

# County and township history

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came the election and/or appointment of at least a dozen people. They would also share with county government road infrastructure needs. Later on, townships would tend to bear the initial burden of creating volunteer fire departments and maintaining them. Many still do so to this day.

Secondly, even in the last batch of townships in the 1840s and 50s, the emphasis shifted from township government to municipal government. The creation of towns with their own local autonomy became the norm. Third, political events interfered. In less than a dozen years, the nation would be involved

in the Civil War, which among others things, tended to halt other political ideas.

Today, some people believe townships have lived beyond their usefulness. In the last General Assembly, the first weeks brought the possibility of the forced elimination of about one-third of townships not meeting a rather arbitrary population requirement. That was defeated this time, but could come back up for consideration in a future session. Even if townships were to lose their political functions, they still remain important for the county's geography and as part of the county's history.

## Red, White and You theme for kids' pageants at the Spencer County Fair

Pageant lovers, the evening of Wednesday, June 6 is for you!

Pint sized to 'tween aged Spencer County royalty will be selected in 11 different categories: 0-6 months; 7-12 months; 13-18 months; 19-24 months; 25-36 months; Princess, 3-4 years; Prince, 3-4 years; Little Miss, 5-7 years; Little Mister, 5-7 years; Pre-Teen, 8-10 years; and Junior Teen, 11-13 years.

Check-in time for contestants is 5:30 p.m., with the pageants beginning at 6.

Entry fee is \$20. Registration deadline is Monday, June 4; no entries will be accepted after that date. Registration forms are available on the Spencer County Fair website, [www.spencer-countyfairindiana.com](http://www.spencer-countyfairindiana.com) and in this issue of the Spencer County Leader.

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