

51st Annual DALE FALL FESTIVAL

"Town of Dale -
Celebrating 175 Years!"

Dale City Park
Sept. 2, 6, 7 & 8

Sunday, September 2

7:00 PM Queen Pageant Doors open at 6:45 PM (Heritage Hills HS Auditorium)

Thursday, September 6

5:00 PM Grounds Open: Carnival Rides by Fiesta Rides (\$15 Bracelet Night)
Games, Beer Garden, Gus Burgers, Pronto Pups, Bratwurst, Etc.
5:00-8:00 PM Fire Safety Smoke House (Next to Large Basketball Court).
6:00 PM Cheerleader/Dance Team Performance (Large Basketball Court)
6:00 PM Thirsty Thursday \$2.00 Beer (Beer Garden All Night)
6:30 PM Little Miss & Mister Pageant (Center Park Stage)
7:00 PM Euchre Tourney (Beer Garden)
8:00-10:00 PM "Hondy Tonk Deluxe" Band (Center Park Stage) **NEW**

Friday, September 7

4:00 PM Grounds Open: Carnival Rides by Fiesta Rides (\$20 Bracelet Night),
Games, Beer Garden, Gus Burgers, Pronto Pups, Bratwurst,
BBQ Sandwiches, Etc.
5:00 PM Grilled Pork Chop & Fried Chicken Dinners Served
5:00 PM Wonder Wheels BMX Stunt Show (Wallace Street, West of Witte Feeds) **NEW**
5:00 PM Bingo (Northeast Corner of Park)
5:00-7:00 PM "Bomar and Ritter" (Center Park Stage) **NEW**
5:00-9:00 PM Fire Safety Smoke House (Next to Large Basketball Court) **NEW**
6:00 PM Kiddie Tractor Pull (Wallace Street, West of Witte Feeds)
6:00 PM Wheat Threshing Demonstration (Witte Feeds Lot) **NEW**
7:00 PM Wonder Wheels BMX Stunt Show (Wallace Street, West of Witte Feeds) **NEW**
7:00 PM 3 ON 3 Basketball Tourney (Large Basketball Court)
7:00 PM Horseshoe Tourney (Brown Bros Lot)
8:00-11:00 PM "Terry Lee & The Rockaboogie Band" (Center Park Stage)
8PM-12 AM "Guilty Pleasure" Band (Beer Garden)

Saturday, September 8

6:00-9:00 AM BBQ Team Registration (Brown Bros Lot)
7:00 AM 5K Walk/Run (Former EMT Building)
8:00 AM Golf Scramble (Christmas Lake Golf Course)
9:00 AM Children's Pet Parade (Large Basketball Court)
9:30 AM Cake Walk (Small Basketball Court)
9:30-11:00 AM Children's Games (Former EMT Building)
10:00 AM Grounds Open
11:00 AM Grilled Pork Chop & Fried Chicken Dinners Served
11:00-2:00 PM People's Choice Chili Judging (Brown Bros Lot)
11:30 AM Silly Safaris Live Animal Show (Large Basketball Court)
12:00-2:00 PM "CW3" Band (Center Park Stage)
2:00 PM Parade - (Grand Marshal "Daryl & June Lovell")
3:30 PM Carnival Rides Open by Fiesta Rides (\$20 Bracelet Night)
3:30 PM Wonder Wheels BMX Stunt Show (Wallace Street, West of Witte Feeds Lot) **NEW**
3:30-7:00 PM "2 Miles Back" Band (Center Park Stage) **NEW**
4:00 PM Hog Wrestle (Brown Bros. Lot)
4:00 PM Bingo (Northeast Corner of Park)
4:00 PM WBDC Corn Hole Tourney (registration begins at 3 PM - Large Basketball Court)
4:00-6:00 PM Fire Safety Smoke House (Next to Large Basketball Court) **NEW**
4:00-7:00 PM "Eighty-Six" Band (Beer Garden)
5:00 PM Wonder Wheels BMX Stunt Show (Wallace Street, West of Witte Feeds Lot) **NEW**
5:00 PM 'Betsy Bingo' (Wallace Street, next to car wash)
6:00 PM Wheat Threshing Demonstration (Witte Feeds Lot) **NEW**
6:30 PM BBQ Awards (Brown Bros Lot)
7:00 PM Wonder Wheels BMX Stunt Show (Wallace Street, west of Witte Feeds) **NEW**
7:00 PM Horseshoe Tourney (Brown Bros Lot)
8:00-11:00 PM "Stone Creek Station" (Center Park Stage) **NEW**
8:00-11:00 PM "Dirty Deeds AC/DC Tribute Band" (Beer Garden)
11:00 PM Grand Raffle - Over \$5,000 in Prizes!

