

# 2018 Grand Marshals - The Lovells

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research the rest of his family and, ultimately, Dale's history.

June's family is no slouch in the history department either. The Shrodes have been written about as the "greatest American pioneer family."

Despite their many travails, both June and Daryl say they have enjoyed a life filled with blessings.

They still love to dance. They also adore camping, starting out with a 9x12 tent, a playpen tucked in one corner. Ten years in they upgraded to a pop-up and have gone through three (they now camp in a hybrid). They truly love any activity involving family and delight in their grandchildren.

Daryl is the vegetable gardener but June loves to tend her flowers and plants in the spring and summer. She also loves to read, talk to friends and family on facebook and

cook. According to her husband, June bakes an amazing peach cobbler.

A life filled with trials? Yes.

But also with many blessings, both Lovells claim.

This latest blessing is a vote of support from the community they both love.

So be sure to wave at Daryl and June Lovell on Saturday, September 8, when they represent their community as Grand Marshals of the Dale Fall Festival Parade.

*Daryl Lovell — Dale historian*

Well over 25 years ago, Daryl Lovell was inspired! He had seen a newly printed Chrisney history book titled "Our Hoosier Heritage, 1865-1987" and got in contact with Eugenia Groves to discover how members of his neighboring community went about collecting and writing its history.

He had some scraps but was not in possession of the whole cloth.

His great-aunt and -uncle, Grace and Bob Brown gifted him with bits and pieces of some of O.V. Brown's materials

(O.V. is Daryl's great-great-uncle). This treasure included letters, photos, negatives, a book on Andersonville Prison, old papers and news articles. He was also able to borrow over 2,700 images, both photos and negatives, amassed by O.V. and to digitize them.

This memorabilia formed the basis for the book Daryl wrote with Ellen Winkler Rexing for Dale's Sesquicentennial in 1993 entitled "Dale 1843-1993." He is currently updating the book for Dale's 175th birthday this year, to be celebrated during the Dale Fall Festival September 6-8.

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