

# Four Pioneer Lassie contestants chosen

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Members of the Whitestown Community Center have chosen the four candidates for Pioneer Lassie from essays written by the six entrants in the contest. Vying for Pioneer Lassie of Whitestown Pioneer Days in September are Libby Hardin, Hester Hardin, Dawn McPeak and Penny Lynn Wood.

Canisters with the girls' pictures will be set up in various stores in Whitestown to receive the penny votes for each Pioneer Lassie.

Ages of the Pioneer Lassie contestants range from 13 to 15. One of the 15 year olds is Hester Hardin, daughter of Mary Frances Hardin of Whitestown and Kirby Hardin of Zionsville. Hester has two brothers and three sisters, one of whom, Libby, is also a Pioneer Lassie contestant. Hester is a freshman at Lebanon High School where she is a

member of Sunshine Society. She enjoys playing tennis, softball, skating, roller skating, swimming, football and soccer. She says after high school she intends to enlist in the Air Force or the Marine Corps and "retire as a captain." In her essay about why she would like to be Pioneer Lassie Hester writes, "If I can win this opportunity, it will give me support in doing other things in life."

Another of the 15 year olds in the Pioneer Lassie contest is Dawn McPeak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis McPeak of Whitestown. The ambition of this Lebanon Middle School student is to become a professional ice skater. She says her hobbies are baseball, collecting stuffed animals and skating. In her essay Dawn writes she

thinks being Pioneer Lassie "would be a great experience" and she also writes that she thinks it would be fun and that she believes she would enjoy the parades.

Fourteen year old Penny Lynn Wood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Massing who also are parents of a son Jay, 8. Penny is a Lebanon Middle School eighth grader. Her hobbies include skating, swimming, camping and riding her mini-bike. Penny writes in her essay that she would like to be Pioneer Lassie because "I enjoy going to different towns and meeting new people... learning what they do in their spare time and how they celebrate different kinds of holidays and festivals..." She also writes of an interest in Whitestown's history. Also she

says, "Pioneer days is different from the rest of the festivals. It is not only fun, but you meet new friends and old which brings back memories good, bad and sad."

Mary Frances Hardin and Kirby Hardin have a duo act going in this year's contest with the entrance of their 13 year old daughter Libby. Libby is a Lebanon Middle School student who is in Sunbeam Society. Her hobbies are roller skating, swimming, camping, bicycling and tennis. When she is grown, Libby says she wants to be a professional roller skater. In her essay Libby writes "I would like to be Pioneer Lassie because I think it would be a great and special honor to represent Whitestown. Many people say Whitestown is not such a special town, but I'm proud to be one of its citizens."



Libby Hardin



Hester Hardin

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Dawn McPeak



Penny Lynn Wood

## *Homespun festivals, the good things*

This past weekend was a fine reminder to us all that rural America is a good place to live...and to relax in.

Two excellent celebrations took place in Boone the last weekend...one in Advance and the other in Lebanon. The crowds which attended both were graphic reminders to us all that the events which are home-planned and neighborly-carried out are those we will remember longest.

In Lebanon, the people came and the people remained for the host of programs and events offered. The square was filled throughout the two-day Log Cabin Festival. And the reactions of those who attended were of true appreciation. This same reaction was obvious also in Advance where those attending their celebration enjoyed wholesome comradeship and genuine fun.

Most of us search out such fall-time frolicking and have the attitude these things happen

automatically. Such is not the case. There is hard work and long planning which goes into the success of any program carried out as these were this weekend.

We salute those who did roll up their sleeves and take hold of the preparation necessary to assure such splendid events.

We know of no county in the state which has more to offer its visitors and its inhabitants during the summer and fall months than in Boone..

And folks, there is more to come. Annual festivals are coming up in Zionsville, Whitestown and Thorntown. If you missed the activities in Lebanon and Advance during the Labor Day holiday, plan to take in those at Zionsville, Whitestown and Thorntown.

It's truly a bit of Americana.