Festival #147554

BINGO
Starting
Friday at 5
Saturday at 4

Zorb Ball:
Friday &
Saturday

Carnival Rides
by Fiesta Rides.
Antique Farm
Machinery Display:
Friday & Saturday
(Witte Feeds Lot)

Golf Scramble:
Saturday 8 AM
(Christmas Lake
Golf Course)

Wonder Wheels
BMX Stunt Show:
Friday & Saturday

Carter Fire Dept.
Smoke House:
Friday & Saturday

Five generations of Fullers

by Lisa W. Hoppenjans

The Town of Dale celebrates its 175th anniversary this year.

Fuller Funeral Home has served Dale for 117 years of the town's 175.

Same family, same location.

"Some people just have a natural predisposition to handle life's unpleasant tasks," says fifth-generation owner, Aaron Fuller. "You have to care about people."

Aaron's great-great-grandfather, Paul W. "P.W." Fuller started an undertaker's parlor, blacksmith shop and ambulance service in the same building in 1901.

Now, in those days, an ambulance consisted of a team of horses and a wagon, and its main purpose was to transport the doctor to his patients. It was quite common for the town undertaker to operate the ambulance service, as well. And, until state regulations were adopted in the 1970s, many hearses had emergency bubble lights on their roofs.

P.W. and his wife, Isabelle's son, Thomas Ross "T.R." Fuller joined the family business and eventually took it over. T.R.'s wife, Bertha, was totally committed to the lifestyle and even held a funeral director's license. At that time, Aaron explains, a wife could apply for a license under her husband's name. Bertha Fuller was one of the last women the state of Indiana to hold such a license.

"Fifteen or 20 years ago, not many women went to mortuary school," Aaron notes.



Aaron's grandpa, Charles Paul "C.P." Fuller, as he appeared in the 1940s. C.P. was involved with Fuller Funeral Home for 66 years.

Bertha was a licensed funeral director in the 1920s.



Aaron's great-great-grandfather, Thomas Ross "T.R." Fuller.

T.R. and Bertha's son, Charles Paul "C.P." continued in the business for 66 years. Their sons, Robert and Paul, also carried on the family legacy.

Aaron well remembers his grandpa, C.P., as he practically grew up in Fuller Funeral Home.

"I can't attest to it, because I don't remember," Aaron grins, "but the story is that I was in daycare in Santa Claus (the former Community Center housed a daycare) and, when they had a graduation ceremony they asked all the kids what they wanted to be."

According to family lore, Aaron proudly exclaimed, "An undertaker!"

He got his wish.

By the time he was 8, he was helping with funerals, meeting cars in the parking lot, asking if they would be going to the cemetery affixing flags identifying the cars as being with the funeral procession and directing them how to line up.

As the service ended, he would run out to open the doors of the hearse, then scurry back in to begin loading the flowers designated to go to the grave site into the back of a van the funeral home used for that purpose.

"Then, I had to sit in the back and keep them from tipping over, with C.P. yelling 'HOLD THOSE FLOWERS UP!'" Aaron chuckles, remembering.

When they arrived at the cemetery — ahead of the hearse — Aaron would begin unloading flowers while C.P. took up his red and

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