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You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

C. S. Lewis

Help mark Lawrence County's bicentennial

Lawrence County residents interested in helping with Lawrence County's year-long 200th birthday celebration may join the monthly planning meetings at StoneGate Arts & Education Center, 405 I St., Bedford, at noon on the third Thursday of each month.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/lawrencecountybicentennial.

Court of Appeals hears arguments

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MITCHELL — Lawrence County is celebrating its bicentennial this year, and along with that comes a lot of firsts. June 4 marked the 200th anniversary of the first meeting of the Lawrence Circuit Court. To celebrate the occasion, current Circuit Court Judge Andrea McCord (among others) worked to bring a traveling oral argument from the Indiana Court of Appeals to the Opera House in Mitchell.

McCord said the Circuit Court first met at the home of James Gregory about three miles east of what is now Bedford. The county seat at that time was Palestine. Judge Thomas H. Blake was the judge and he had been appointed by Gov. Jonathan Jennings.

John F. Rose was the prosecuting attorney and four assault charges were brought before the court. The bonds of \$50 were set for three of the defendants and one received a \$200 bond. All four were to return to court in September 1818 term.

The afternoon's actions were true court proceedings. There were three presiding judges — Edward W. Najam Jr., of Monroe County, who has served on the court since 1992; Melissa S. May, of Vanderburgh County, who was appointed to the court in 1998; and Elaine S. Brown of Dubois County, who was appointed in 2008.

The case before the court on June 4 was from Jennings County and was the case of David E. Proffitt vs. the State of Indiana. Proffitt was convicted of four counts of dealing narcotics, one count of conspiracy to deal narcotics and one count of maintaining a common nuisance. He was convicted on three counts of dealing, plus the other two counts. He was sentenced to an aggregate term of 34 years.

He appealed because he feels the



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MITCHELL — From left, Indiana Appeals Court Judges, Elaine Brown, Edward Najam and Melissa May take questions about the Indiana Court of Appeals following oral arguments June 4. The Indiana Court of Appeals traveled to the Mitchell Opera House to hear oral arguments on the case of David E. Proffitt vs. the State of Indiana.

trial court abused its discretion when it admitted certain evidence, he contends the evidence was insufficient to support his conviction, he contends they committed a fundamental error when they admitted certain evidence and that his sentence was inappropriate for the crime.

The court heard arguments from Patrick Magrath on behalf of Proffitt and J.T. Whitehead for the state.

After the session closed, Judge Najam said if they were in Indianapolis, they would have a short discussion following adjournment to discuss the merits of the appeal. Then they would talk or email with each other in greater detail at a later date. He said most of their decisions are rendered within 4-6 weeks.

Following the session, the judges answered questions from the audience. An audience member asked about the number of cases the court hears. Najam said local

courts try over 1.3 million cases a year. The Court of Appeals gives opinions on some 2,000 cases a year and the Indiana Supreme Court hears 100 cases.

Another question concerned why judges wear robes. May said aside from tradition, the robes are to separate them from who they are in private life. And she is glad they did do away with the wigs.

The judges were asked about significant cases they have heard. "Every case is significant," Najam said. "Each case has a person behind it. We can't correct everything on appeal. We are here to look at the record before us."

He said everyone has the right to appeal — it is guaranteed. He said the reason there is such a big difference between the number of cases tried and the number of cases that are appealed, is the trial lawyer is trying his case as if it is going to be appealed.

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Fabulous Fiber Art is the theme of Session I

Learn hands on skills in batik, crochet, knitting on a loom and even weaving! This class will be packed with fun projects from all sorts of fibers including fabric, felt, yarn and thread. This class could be your next favorite hobby!!



**9-11 AM ages 5-8
1-3 PM ages 9-14**

Session 1: JUNE 4-15, M-F Session 2: JUNE 18-29, M-F



Mixed Media is the theme of Session II

Lets go to the art class to make awesome projects from recycled items!! Bring your creative imagination to this class. We will experiment with all sorts of items that we once thought of as trash!! This isn't a paper and glue class!! It is truly artistic!!



Do you have an interest in art or know someone who does? Why not spend the summer with a fun artistic experience? Invite a friend to participate with you. Camp is always more fun when you can go with a friend!



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Annette Pokorny
www.facebook.com/APStudio**

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APRIL 30TH 2018 – JUNE 24TH 2018

THUR/ MBA 595, ROOM 231	5/1-6/19	7:00 PM
TUES/ MBA 505, ROOM 313	5/1-6/19	6:00 PM

UNDERGRAD CLASSES

TUESDAY 5/29-6/26, 2018

MKT 201, ROOM 304	5/29-6/26	6:00 PM
ACCT 425, ROOM 231	5/29-6/26	6:00 PM
HRM 315, ROOM 307	5/29-6/26	7:00 PM

THURSDAY 5/31-6/28, 2018

MGT 438, ROOM 307	5/31-6/28	6:00 PM
HIS 103, ROOM 304	5/31-6/28	7:00 PM

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