

Whitestown
Pioneer Days
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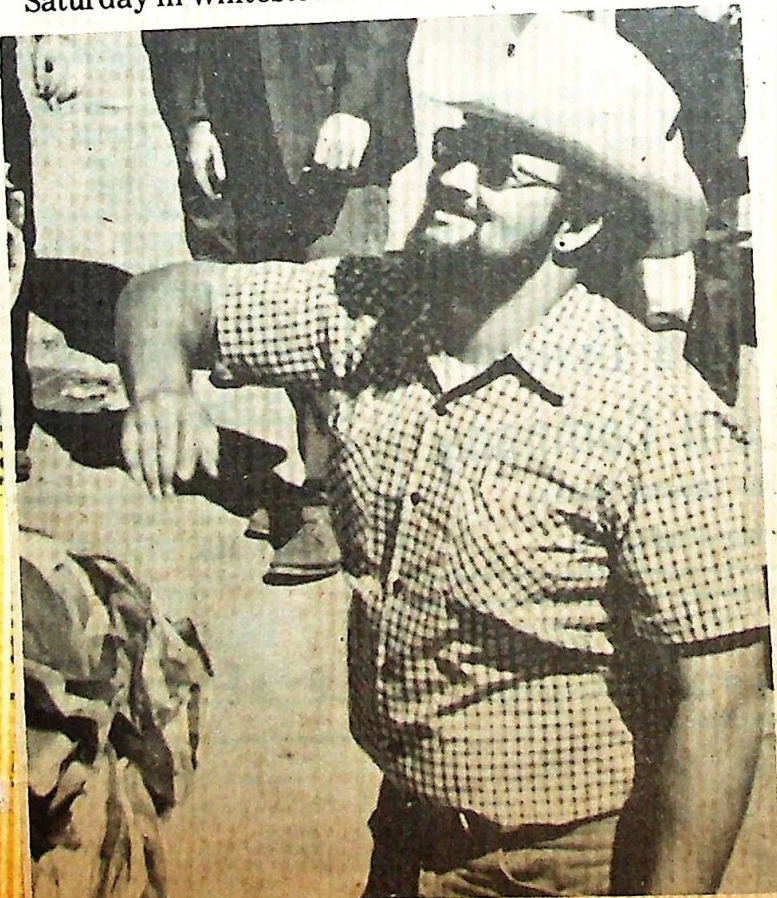


ZHS TAKES FIRST — Zionsville High School's Eaglettes led the ZHS band that won first place in the Pioneer Days parade band contest Saturday in Whitestown.



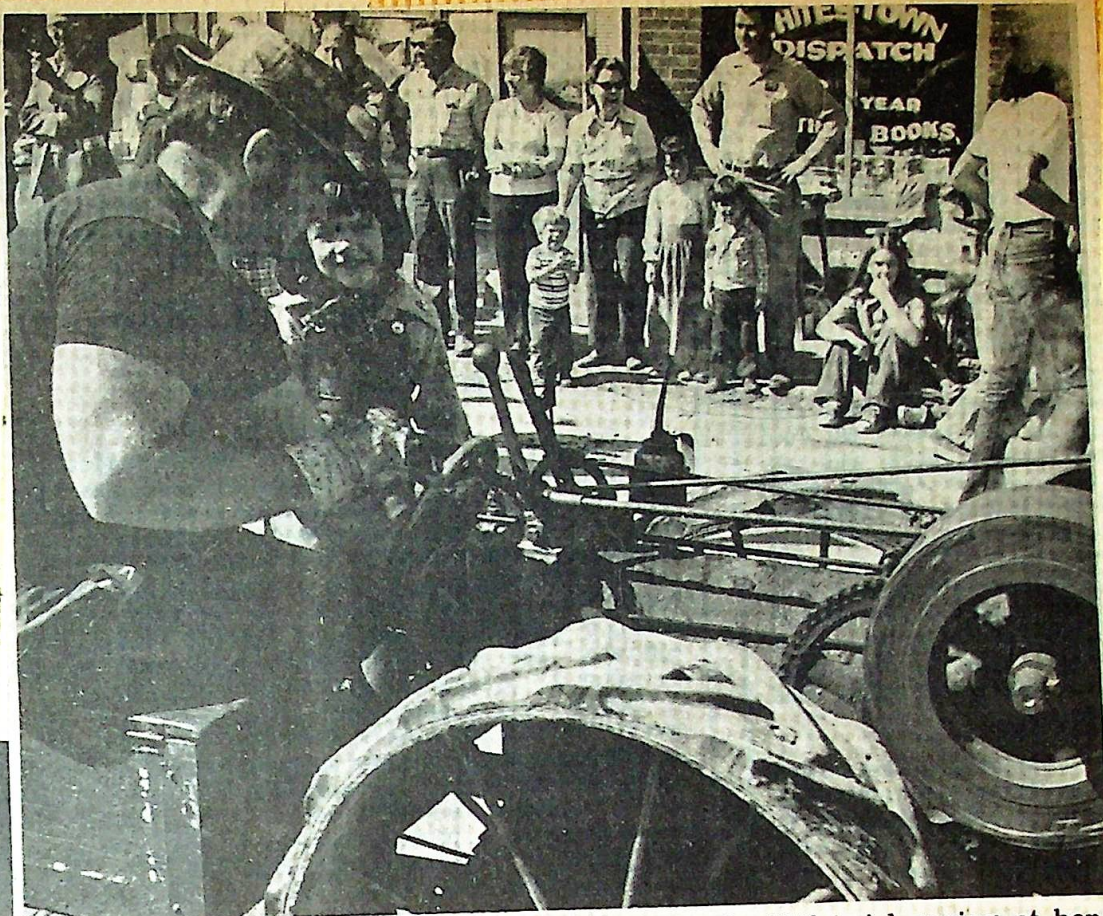
SENIOR CITIZENS WINNER — Mrs. Stella Kertz won Sunday's Pioneer Days senior citizens' costume contest with this 102-year-old dress. The dress has already won five awards in Pioneer Days competition.

