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FEBRUARY 9, 2022



FREE



Snow day

Readers submit photos of kids enjoying the snowy weekend.

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Edinburgh Courier

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Even the strongest blizzards start with a single snowflake.”

— Sara Raasch

WHAT'S UP?

Bicentennial fundraiser

Tickets are on sale for the Edinburgh Bicentennial 200th Anniversary Kick-off Fundraiser on March 3 at The Pixy Theatre. Enjoy a historic reading with interesting facts about Edinburgh's early days, an elegant dinner and drinks.

Tickets are \$35 and available at the Community Center or online through the Facebook page at facebook.com/Edinburgh200.

Blood drive

Edinburgh Community High School will host a blood drive on 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. A signup sheet is in the school office.

Information: Caleb, 317-494-1928 (call or text)

Fundraiser at Legion

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 233 will host its Indoor Market scholarship fundraiser on Feb. 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Edinburgh American Legion Post 233. The event will feature local individual/vendor booths along with concessions and raffles provided by the Auxiliary.

Table rental is \$10 for a 6-foot table, and \$12 for an 8-foot table, both with a limited numbers available.

Contact Linda Medlen to reserve a table at 765-432-0682. All proceeds will go to scholarships for area students.

Dollars for Scholars

The Edinburgh Dollars for Scholars website is open through April 15 for students to apply for a college scholarship for the 2022-2023 school year. Students must be a graduate of Edinburgh Community High School or an ECHS senior graduating in 2022.

To apply, go to www.edinburgh.dollarsforscholars.org.

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CELEBRATING 200 YEARS

Excitement building for bicentennial festivities

By Ryan Trares

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

The tidbits accumulated over 200 years of history have bubbled up all over Edinburgh.

As local residents prepared for the town's bicentennial this year, they discovered an amazing amount of wild, wonderful facts that had otherwise been lost to time.

Edinburgh High School was one of the first 30 schools to be commissioned in the state.

Land Drive, a stretch of road on the east side of town, was named in honor Lt. Louis Grant Lind, a World War II U.S. Air Force fighter pilot who was killed in action over Italy.

The town is the final resting place of Red Cloud, a world record-holding trotting horse who took the country by storm in the 1870s.

“It’s remembering things about our town that we may have forgotten,” said Cathy Hamm, a member of the Edinburgh Bicentennial Committee. “Many of us know different things that have gone on in the community, and the notable ones that people talk about that may have happened way before some of us were born. But this is bringing to light so much of our heritage.”

Excitement is percolating through the Edinburgh community as it gears up for



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Above: Edinburgh residents line up in tartan plaids for the parade during Edinburgh's 1922 centennial celebration. The town is celebrating its bicentennial this year with a year-long slate of activities and events recognizing its storied past. **Left:** A hoof from Red Cloud, a world record-setting trotting horse in the 1870s who was raised and is buried in Edinburgh. The hoof is part of the collection in the Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library. Red Cloud will play into the town's celebration.

its bicentennial celebration. Local residents and town officials have been working on the festivities for the past four years, planning activities, lining up sponsors and digging through two centuries of history.

Organizers have envisioned a gala dinner, a weekend-long festival and a parade to rival any other the town has put on. Activities will be worked into existing Edinburgh events throughout the year.

This year is a momentous occasion for the town, not only to look back to the past, but to unite Edinburgh in the present and plan for the future, said SaraBeth Drybread, director of the John C.

Drybread Community Center in Edinburgh and part of the bicentennial committee.

“The more that you read the history of a community, the more pride you have in it — to really understand the vision that so many of these early founders had and literally built this town from the ground up,” Drybread said. “It makes me think about the next 200 years, and what we’re doing now to leave behind for future generations.”

