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Alexander Memorial Rededication Ceremony

Unveiling Program, July 4th / 100 W. Kirkwood Ave. (Southeast Corner of Historic Courthouse Lawn) / 9:00 am

BLOOMINGTON, IND., June 28th, 2022 — The Monroe County Commissioners will be rededicating the Alexander Memorial and recognizing the three years of work to save this nearly 100-year-old monument. When chemicals were applied to the monument, back in the 1980's, it started a chain of decomposition that would have seen it fall to pieces if the local government, business, and historians didn't step in to prevent total deterioration.

Commissioner Julie Thomas recently said, "we had a committee that found people who cared and wanted to see this piece of history properly saved. This wasn't done by just one or two people. This was a collection of locals who gave time, effort, and resources without asking for anything in return. We thought of no better day than July 4th to be our day to share this beautifully restored piece with the entire community."

The event will include That National Anthem, Keynote speakers Debby Reed and Mary Elftman, the official unveiling of the monument, and recognition of those who gave exemplary service in this project. The County has been working with City Officials to allow the parade to start immediately following closing comments by Commissioner Thomas.

This project also produced a wonderful short film that documented the efforts of the community and will be shared on the County Commissioners' FB Page prior to the event. An event guide will also be offered, at the start of the ceremony, that contains details on participants and those being recognized.

More information about this program and other Commissioner work can be found by visiting:
<https://www.facebook.com/monroecoboardofcommissioners>.

Rededication Ceremony

The official cutting ceremony will take place on July 4th, 2022, starting at 9 AM ET. Ceremony will end at 9:45 AM ET to coincide with the start of the 4th of July Parade at 10:00am. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony as it will start right on time. Also note several of the roads around the Historic Courthouse will already be blocked off to prepare for the parade.

About the Alexander Memorial

Built in 1928, this memorial recognizes all the service and sacrifices of those who have served in wars dating back to the Civil War. The memorial is named after Captain Williamson M. Alexander (1836-1921) and has his likeness on top of the tall obelisk shape. Cpt. Alexander fought in the civil war, before returning to Bloomington, where he worked on helping to restore and update the city and surrounding areas. This memorial is also named for those efforts and because he started to fundraising process prior to his death. The memorial turned 94 years old in June 2022.