(Reporter Photo)



For the second year in a row Larry Houch of Whitestown won the trophy for the Best Beard at Whitestown Pioneer Days.

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PIONEER DAYS PARADE — This steam tractor was one of the units in Saturday's Whitestown Pioneer Days parade. The little girl gazing at her father evidently enjoyed every minute of the ride. (Reporter Photo)



Anna Spivey wore an authentic dress and bonnet to win the Best Pioneer Costume in the Whitestown weekend event.

(Reporter Photo)

Whitestown Readies For 'Population Explosion'

A population explosion is expected this weekend in Whitestown which is gearing for its fourth annual Pioneer Days featuring everything from Main Street dance, parade to outdoor community worship.

'Tonight is the Teen Dance on Main Street, starting at 8 o'clock. Rides also will open.

Saturday will be kicked off with a parade at 10:30 a.m. followed by awards for Best Dressed Pioneer, Best Beard, Antique Awards and presentation of Lassie and Laddie Barbara Beck and John Lindley.

Thunderchicken, skydiving clown, will jump at the Ball Park at 1:30 and 4 p.m. and other attractions are Husband and Hog Calling Contests — 2:30 p.m.; Rooster Crowing Contest — 3 p.m.; Bike and Trike Decorating Contest — 3:30 p.m.; Sack Race — 5 p.m.; Egg Toss — 7:30 p.m. and the day climaxed with a Main Street dance for everybody at 8 p.m.

Sunday will start with community church service at the Park — 11:30 a.m.; Senior Citizens Beauty Contest (entrants in costumre) — 12:15 p.m.;

Thunderchicken jumping at 1:30 and 4 p.m.; Tractor Pull — 1:30 p.m.; Hay Stack Hunt — 2 p.m.; Variety Show — 2:30 p.m. afghan presentation 4 p.m.; Watermelon Eating Contest — 5 p.m.

Serving of lunches and dinners, booths of all kinds, historical displays are also on tap.

A WHITESTOWN WELCOME IN ORDER

The nice folks over Whitestown way are again holding their annual Pioneer Days and we would hope that all residents of the area plan to attend if possible.

Too often smaller communities in the nation give up, rest dormant and content themselves with the idea that it is impossible to create any excitement or draw attention to their town.

Not so Whitestown.