The Edinburgh area was first settled in the early 1820s by John Campbell, with the original plat containing 32 lots in 1822. Throughout its history, it became a thriving

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OBITUARIES

EDINBURGH

Deanie Bryant

Deanie Bryant, 79 of Edinburgh passed away Feb. 1, 2022, at Columbus Regional Hospital in Columbus. She was born March 12, 1942 in Adair County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Nelson Lee and Maude E. (Simpson) Burton. She married Donald Ray Bryant on Nov. 4, 1961, and he survives.



BRYANT

She is also survived by her son, Michael Ray (Gretchen) Bryant of Edinburgh, Indiana; daughter, Karen Lynn (Phillip) Kelly of Franklin; grandchildren, Kacie (Jon) Miller, Katelyn (John) Owen, Kinser Bryant (Sydney Schlotter), and Parker Bryant (Destiney Ramey); great-granddaughter, Nora Mille; and sisters, Mae Smith of Edinburgh, Jewell Harmon of Edinburgh, Freda Black of Columbus, Lois Burton of Byrdstown, Tennessee, and Martha (Paul) Wheat of Edinburgh.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, James Burton, Bobby Burton and Willie Foster; and sisters, Mayme Stapleton, Versie Streeval, Leoma Hadley and Mary Lois Burton.

Deanie was a member of the Edinburgh Separate Baptist Church. She enjoyed attending church, her grandchildren, gardening, fishing, vacationing and shopping.

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Danny Bailey at Edinburgh Separate Baptist Church. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

Arrangement were made by Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburgh, Indiana.

COLUMBUS

Marvin McKee

Marvin Dean "Dino" McKee, 78 of Columbus passed away Feb. 2, 2022, at Our Hospice of South Central Indiana In-Patient Facility in Columbus. He was born October 5, 1943 in Edinburgh. He was the son of Fresto and Alpha (Sutton) McKee.



McKEE

He is survived by his life partner of 45 years, Brenda Burton of Columbus; sons, Daniel Burton of Columbus and Jimmy McKee of Edinburgh; daughter, Donna Burton of Columbus; grandchildren, Daniel Burton II of Columbus, Dylan Burton of Columbus, Morgan Burton of Columbus, Peyton Pritchard of Franklin and Tristan Pritchard of Columbus; great-grandchildren, Lucas, AJ, Ace and Harper; and sisters, Sue Bierlein of Edinburgh and Faye Gross of Edinburgh, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Linda McKee.

Dino was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He attended Who-So-Ever-Wil Community Church and retired from Cosco.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, camping, reading Westerns, collecting antique Zippo lighters and knives, and NASCAR racing.

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Randy Denton at Who-So-Ever-Wil Community Church in Edinburgh. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

Arrangements were made by Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburgh, Indiana.

FREETOWN

Curtis Rooks

Charles Curtis "CC" Rooks, 82 of Freetown, passed away Jan. 30, 2022, at Our Hospice of South Central Indiana In-Patient Facility in Columbus. He was born June 30, 1939 in Columbia, Kentucky. He was the son of Welby Lee Rooks and Myrtle "Rooks" Alley. He married Ethel Mae "Roberts" Rooks, and she survives.



ROOKS

He is also survived by his children, Curtis Dale "Mariam" Rooks of Edinburgh, Anthony Lee "Vicki" Rooks of Franklin, Sherri "Cory" Smith of Edinburgh, Gary "Jerrie" Rooks of Columbus, Eric "Rebecca" Rooks of Columbus and Kim "Brandon" Martin of Brown County; nine grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; brothers, Rollin Rooks of Edinburgh, Avery Rooks of Columbia, Kentucky, and Gene "Polly" Rooks of Edinburgh; and sister, Ida Pearl Bryant of Franklin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Tyler Rooks and Welby Rooks Jr.; and sisters, Cecile Burton and Ruth Burton.

He enjoyed gardening and working.

A funeral service was conducted by Pastor Douglas Smith at Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburgh. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh, Indiana.

COLUMBUS

Joyce Warson

Joyce Warson of Columbus (formerly from Fort Collins, Colorado) passed away at home on Jan. 9, 2022.

