.

Both days, there will be an antique flea market and town history display, plus carnival booths and lots of food. Also a Navy missile will be on exhibit.

In addition there will be a Street

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Dance Saturday night.

The Community Center officials, Mrs. John Lindley, Mrs. Richard West and Mrs. Don Clark, who have been instrumental in steering the celebration, the first of its kind, say if it is successful, it will become an annual affair and offered thanks to the townspeople for their cooperation.

Historical data has been compiled into a book, which will be offered and town historian, Ernest Jones, will speak at the parade.

To appear for the dance are a youth group from Lebanon including Michael Pipes, Mike Anderson, John Vanausdal and Bill Hays, playing guitars and drums.

Pastors from the community will

participate in the Sunday morning worship services.

Also, both days, a horseshoe tournament will be staged at the Lions Park.

The flea market is to be in the former high school building and women of the United Methodist church will have a lunch stand there both days. They also will have a historical display and feature a Saturday bazaar in the church.

The ladies of St. Mark's Lutheran church at noon Saturday will serve corn bread and beans, sandwiches and other foods. Saturday evening's dinner menu includes chicken barbecue or ham. Food at the Lions Park will be available both days.



*Modern
Pioneers*

Among those digging into trunks, attics and creating costumes for this weekend's Whitestown Pioneer Days are these modern-day "settlers." Stuart Williams and Beverly West show what the small "fry" will be wearing while Robert Williams, Mrs. Robert Williams and Mrs. James Smithes model attire of the older generation and also show relics of the past.

(Reporter Photo)

—Editorial Page—

Our Opinions

Visit Whitestown Saturday

“Esprit de corps” could well describe Whitestown for it and her people have a singleness of heart and adherence to duty. Whitestown was originally called Germantown and it is not known when the name was changed but the old timers there are frank in admitting it came following an incident with racial overtones.

This Saturday, Whitestown is celebrating its 120th anniversary.

That’s a right, smart time for any institution to stay alive and healthy.

When the railroad came through the property of Abram Neese in 1851, the town began to mold. It early depended on millwork for employment and came to be recognized for the dependable products manufactured there.

The history of Whitestown could not be mentioned without a reminder of such men as Clyde Laughner, an official weather observer there for more than 50 years.

A colorful history was written at Whitestown High School too where many a scholar and basketball player got his start.

Tomorrow is set aside to honor Whitestown and its 120 years of existence. It is typical Americana replete with Founders Day parade, review stand, and events for the young. There is nothing phony about Whitestown and its observance . . . it does not pretend to compete with the big Indy celebrations and spectacles of Pasadena. But what Whitestown offers is built and planned and carried through by its own town folk—those same people who work hard for their community, rear some mighty fine youngsters and support their local, state and national government.

Those who truly revere small town America . . . who really feel that the salvation of the country rests with a return to the earth of old . . . who enjoy capturing history in ceremonial fashion, should plan to attend the Founder’s Day rites tomorrow in Whitestown.

Our salute goes to the people of Worth Township, where Whitestown is its hub.



Pioneers

WHITESTOWN, Ind. — This Boone County community is gearing up for its Pioneer Days celebration tomorrow and Sunday. At top, Whitestown Marshal Donald Sorter holds pictures taken in 1909 of the Whitestown band and pupils at Whitestown school. Rehearsing for the celebration at right are Stuart Williams, 2; Beverly West, 4; Mrs. James Smithes (left) and Mrs. Robert Williams. — The NEWS Photos, George Tilford.



Whitestown

Residents

Claim Name

From Natives

Organizers of the Whitestown celebration which was held today and tonight, took exception with an editorial published in yesterday's Lebanon Reporter.

The editorial referred to history accounts of how Whitestown got its name saying oldtimers report that the change from Germantown to Whitestown came following a racial incident.

Mrs. John Lindley, one of the coordinators of the Founders Day program today said she had been receiving calls since the editorial appeared and was concerned that there may be implications. She claimed that she had assisted in compiling a history of the town and learned that it was re-named "White." She said the president of the railroad was also named White.

Mrs. Lindley said she did not know of any hostile racial feelings which exist in the community. Other calls today also disputed any claim that Whitestown got its name from racial problems. "Lem White was credited with laying out the town and many believe it was either him or a Congressman named White for whom the town was named," said a caller who did not wish to be identified. "We could have trouble over such a thing," she insisted, saying she was of pioneer stock and one of the older residents of Whitestown.

'They Danced All Night'

At Whitestown Celebration



NEIGHBORLY DEEDS IS A WINNER
Methodist Youth Fellowship Has Prize Float As
Everybody Pitches In To Build A Log Cabin

The roaring boom of old-time flint guns shattered the cool, crisp autumn air Saturday as Whitestown staged its first Pioneer Days, scheduled to become an annual event due to the tremendous success of this weekend's affair.

The Community was literally bursting out at the seams as the two-day celebration was launched with a parade Saturday morning and the crowds kept getting larger as activities continued with the street dance being one of the most popular attractions, crowds staying until 3 a.m. Sunday.

Miss Barbara Hightower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hightower and a senior at Lebanon High School, was the Pioneer Lassie, but due to an illness, the first runner-up reigned for most of the activities. She was Miss Ila Beck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beck and also an LHS Student. Also in the Queen's court were Miss Carolyn Dizenberger and Vicki Weaver, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dizenberger and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weaver.

Serving as escorts were four Pioneer Laddies — Dwayne Eilar, Mike Lamar, Dennis Burtner and Rick Gramlin.

And it was Dwayne Eilar and his family who provided one of the biggest treats and attractions of the 120th anniversary celebration. Dwayne, who is an LHS student and also going to chef's school, made and furnished a four-foot by six-foot cake resembling a covered wagon. This was served along with free punch to the hundreds at the street dance, who truly danced all night first to the music of a young combo from Lebanon and then to the strains of waltzes, hoedowns and other tunes by "The Strings and Things," a musical group from the Whitestown area.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship captured the trophy for the best float, which exemplified "Community Togetherness," as neighbor helped neighbor in building a log cabin.

Second place went to the classy Lebanon High School Band; third place winner was the Odd Fellows float, which had a religious theme; fourth, Uncle Sam portrayed by True Waggoner of Whitestown; and fifth, the Post Office Mr. Zip Code, submitted by Postmaster Leathel Beckham.

The old-fashioned outdoor morning worship was a huge success with the gospel singing being a real show stopper.

However, all was not pages out of the past, for a modern helicopter offered rides to celebrants.

The prizes for best dressed went to Jim Kaylor, a member of the Musket troupe from Frankfort, for the men;

Mrs. John Pipes, for the women; Selena Studle, young girls, and Rick Hammerle young boys. The winning family in costumes was the Kenny Hulley's.

Donald Sortor, Jr., sported the best beard.

All organizational booths and exhibits were well received and the 300 copies of the history of Whitestown went like "hot cakes" and a reprint is scheduled.



PIONEER DAYS LASSIE
Barbara Hightower Reigns Over
Whitestown 120th Anniversary
Celebration with her escort, Mike Lamar