

TIME TO PARTY LIKE IT'S 1818!

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Talk about a milestone birthday! Spencer County is 200 years old this year.

Two centuries.

Twenty decades.

Two hundred years.

Ten thousand, four hundred, twenty-eight and a half weeks.

Seventy-three thousand days.

Time for a party!

There will be almost as many ways to celebrate as the years Spencer County is old.

Friday, June 1

The party begins at 9 a.m. Friday, June 1, with the Bicentennial Golf Scramble at Christmas Lake Golf Course. Vintage golfing attire is encouraged!

Saturday, June 2

Festivities continue on Saturday, June 2, beginning at 7 a.m. with ABR's Bicentennial Family 5K run/walk.

At 10 a.m. the Bicentennial Parade will begin from Rockport City Park and wind around the City, up Walnut and around the Spencer County Courthouse before processing all the way down Main Street, back to the City Park.

At noon, fun and games will abound in and around Fourth Street.

Fourth Street will be closed between Main and Walnut streets for the day and into the evening. A stage area will be set up in the street close to Walnut and three great bands are lined up to provide all-day entertainment.

Backyard Adventures will set up jumpy houses and an obstacle course for the kiddos and food vendors will provide sustenance and mementos.

Rootbeer and craft beer — St. Benedict's Brew Works will offer craft beer, with or without "roots".

At 5 p.m., the monthly Cruise In will be held on the Main drag and in the art park. Music will be playing and beautiful vehicles will be on display. Enjoy!

Sunday, June 3

All in the faith-based community are asked to recognize the history of their church, each in their own way, and worship in the manner they choose. Spencer Countians appreciate their religious freedom.

Monday, June 4

Lincoln Heritage Public Library and Spencer County Public Library branches

will host events celebrating Spencer County's past 200 years.

Lincoln Heritage Public Library - Dale Branch will host a Farmers' Market from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Library Basement, as well as an abridged version of *Young Abe Lincoln* in the Library's Hoosier Room from 6 - 6:45 p.m.

At the Spencer County Public Library, Rockport Branch, enjoy old fashioned crafts and games like potato sack races and corn

husk dolls, historic videos and re-enactors from 3-5 p.m.

Tuesday, June 5

Spencer County Regional Chamber of Commerce will host Merchant's Day. Member businesses will be offering individual special promotions!

Back in the day, Tuesdays during Fair Week were called Merchant's Day.

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