Juanita Joyce Turner was born Aug. 18, 1940, in Edinburgh to William Earl and Elizabeth Turner, who preceded Joyce in death.

Joyce graduated from Southwestern High School in 1958. Joyce worked for the Social Security Administration until she retired in the mid 1980s.

Joyce loved to travel throughout the United States and other countries including Mexico, New Zealand, Ireland, Germany and Egypt.

Joyce enjoyed showing Morgan horses along with her granddaughters, Jeberly and Winter Hill. Three of Joyce's favorite pets were her quarter-horse, Nipper, and her two dogs, Stickney and Opie (all preceded Joyce in death).

Joyce is survived by a sister, Susan Westbrook (Kenny d. 2020); and brothers, Joe Turner (Terri) and Kenneth Turner (Belva). Her eldest brother, Will Turner (Marilyn) preceded her in death.

Joyce is survived by a daughter, Karen Beers (Dean) of Colorado; a son, Robert Morris of Maine; five grandchildren, Jeberly Hill, Winter Hill, Tera Neugebauer (Larry), Tiffany and Tamara Morris, all of Colorado. Joyce is also survived by 10 great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and her dog, Emma.

Donate to your favorite animal charity in Joyce's name.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Jewell-Rittman Family Funeral Home. You are invited to send a message to the Warson family at www.jewellrittman.com.

ANNIVERSARY



McGaha

Dean and Shirley (Hadley) McGaha will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were married on February 16, 1972 in Tennessee.

The couple have two children, Candy (Dave), Dean (Jennifer) and three grandchildren, Dalton, Cade and Emma.

GOOD OLD DAYS

70 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Streeval have purchased and opened the Brown's Grocery on County Line Road in Edinburg from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown.

60 years ago: Jim Dunigan scores 34 points as Don Holloway's Edinburg Lancers defeat the Morgantown Trojans by a score of 87-55 in the Edinburg gym.

50 years ago: Debra Moore is elected Queen of Hearts and James Denny is elected King of Hearts by the third graders in Mrs. Nash's room.

40 years ago: Lisa Burton, daughter of Larry and Joyce Burton, is crowned Edinburg Homecoming queen at halftime of the Edinburg-Crothersville game.

30 years ago: Vanessa Hammond, Andy McKinney and Alicia Crawhorn are named as winners in the Edinburg East Side Elementary School's science bowl.

10 years ago: Ashley Myers, Jennifer Stinson and Leslie Barnett combine for 47 points as the Edinburg Lady Lancers defeat the Medora hornets, 54-43.

COMMUNITY CHATTER

Daddy-daughter dance

Edinburgh Parks and Recreation will hosts its annual Father/Daughter Dance 6-9 p.m. on Feb. 11 at Edinburg United Methodist Church.

The event is open to all girls, from preschool to senior in high school.

Tickets are \$10 per couple and \$5 for each additional daughter and includes refreshments plus a memorable photo.

Today is the deadline to register. Forms were sent home from school or stop by the Parks & Rec Office between noon and 8 p.m.

Season over for girls varsity; boys' win brings them to 15-1

Edinburgh's high school boys each garnered victories in the week as did the eighth grade girls. Unfortunately, the varsity girls saw their season draw to an end with a loss in the West Washington sectional.

On the final day of January, the middle school girls welcomed Brown County to town for a pair of games. The evening's first contest saw the seventh grade fall to the young Eagles, 35-18 to drop their season record to 1-3. Kinzie Purvis was on fire as she dropped 15 points with Madison Britton scoring three. The second game of the night proved to be a hard fought affair with the eighth grade Lancers prevailing, 42-32 over the Eagles. Lillie Goff had the hot hand as she led her team with 12 points, Kenna Streeval added 10, Payton Morris nine, Bella Turner eight, Gracie Barrett two and Addison Crawhorn two.