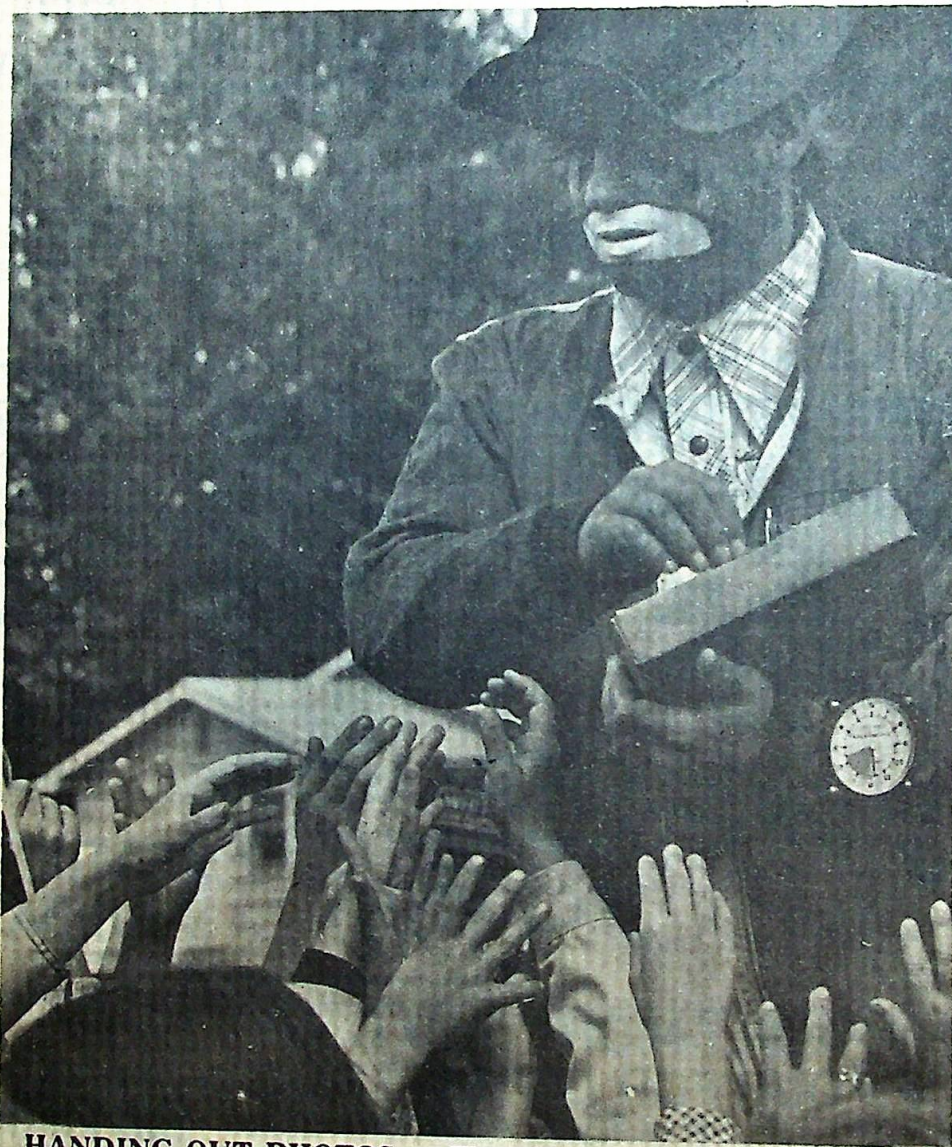
The annual Pioneer Days celebration seems to get bigger and better each year... thanks to just plain folks who live there becoming interested.

This year five different bands will participate in the morning parade and there are various other acts of entertainment and interest including a sky-diving exhibition and antique auction.

Sure its all small town. And that's what is so very genuine about it all. Old fashioned Pioneer days is just that... a recollection of those good old bygone days.

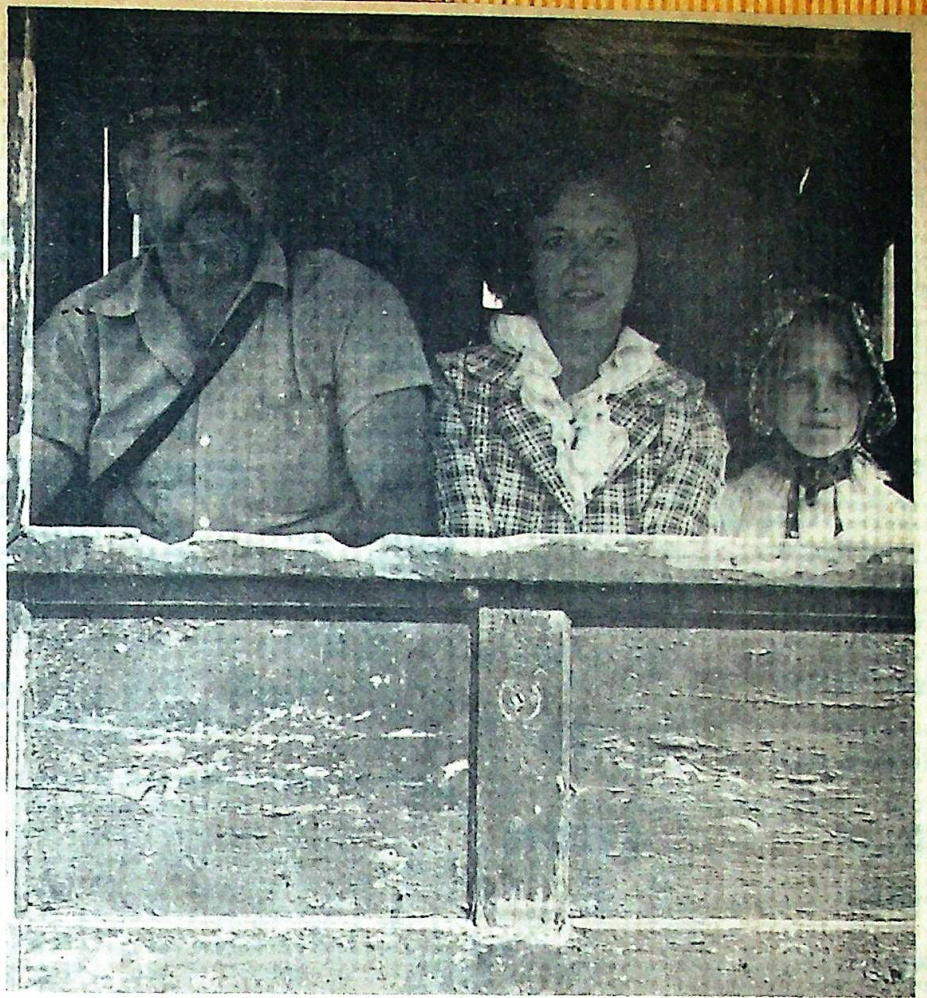
Dress up. Do your part and visit Whitestown.

