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Bedford will dedicate state historical marker

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for August 22, 2005. The state historical marker honoring Dunn Memorial Hospital will be dedicated at 4:00 pm (local time), in Bedford, Indiana.

The text follows for the state marker entitled Dunn Memorial Hospital:

Lawrence County Hospital Association was organized July 15, 1903 to build, maintain, and manage a hospital in Bedford. Opened first building 1904. State, district, and local Works Progress Administration officials and city and county officials approved and turned over this building—the hospital’s third—to Lawrence County, October 22, 1941. Open House and public tours held October 23, 1941. State WPA felt it was one of the “most beautiful building construction jobs ever completed in the state by WPA workers.” Removal of patients and equipment from second building completed November 1, 1941. Addition started 1949. Major modernization and expansion of hospital was dedicated May 9, 1982.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication recognizing Bedford’s rich history.

Historical markers commemorate significant Indiana individuals, places, and events, and they help communities throughout Indiana promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. Via the Internet, that history reaches a worldwide audience.

For more than 80 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are 471 of these markers across the state.

For a digital version of this release and further information about this marker, the state Historical Marker Program, and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau Web site at www.IN.gov/history or call 317-232-2537.

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