The Lancer girls varsity took the long bus ride to West Washington High School on Feb. 1 to open this year's sectional against the host Senators. They fell into a hole early as their offense wasn't able to get on track and were never able to climb out, falling 47-33. Gracie Crawhorn paced the girls with 10 points, Kyah Streeval put in nine, Callie Hancock and Bethany Burton each added six and Alyssa Funkhouser had two.

Following a long, snowy gap in contests, the varsity and reserve boys played host to Crothersville on Saturday with a noon tip-off. The JV boys also were slow to roll into their offense but got on track in the second quarter as they went on to roll to a 56-38 win. Keegan Smith easily led all scorers with 21 points, Connor Ramey knocked in



Brian Ingels

Lancer Notebook

14, Austin Brockman had eight, Tanner Kohr seven, Jared Myers three and Blaze Jensen three.

The varsity contest was one that saw a host of Lancers figure into the scoring as they built a 34-10 lead after the first period and won going away, 72-32 to see their season record balloon to 15-1. Caleb Dewey once again led the Edinburgh scoring with 17 points, Jarrett Turner put in 13, Braylon Bryant had eight, Travis Jones eight, Connor Ramey seven, Riley Palmeter six, Keegan Smith four, Landen Burton four, Trevor Moon two, Travis Vidal two and Nick Detling one.

On tap

Thursday

Boys 5&6 basketball at Waldron, 6 p.m.
Girls MS basketball at Waldron, 6 p.m.

Friday

Boys JV & varsity basketball, at home vs. Medora, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Boys JV basketball tourney at home, 9 a.m.
Boys 5&6 basketball at Hope Tourney, 9 a.m.

Monday

Girls MS basketball at North Decatur, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Boys JV & varsity basketball at Trinity Lutheran, 6 p.m.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Athlete of the week

The Horizon Athlete of the Week is Devyn Milburn. Devyn is very well regarded as a hard, smart worker on both ends of the basketball court who gives 100% in every activity he participates in.



MILBURN

Scholarships

• Centra Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2022 Loretta M. Burd Scholarship Program. The program will award 27 scholarships worth \$2,500 each to graduating high school seniors and adult students this year.

Each Centra branch will award one \$2,500 scholarship to a high school senior in the local community. The remaining scholarships will be awarded to adult or nontraditional students who have decided to return to school. The scholarships may be used to pursue an undergraduate degree, graduate degree or certification from an accredited college, university or technical/trade school.

To qualify, the applicant or the applicant's parent or legal guardian must be a member of Centra Credit Union with an account in good standing. Applications will be accepted from through Feb. 28 at cen-

tra.org/scholarships/.

• The Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation provides scholarships to financially assist Johnson County students pursuing health care careers.

The four scholarships available are the Freda P. and Millard R. Montgomery Registered Nursing Scholarship, Katie Robards Memorial Scholarship, Johnson Memorial Hospital Guild High School Health-Related Scholarship and the Johnson Memorial Hospital Guild Continuing Education Health Field Scholarship.

Applications are online at johnsonmemorialfoundation.org/scholarships. Deadline for all applications is April 2.

Information: 317-346-3703 or foundation-mail@johnsonmemorial.org.

Before- and after-school program

Edinburgh Parks & Rec offers a Before & After School Enrichment Program at its Rec Center for East Side Elementary School students. Activities start at 6 a.m. before school and run until 5:30 p.m. after school. Transportation to and from school is provided. Activities include homework time and help, snacks and fun.

Info: Elissa Day, B.A.S.E. coordinator, 812-526-3535, ext. 4, or eday@edinburgh.in.us



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COMMUNITY PHOTO GALLERY



Shatawna Foster of Edinburgh captured this image of a sunset the evening before Hurricane Elsa at Indian Rocks Beach in Florida.

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Above: Cailyn, Carson, Clayton and Calvin Gentry make faces as they play in the snow in Edinburgh. **Right:** Remington Brooks is all bundled up to play in the snow in Edinburgh.

