

Daleville plans birthday party for August 20

Representatives of Daleville service clubs and businesses agreed last Tuesday night at Salem Township Fire Department to hold a birthday party for the town in August.

August 20 was set as the tentative date for the first anniversary celebration, pending town board approval. August 19 is the anniversary date for the state's youngest town.

Seven Salem Township Volunteer firemen, ambulance crew and auxiliary members began the idea for the party. They then notified over 30 clubs and 57 businesses in town of the meeting, according to Jim Ballentine, committee member who chaired the first meeting. "We got positive feedback from nearly everyone who was contacted," he said.

Ballentine advised the group to start small for the first party. "If you have a successful base, then you can go on next year," he said.

Ideas for the celebration included a parade, a block party including an ice cream and cake social and selling booth spaces to craft and food vendors.

A nine-member committee volunteered to coordinate the proposed celebration.

After a March 5 meeting, they plan to report back to interested club and businesses' representatives at another general meeting. "We will formulate an outline for the event, determine which sub-committees need to be set up and what kind of help will be needed," said Ballentine.

He urged clubs to hold special money-raising projects to help fund the celebration.

Daleville Planning First Birthday Party

DALEVILLE — Plans for a first birthday party for the town of Daleville were advanced by the Summer Festival Committee during a recent meeting.

Tentatively, the celebration will be held on the high school parking lot and playing fields from noon to midnight.

Activity sheets containing suggestions for the day's events were distributed. Acting president Jim Ballentine urged those attending to contact other clubs and businesses to fill out a list. Deadline for returning fact sheets and activity fee was set for May 1.

The committee set a \$10 minimum fee for booth rental. Anyone requiring electricity will be charged more,

according to committee member Marlene Lambert.

Activities suggested by the committee include a pizza eating contest, marathon run, trike race, flea market and a parade. Daleville Junior Women's Club volunteered to plan and oversee the marathon.

Ballentine said insurance and electricity would be the most costly items of the day. He said Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's minimum charge to connect service would be \$250, not including installation of a pole if it is necessary.

Lambert said an account for citizens' donations has been established at Central Bank and Trust in Daleville.

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Daleville birthday celebration planning meeting tonight

DALEVILLE — Daleville residents are planning an Aug. 20 birthday celebration.

The planning committee will meet at 7:30 tonight at the firehouse in Daleville. Groups interested in sponsoring activities or booths at the August event should call Nancy Limbert. People or groups wishing to participate in the parade should call Claudia Davis at the Nalvin Davis residence at Middletown for information.

Proceeds from the booth rental will go toward celebration expenses. Committee chairman Jim Ballentine said \$94 has been donated to the fund so far, but a \$250 insurance premium must be paid before the event.

by Nancy Searfoss

As Indiana's youngest town, Daleville will celebrate its first birthday with an August 20th all-day celebration on elementary school grounds. The festival will offer a variety of events, refreshment booths, contests, arts & crafts booths, a parade and four band performances.

Daleville Lions Club is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 6 to 11 a.m. at the Lions Building. Tickets are \$3.00 each.

A 12-team softball tourney will begin at 7:30 a.m. on high school ball diamonds. Gesipi's Pizzeria is the tournament sponsor. First and second place individual and sponsor trophies will be awarded. Entry fee is \$60 and a softball. Registration deadline is August 13, according to Steve Keesling, owner of Gesipi's. Fees and rosters may be turned in at the restaurant. Drawing will be August 15, 7:30 p.m.

A 10K certified run will begin at 8:30 a.m., preceded by a one-mile fun run. Participants should

register between 7 and 8 a.m. in the high school parking lot. For information call 378-7168. A \$50 sports gifts certificate from the Athletic Annex will be awarded to the first male and female across the finish line. Each 10K entrant will receive a T-shirt from Stoops Trucking, race sponsor. There will be eight male divisions ranging from contestants 13 years old and under to 50 years old and older. There are six women's divisions covering the same

age ranges. Contestants are assured of awards numbering no less than 120 percent of the number of preregistrations in all divisions. There will be a post-race drawing for sports equipment and apparel donated by merchants. Registration fee is \$7.00 and \$1.00 for the fun run.

Proceeds from the runs will go to Special Olympics and Daleville Ambulance Fund.

A parade begins at noon at Bicentennial Park. There are 15 units registered, according to route chairperson Cindy Michaels. She said August 15 is registration deadline. Forms are available at Daleville Post Office and Village Pantry.

Village Pantry Division of Marsh Supermarkets is providing Daleville Fire and Ambulance Auxiliary with a birthday cake for 500 persons. Pieces of the cake will be sold with proceeds going to the auxiliary and festival funds. Festival committee co-chairperson, Alice Williams, said the huge confection will be baked "from scratch" by baker Jan Grissell. She said he will assemble the cake on site after its 10:30 a.m. arrival.

Puppet shows will begin at 10 a.m. Linda Millstead and Alice Bond Waid, directors of Tender years Daycare Center will be puppeteers. Children may make paper bag puppets, do "finger-plays" and use a "freely box", said Waid.

Eight hours of bingo may be played by the bingo enthusiast. Sponsored by Band Boosters, prizes have been donated by merchants.

Salem Township Volunteer Firemen will play waterball at 1 p.m. on the Baptist Church parking lot, adjacent to the school grounds.

After the waterball competition, an all-male sexy leg contest will be featured at 2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the three best looking pairs of legs. To register, males, ages 13 and older, should call 378-7217.

Auctioneer Gene Gindhart will auction donated items from local businesses and artists during a special sale, beginning at 3 p.m. Proceeds will go back into the festival fund.

Members of the town's ambulance crew plan to sponsor a junior tractor pull at the tennis courts at 4 p.m. Interested children should register there at 3 p.m. The peddle tractor and weight sled are provided by Production Credit of Muncie.

Ron Everett, 1979 state power lifting champion, and owner of Everett's Gym, Daleville, will demonstrate upper body building exercises at 5 p.m.

Daleville High School Office Education Association will sponsor a fried chicken dinner 4 to 8 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$3.00 for adults; children's portions are \$2.50. The menu includes two pieces of chicken, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, bread and butter and a drink. Hot dogs are also available.

Booths featuring such items as cookbooks and ceramics will be open all day. Participants may sample refreshments such as foot long hot dogs, cotton candy and elephant ears. Other activities include a dunk tank, bean bag, ring and pepsi toss, and clown face painting. Dr. Ben Davis, Daleville dentist, will provide free information on dental hygiene.

A wide range of musical entertainment awaits those attending the festival. The music starts at 4 p.m. with "The Cousins" performing.

This group consists of eight cousins ranging in age from four to 13 years old. They will present a collection of family Christian music. For the past two years, the group has performed at the families' home church, Trinity Community Church and at North Suburban Baptist Church, Indianapolis.

In the group are Kim, Janice and Mary Keeper, children of Mike and Trula Keeper; Chad and Beth Wetz, children of Jay and Glenda Wetz; Jenny, Amy

and Sarah Willis, daughters of Gary and Alana Willis. All live in Daleville.

Barbershop harmonizing will begin at 7 p.m. when 20 members of the Muncie Chapter SPEBSQSA perform. They will sing old favorites such as "My Wild Irish Rose" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

The group, formed in Febraury, is directed by Bob Weiss. Lloyd Case, Albany, is president of the 38 member association.