# Viola Williams donates $1,000 to Daleville

by Sharon Kratz

The Daleville Incorporation Committee ended a hugely successful fund-raising effort on Labor Day when a drawing was held at the Salem Township Fire Dept. for the winner of $1,000 or a trip to Las Vegas as the result of raffle tickets sold to raise money for incorporation expenses.

The winner was Viola Williams, a long-time resident of Daleville, but the real winner was the new town of Daleville; Viola donated her winnings right back to the town.

Martin Maddox, who blitzed the fund raiser while visiting family and friends in Daleville, couldn't have been more surprised. "Her generosity was so unexpected... She had already donated $100 for her ticket. It's people like her who make Daleville the kind of community it is," said Maddox. Viola will be 89 years old this week. "She kind of gave her birthday present to the town," Martin laughed.

The tickets were sold over the phone; Martin Maddox delivered the tickets and collected donations for several weeks. "The response was so positive from the people and businesses in this area; several Chesterfield residents and businesses contributed, and practically everyone in Daleville," said Maddox. The town of Daleville will receive no property tax revenue until 1984, but plans to begin functioning as a town immediately following elections. Expenses have already been incurred as a result of the incorporation legal expenses.

"I just want to thank the people and businesses who bought tickets and contributed prizes to this effort," stated Maddox. "I couldn't have been more well-received by the people of Daleville." Martin returned to San Diego, California, last week, but hopes to visit his family in Daleville again next year.

The following is a list of prizes donated by various businesses and winners in the raffle ticket drawing: Barbeque dinner for two at the Cardinal Restaurant, Mary Haynes; bag of groceries at the Daleville Village Pantry, Gary Schull; five McDonald's hamburgers, Phyllis McCormick and Dave Watters and Jewell Caskey; McDonald's burger, fries and soft drink, Arlene Baker, Steve Wilson, W.C. Purvis, Bell Williams and Paula Batten; two bushels of apples and one gallon of apple cider from Davis' Fruit Farm, Ron Stafford; dinner for two at the L-K Restaurant, Ron Stafford; table lam from Rowe Furniture, Tony Cannon; pizza from Gesipi's Pizzeria, Dave Watters; a kiln-dried walnut table top or gunstock valued at $165 from Cash & Carry Lumber, Pat Riffey; a night's lodging for two at the L-K Motel, Mr. Bunch; a set of table lamps from the Daleville Furniture and Auction, George Pugsley; a digital clock from Story's Truck Stop, J. Limbert; a table lamp from Stewart's Furniture, Mardelle Babb; and a $100 gift certificate for a set of Goodyear tires from Stoops Express, Helen Rogers.

Jon Ballard photo

**Viola Williams gives Martin Maddox, Daleville Incorporation Committee, a thank-you hug after receiving her thousand-dollar winning check from the recently-held raffle donations. Viola donated the money right back to Daleville.**

Before returning to San Diego, Martin Maddox wrote a brief note to *Community Courier*, and we would like to share an excerpt from it:

"I returned to my home town area for the first time in a few years after living on the west coast where I have been studying for the field of counseling. I returned much more mature than I may have been in my adolescent years, and yet wondering how the town would react to me. Their response has made me very glad that I can call this town my home."