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County digs out after winter storm

The county was blanketed with as much as 6.5 inches of snow after Winter Storm Landon dropped rain, ice and snow between Wednesday and Friday morning.

The storm first dumped rain during the day on Wednesday, then switched to sleet as the temperatures plummeted. Snow began to fall early Thursday and didn't let up until Friday morning in many parts of the county.

Totals in southern Johnson County are likely somewhere between the 5.8 inches reported in Franklin and the 3.5 inches

reported in Columbus, said Aaron Updike, a meteorologist with the NWS in Indianapolis.

The winter storm forced all of the county's K-12 school districts to close on Thursday and Friday.

The snow brought accidents and slide-offs that kept local first responders and tow truck drivers busy. At the same time, it brought entertainment to snow-loving adults and children.

County residents submitted photos to the Daily Journal of their kids enjoying the snow.



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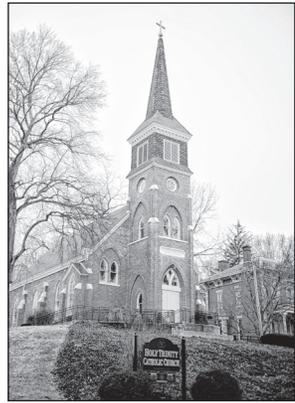

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ing town, boosted by railroads and mills and the establishment of the veneer industry, for which Edinburgh is still famous.

Log cabins became ornate mansions and Victorian buildings. Arts and culture flourished.



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Holy Trinity Catholic Church will be one of the church buildings featured in a historic tour in April, part of the celebration that includes a year-long slate of activities.

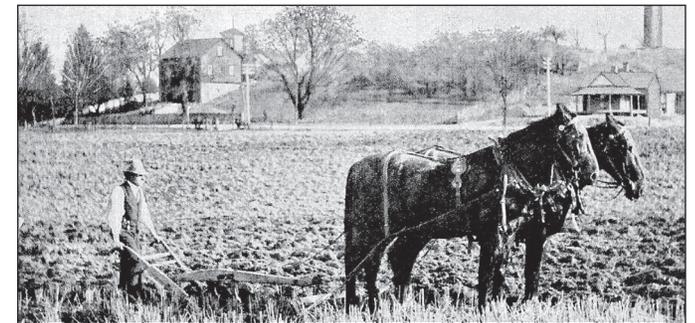
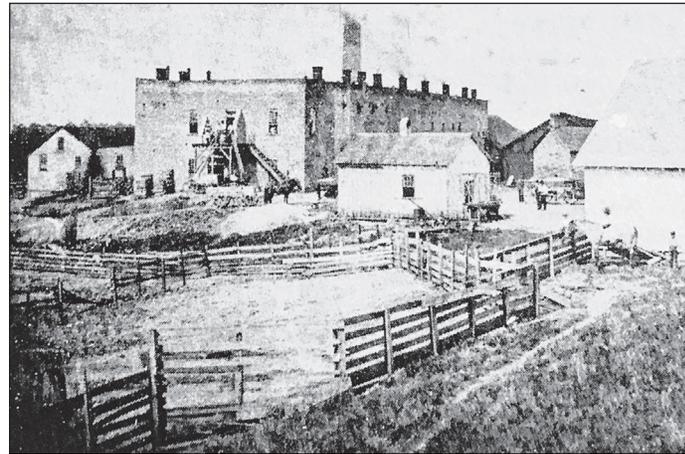
For the bicentennial, organizers wanted to weave all of those stories, and more, together. Planning for this year started in 2018, as Drybread and a dedicated team of volunteers met to discuss what should be included.

“The basic brainstorming

was, what is it about our community that we really want to highlight and celebrate during that year,” Drybread said.

For years now, Edinburgh residents have spent hours pouring over archived documents, old newspapers and files of writings in search of unique pieces of history.

