

## Moving up the festival ladder

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### Daleville tries its hand at a weekend-long Autumnfest

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DALEVILLE — Daleville will reap the rewards of 10 years of work this weekend when it holds its first three-day festival. Amid the Daleville Autumnfest 2006, committee members will honor 82-year-old Herschel Musick, who they call “one of the original Town Park pioneers.”

Musick, a retired machine shop worker, first committed time to the park because “my wife was a history nut. She wanted to save this old filling station down here at the corner of (Indiana) 67 and Walnut Street.”

“It was 1996. We started with the park board and they approved the idea. It took a lot of donations and so forth. It took me probably three years to get it done, but I got it done,” Musick said.

Musick grew up in Alexandria and lived in Anderson for a short while, he said, but he’s lived in Daleville since 1952.

He said he’s glad the town is holding its festival at the park. Most of the 13 activities held over the weekend are there, on the lawn of Daleville’s Town Hall, 8019 S. Walnut St.

The park’s shelter house will be dedicated to Musick to honor his dedication to the park.

“That’s great. I didn’t know they were going to do that until last week. They came down here and told me about it,” he said.

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**What:** Daleville Autumnfest 2006

**When:** Friday through Sunday

**Where:** Daleville’s Town Hall and Town Park, 8019 S. Walnut St.

Mary Jo Hall, chairwoman of the festival planning committee, said it took 10 committee members to get the festival together. She said they’ve had daylong celebrations before, but none this lengthy.

“The proceeds of the festival will go toward finishing the shelter house, the bathrooms and some storage rooms,” Hall said.

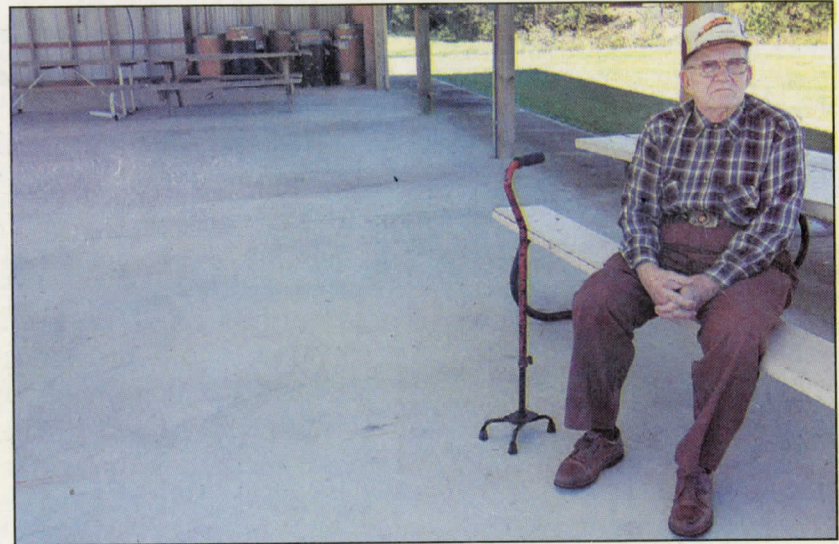
Those proceeds will come from a Dan’s fish fry, a spaghetti dinner at the Masonic Lodge, an auction of new and homemade items plus antiques and other activities.

Hall, whose day job is as manager at Destinations Unlimited, a travel agency in Anderson, said they have the Lord to thank for getting Autumnfest planned and off the ground this year.

She said they have more than 60 garage and yard sales committed along with about 35 food and craft vendors.

The weekend stuck out to the committee as one of the most ideal for the fall season, with few, if any, other conflicting festivals in the area.

“We’re hoping that some people



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Herschel Musick sits at a picnic table inside the shelter house at the Daleville Town Park. Musick, co-founder of the park, will be honored during Daleville’s Autumn Fest.

from our area decide to save gas and come to see us instead,” she said.

An alternative Christian band, Heaven’s Door, will appear in concert at Daleville Christian Church. Hall said it’s a local band she’s heard before.

“I’m going to hear them Sunday again at the church,” she said. “They’re having another open house.”

The festival features a car show, no specific style required for entry, according to Hall, and the crowning of Miss Daleville, to be selected from

among all high school-age Daleville and Salem Township girls.

Hall said Smokey the Bear, a fire prevention mascot from the local fire department, will come Saturday and Sunday to meet kids and pose for pictures.

There will be a 1.1-mile fun walk through Daleville. Walkers can register at the committee’s information booth at the festival. Next year’s fun walk will be longer than 1.1 miles, Hall said.