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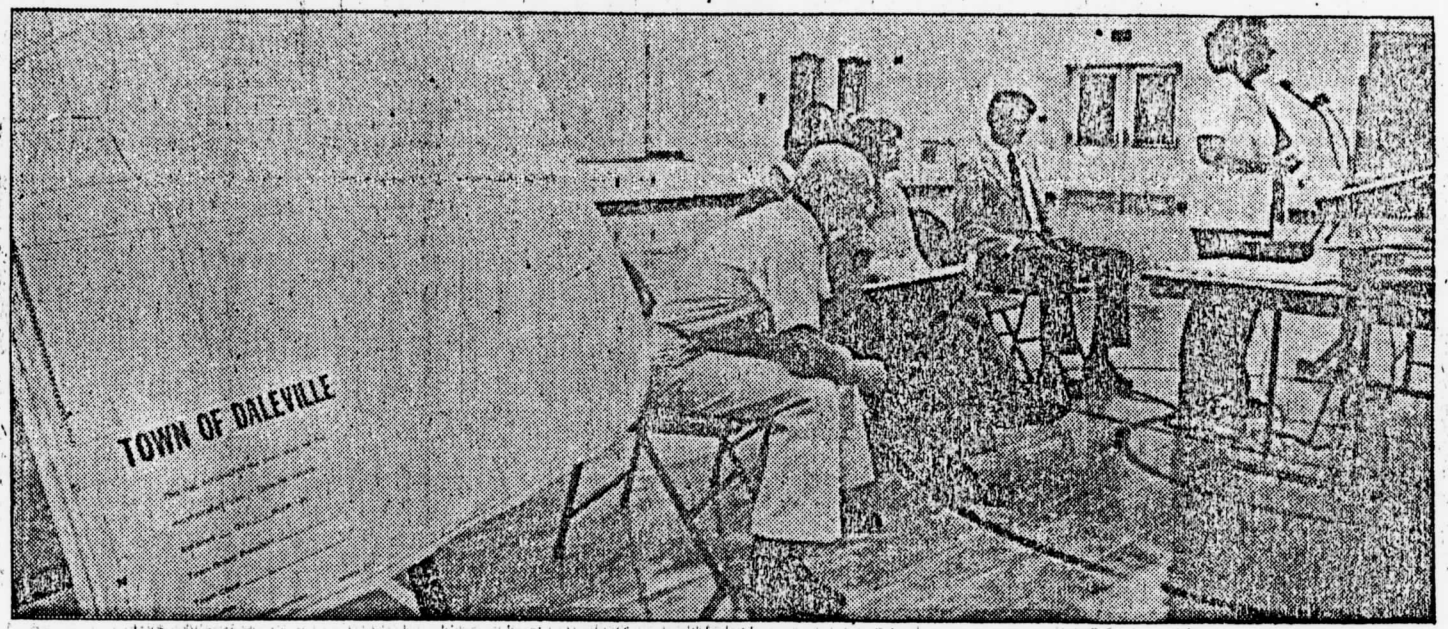
**Town Meeting**

Residents of Indiana's newest town, Daleville, held their first town meeting Tuesday night to discuss steps to be taken in selecting officials. Here, the committee for incorporation took seats before the audience to answer questions. (Star Photo by Gary Burney)




# Daleville Residents Hold First Town Meeting

By NANCY SEARFOSS
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DALEVILLE — This town's first public servants won't be people in search of riches.

The town won't have money to pay them until after their terms have expired.

About 100 local residents turned out Tuesday night for a meeting in Daleville Elementary School to discuss what it means to be Indiana's newest town.

William Hughes, the attorney who handled the incorporation effort, told the group he had good news and bad news.

The good news: "No one pays town taxes until 1984. You will continue to pay township and school taxes, just like before."

The bad news, he said, is that that means the town won't have any money during the first 17 months of its life.

As a result, he said, Daleville's first town board and clerk-treasurer will serve without pay.

Even when the town does get a budget, the jobs won't pay much. Board members will be paid $300 a year, and the clerk-treasurer will be paid $400.

But that didn't stop prospective candidates from lining up for petitions. The county's two party chairmen attended the meeting, and when it was over, they met with those interested in having their names on the November ballot. They clustered in corners, with perhaps a dozen in each group.

One prospective candidate for clerk-treasurer said she was thinking about running just to see if she liked it well enough to go after it for four years.

The town's first officials will be elected to one-year terms.

"Daleville has to get in step, so regular elections will come every four years, the year before presidential elections are held," Hughes said.

Those first officials will be empowered to set the 1984 town budget, to establish town ordinances, to pass resolutions and to set the town tax rate for 1984.

They also will decide how their successors will be elected. They will have the power to change ward boundaries and the method of voting.

Hughes estimated that the 1984 budget will be $125,000. Property taxes will bring in $50,000, while state and federal money will provide the other $75,000.

"Until Jan. 1, 1983, the county commissioners and township trustee will retain control," said Hughes.

Township Trustee James Pugsley assured residents that the township will provide fire protection to the town until such time as contracts can be signed.

Town board members will be elected from five wards, but they will be voted on by the entire town. Hughes said the wards are more or less equal in population, are fairly compact and are contiguous.

All candidates for town offices must be Daleville residents, said Hughes.

Candidates must file in the Delaware County clerk's office by noon on Sept. 11. Each must submit a petition containing four signatures of registered voters living in Daleville.