They discovered that the first store in



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Top: The Blue River Starch Factory, established in Edinburgh in 1868, was one of the largest and most successful starch producers in the state. **Above:** A farmer works in the field outside Edinburgh in a historic photo.

Johnson County opened in the town in 1822. Merchants Booth and Newby of Salem opened a general store and sold the first goods in the county. A group called the Edinburgh Benevolent Society met in 1833 to plan and build the first religious meeting house.

In their searches, bicentennial organizers stumbled across an address presented to town residents on July 4, 1876. The United States was celebrating its own centennial, and Edinburgh officials took the opportunity to recognize its own 54-year-old history as well.

The author, J.H. Clarke, outlined the genesis of the town, from the exploits of French explorers to the arrival of frontiersmen to the area to hardship and resolve of the first settlers.

“There were things that many of us had never heard of before,” Drybread said.

“There was information about the early settlers, and where they came from and the hardships they went through. It was

written very poetically, and you really get a feel and picture for what life was like for these families who came in the 1820s to settle.”

But what truly resonated in the doctrine was the final lines:

“Men of high resolve and unbending courage; untiring zeal and unconquered spirits; men with nerves of steel and sinews of iron! The pioneers of Blue River Valley, who in the contest with nature never faltered or gave up the batter and let their names be handed down the ages as mighty men of renown,” Clarke wrote.

The prescient and moving document has become the kick-off of the town’s bicentennial events and activities. On March 3, a group of residents are going to read portions of the address while filling in some of the history of Edinburgh.

That reading leads into a fundraising dinner on March 4 — the day Edinburgh was settled in 1822. Organizers have planned a pork loin dinner with roasted vegetables and a caramel popcorn-themed dessert at the Edinburgh Pixy Theatre, adjacent to downtown.

The celebration moves quickly from there. A historic church tour featuring four of Edinburgh’s longtime congregations — Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Edinburgh United Methodist Church, Edinburgh

Presbyterian Church and Edinburgh Christian Congregation — will open up their buildings to show off the unique architecture and contributions to town.

Walking tours of the historic districts in the town are also planned.

All of it leads to the Bicentennial Birthday Bash, scheduled for June 10 and 11.

People will gather on what’s known as “School Hill” on the west side of downtown for hot air balloon rides, pony rides, a magician, food trucks, local vendors, six different bands and fireworks. People will compete in historic games, such as pie-plate walk and rolling pin throw.

“We’re going to bring back some of these weird games, and have some new games as well,” Drybread said.

On the first day of the festival, Edinburgh will celebrate its diverse industry, past and present.

“Veneer is our bread and butter. That’s what we’re known for,” Drybread said. “But the more we started talking about it, we realized that people aren’t always certain what a lot of the industries that we have here do. So we’ve asked those companies to come out and have a booth, bring a prototype ... and talk to the community about what they create.”

Organizers also pushed to have a pres-



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AT A GLANCE

Edinburgh bicentennial celebration

What: A year-long plan of activities recognizing the 200th birthday of Edinburgh

When was it founded: March 4, 1822

Planned activities: Bicentennial Birthday Bash on June 10-11, featuring live music, food, hot air balloons, games and more

Red Cloud Trot 5K: honoring Edinburgh's famous racehorse of the 1800s

Fall Festival bicentennial float

Re-print of "The History of Edinburgh 1820-1986" by Sarah Otto with addendum updating to the present

Historic church tours
Historic walking tours
Exhibit on Edinburgh at Johnson County Museum of History

365 Edinburgh facts on social media

Bicentennial booth at the Edinburgh Farmers Market with commemorative merchandise for sale

Information: facebook.com/EdinburghIN200

ence at some of Edinburgh's other well-known events, such as the annual Fall Festival. They'll have floats in the parade and a booth at the different events.

Prior to the parade is a new running race — the Red Cloud Trot 5K, named for the record-holding trotting horse.

