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SOAR! assists adult learners

Success and Opportunity At Reading (SOAR!) Adult Literacy is in need of students and volunteer tutors.



Any adult who would like to learn to read, improve their current reading skills or would like to volunteer to tutor may contact SOAR! Executive Director Adele Bowden-Purlee at soardirector@gmail.com.

Students will be matched with volunteer tutors who will meet with them at their convenience.

Want to tutor? SOAR! Adult Literacy conducts regular volunteer training sessions as needed throughout the year.

Bicentennial Celebration Reception

The Lawrence County Bicentennial was front and center May 9-11 during which two events highlighted different aspects of Lawrence County's 200-year history.



A reception for about 100 people honoring government and civic officials and Bicentennial sponsors took place at Spring Mill State Park Inn's Lakeview Room Friday. Attendees represented several of Lawrence County's nine townships, the Lawrence County Commissioners and Lawrence County government.

Guests were welcomed by a costumed Capt. James Lawrence, for whom the county was named, portrayed by Jacob Jones.

Lawrence County Commissioner Gene McCracken opened the program with a welcome and thank you to those present. He acknowledged the service of the various entities cooperatively collaborating to help make Lawrence County work.

Former Ind. Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman and Lawrence County Bicentennial Co-Chair read a proclamation from Ind. Gov. Eric Holcomb recognizing Lawrence County's 200th birthday. The proclamation set March 9 as Lawrence County Day in Indiana.

Ind. State Sen. Eric Koch and Ind. State Rep. Chris May read a joint resolution of the Ind. State Legislature recognizing Lawrence County and its Bicentennial.

Marla Jones, City of Bedford Business and Community Development Director and Bicentennial Co-Chair, with the assistance of former Bedford Mayor John Williams recognized and thanked local sponsors who had provided financial and in-kind support for Bicentennial activities.

Jones also highlighted the 30-plus current and upcoming Bicentennial-related activities. She introduced three Bicentennial Commission members, who spoke about their projects.

Of special note, said Commission member and project submitter Tonya Chastain of Lawrence County Tourism, is the series of four history dinners at Spring Mill State Park's Grist Mill. Each event will focus on a different aspect of Lawrence County history and will include a speaker, gifts and a meal. An historic-themed dinner in the Williams covered bridge is being planned as well, Chastain said.

Lawrence County Circuit Court Judge Andrea McCord provided details about "Indiana Court of Appeals Traveling Oral Arguments," set for June 4 at the Mitchell Opera House. McCord unveiled the Lawrence County Bicentennial historical marker to be dedicated and placed on display at the Lawrence County Courthouse lawn later this year.

Lawrence County Museum representative Rowena Cross-Najafi spoke about the museum's Oral History project and the NSA-Crane Bicentennial historical display.



ABOVE — Ind. State Rep. Chris May and Ind. State Sen. Eric Koch read a joint resolution of the Ind. State Legislature recognizing Lawrence County at the March 9 bicentennial celebration reception at Spring Mill Inn.

RIGHT — Lawrence County was named for Capt. James Lawrence, who is remembered for his dying words, "Don't Give Up the Ship." Capt. Lawrence was portrayed by Lawrence County native Jacob Jones, who welcomed bicentennial celebration attendees March 9 at Spring Mill.



Saturday and Sunday, Little Theatre of Bedford played host to a Bicentennial Revue. The program highlighted the history of Lawrence County using spoken accounts, impersonations and music. Presenters recounted the development of the area beginning with the first settlers in the area. Special attention was given to the contribution of veterans, past and present, in the development and defense of the county, state and nation.

Upcoming bicentennial highlights

- The dedication of the Capt. James Lawrence Historical Marker will be at 10:30 a.m. April 3 on the courthouse lawn.
- The Bicentennial Music Festival will be April 14 at the Lawrence County 4-H Fairgrounds. It is a free event.
- The Fayetteville Alumni Association's annual dinner will include a special historic presentation on April 28.
- The county-wide Bicentennial Torch Relay is set for Sept. 14 and 15. It will trace a route through each of Lawrence County's nine townships, encompassing more than 150 miles and will be traversed by 100-plus torch bearers nominated by community members.

For information about the Lawrence County Bicentennial, visit the bicentennial's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/lawrencecountybicentennial.

Check out StoneGate online:

- **Website:** www.stonegateeducation.com
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/stonegateartsandeducation

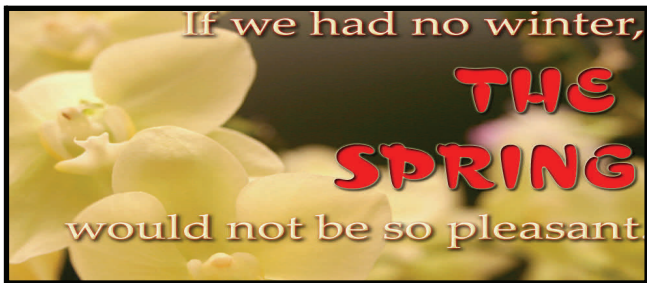
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3D Printing: The Basics

BEDFORD — The Bedford Public Library sponsored a 3D printing workshop at 4 p.m., March 15 at StoneGate Arts & Education Center.

The program worked with young people ages 10-18 to learn the basics of 3D modeling and how to use a 3D printer. Participants were required to preregister for the program.

For information about upcoming 3D printer programs, contact Bedford Public Library at (812) 275-4471 or go online to www.bedlib.org.



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CLASSES BEGINNING THE WEEK OF MARCH 19TH, 2018
(REV. 3/15/2018)

MBA CLASSES:

THURSDAY MARCH 8TH THRU APRIL 26TH, 2018

MBA 525, ROOM 231	3/8-4/26	6:00 PM
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UNDERGRAD CLASSES

TUESDAY MARCH 20TH, 2018

MGT 425, ROOM 304	3/20-4/17	6:00 PM
FA 201, ROOM 307	3/20-4/17	6:00 PM
ACCT 301, ROOM 231	3/20-4/17	6:00 PM

Ivy Tech CLL Classes

Ivy Tech Center for Lifelong Learning will offer three classes this spring at StoneGate Center: Introduction to Genealogy, and Beginning and Intermediate Mountain Dulcimer.

For more information or to register, visit www.ivytech.edu/bloomington/cll/16654.htm.

Introduction to Genealogy
What are your roots? What is your heritage? How long has your family lived in Bedford, Bloomington or Indiana? This course will give participants the skills to answer these and other questions.

Students will take a scientific approach to traditional record search methods using DNA samples and analysis to compare their genes to a large database. Students will learn about search methods and search engines, available software and filing systems.

Students also will explore software and hardware, enabling them to print pedigree charts using different styles and formats.

CRN: 30073-173
Keith Ramsey
4 Mondays
3/19/18-4/9/18
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Room 310
\$69 | Register by 3/12/18

Beginning Mountain Dulcimer
Here's an opportunity to learn from

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the patient and popular instructor, Randy Tuell. Students will learn to play simple melodies, chords, how to read the dulcimer tablature, tuning and strumming.

No previous musical experience is required and instruments are provided. The last 30 minutes of the class will be devoted to personal instruction.

CRN: 30074-173
Randy Tuell
2 Tuesdays
3/27/18-4/3/18
10 a.m.-noon
Room 111
\$39 | Register by 3/20/18

Intermediate Mountain Dulcimer
This class is designed to enhance the skills of more experienced players and those looking to play with others.

Students will learn more advanced techniques like using a capo, playing in different tunings, and new chords and strumming patterns. The group will play traditional, fiddle, gospel and Celtic tunes.

CRN: 30075-173
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1-3 p.m.
Room 111
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