

Hickory Oktoberfest founder dies

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Oktoberfest 2007 in Hickory missed a familiar face this year. Its founder, 83-year-old Beemer Clifford Harrell died early Saturday. A fixture in Catawba County, Harrell even had a day designated in his honor by the city of Hickory on October 10, 2003. A short eulogy was presented at Saturday night's Oktoberfest. Harrell also founded the Hickory Downtown Development Association.