Planners have also worked with the family of longtime Edinburgh historian Sarah Otto, who wrote "The History of Edinburgh 1820-1986," to reprint the book with an addendum updating the town's history to the present.

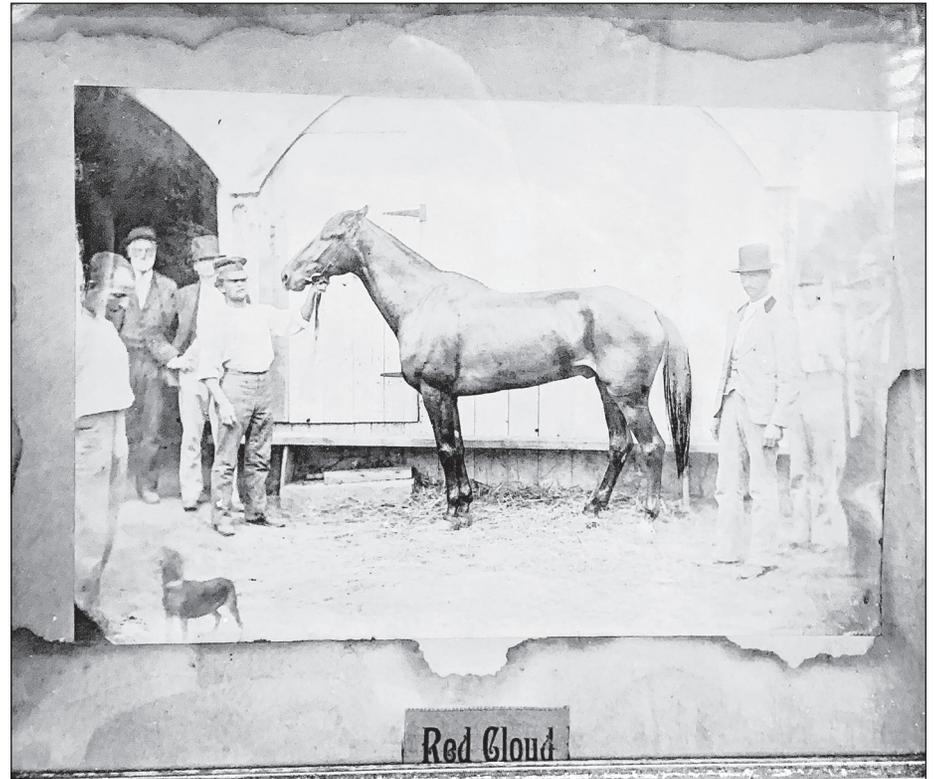
"We've been looking through old phone books, going through old (Edinburgh) Couriers, finding all of the resources, recalling so much of days gone by," said Hamm, who has been focused on this project. "It's a fantastic opportunity for our whole community to relive what has happened over the years."

No celebration would be complete without swag to commemorate the special year, and officials are planning to have t-shirts and hats and other items to help people remember the bicentennial.

Drybread has even worked with Middle Davids Artisan Candles in Franklin to create two Edinburgh-themed scents: a caramel popcorn candle, in reference to the town's famed Not Just Popcorn business, and one that smells of a lumberyard, a nod to the veneer industry.

The project has been exciting to put together, and enthusiasm is building across the community. A buzz is palpable among local residents, and that's only expected to grow as the year goes on, she said.

"You realize in this milestone year just how much of a family a small community is. As we get all of these facts online, people are commenting on things they remember, and their own stories," Drybread said. "It's been very inspirational. Edinburgh is a very unique community. We're so self-sufficient, and for a small community, to be able to offer what we do, it's really incredible."



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A photograph of Red Cloud, a world record-setting trotting horse in the 1870s who was raised, and is buried, in Edinburgh. The photograph is part of the collection in the Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library. Red Cloud will play into the town's bicentennial celebration.

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