You'll get into the spirit of things by socializing with some mighty fine people and opening yourself up for an awful lot of fun.



HANDING OUT PHOTOS — Thunderchicken (Dallas G. Wittenfeld) hands out autographed photos to dozens of children after his parachute jump at Whitestown Sunday afternoon. High winds prevented the spectacular first jump the sky-diving clown usually performs.

(Reporter Photo)



Prepare For Whitestown Celebration

Among Whitestown citizens working on Pioneer Days are (from left) Basil Burtner, Mary Frances Hardin and daughter Libby Hardin, dressed in old-fashioned costumes and riding on the back of an antique buggy. Pioneer Days are slated September 21 and 22 under the auspices of Whitestown Community Center and will feature parade, Pioneer Lassie and Laddie, Senior Citizens Pioneer Queen, display of relics, flea market, teen dance, food booths, special church services, air show and other attractions.

Whitestown—Pioneer Days Festival begins Friday night with the opening of the carnival and a teen dance at 8 p.m. Saturday's events: parade at 10:30 a.m., appearances by Thunderchicken at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., contests throughout the afternoon, antique auction at 6 p.m. and street dance at 8 p.m. Next Sunday's activities: community church service at 11:30 a.m. in Lions Park followed by contests and appearances by Thunderchicken and a variety show at 2:30 p.m. There will be carnival booths and rides, art show, home made items for sale and home-cooked meals both days.

LET'S GO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1974

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By Rod Rose

This may be a posthumous column.

I've been informed that Thunderchicken wants to get me up in the hot air balloon he may or may not have used over the weekend for his parachute jump exhibition. (This column is written under an early Saturday deadline, so I don't know as I write if TC was successful in finding a sponsor for the balloon, hence my hesitation.)

Now, hot air balloons are delightful to watch, I freely admit. However, getting me into one is going to require a very persuasive argument.

I've been up in so many aeronautical conveyances I'm thinking of asking for flight pay. First there was the Goodyear Blimp Mayflower and a five-hour ride on June 1 from Indianapolis to Lafayette.

Then there was a 20-minute flight with Bus Estill, who wanted me to get some shots of the new runway at Combs Airport. Estill is a great pilot, but little airplanes make me dizzy, and my photographic concentration was a tad disturbed at the unexpected "ups-downs-ups" on that semi-cloudy day.

Since I'm now the Reporter's "experienced" aerial cameraman, whenever a stunt like Thunderchicken's hot air balloon is mentioned everyone else in the office stops typing and stares at me as the silence grows to awful proportions and I ponder whether my camera equipment bag is large enough to pack a parachute.

Elsewhere in today's issue will be photos of the Pioneer Days events at Whitestown. If some shots have thin, zig-zag lines running in a crazy spider-web, it'll only be the cracks in the lens.

Tractor Pull Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Whitestown Parade, Church Service Plans Announced

The Tractor Pull, an attraction of the Whitestown Pioneer Days, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday instead of 1 p.m. Saturday as listed in the agenda published Wednesday in The Reporter.

The pull will be on Pierce Street in front of Skating Rink.

Announcement was made today that the parade will line up in the south part of town and start at the corner of Laughner and Barnes Street and move northward to the Lions Club Community Park, where it will disband. The parade is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday with Secretary of State Larry Conrad to be Grand Parade Marshall.

Five bands will be featured including Zionsville, Lebanon Junior Senior High Schools, Connersville and the United States Army 47th Infantry.

On Sunday the church people from New Hope, Whitestown United Methodist and St. Mark's Lutheran will assemble together on Barnes street around 11:45 a.m. near the Methodist parking lot and go in a body to the Community Park

for a joint community worship outdoors — like in the pioneer days when services were held outside.

The Rev. Dale Beutler, pastor of the St. Mark's church, will bring the message. The program will include special hymns and scripture.

The church service will be followed at 12:15 by the Senior Citizens Queen Contest, to be handled by Mrs. John Lindley.