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Library celebrates bicentennial

Lecture focuses on town's founder

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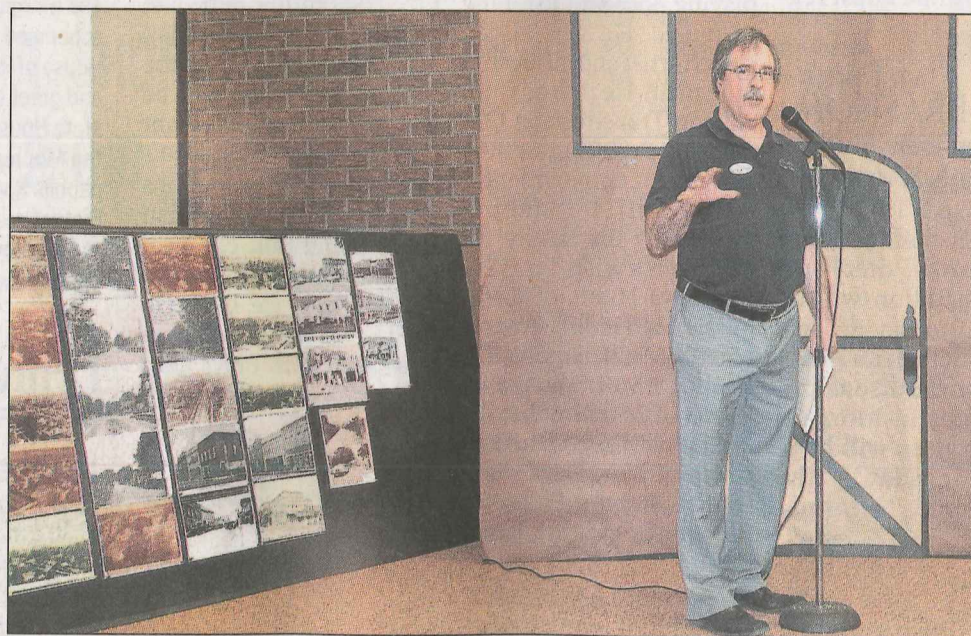
MOORESVILLE

William R. Buckley kicked off the Mooresville Public Library's "Celebrate Mooresville's Heritage" with a video reenactment of the town founder's life.

The presentations are part of the Indiana State Bicentennial celebration. Other programs in the series will be about Amos Rusie, a National Baseball Hall of Fame member; Paul Hadley, an artist who created the Indiana State Banner design; Frank Inn, a Hollywood animal trainer; and Sammy L. Davis, a Mooresville High School graduate who won a Congressional Medal of Honor.

Buckley, Mooresville Public Library's director of information and reference services, told Moore's story with vintage and more recent photographs. It was narrated by a voice as if it were Moore telling his story at Old Settlers' Day.

The "narration" was assembled from various historical records in the library's Indiana Room collections. Although Samuel Moore did not actually give this



William R. Buckley speaks to a crowd at the Mooresville Public Library Saturday about the life of Samuel Moore. The event was the first in a series celebrating Indiana's bicentennial. Photo by Ronald Hawkins.

speech, it is based upon accurate, authentic historical records, Buckley said.

Moore came to Brown Township in 1822 and he established the first trading post there. The Moores, a Quaker family, had moved to Indiana from North Carolina because of its opposition to slavery.

In 1823, Moore acquired 160 acres on which Mooresville now stands, paying \$2 per acre. In 1824 with the assistance of oth-

ers, he platted 20 acres for the town, four blocks of five acres. He selected the highest hills to be the center of town to avoid flooding problems that other communities had been facing.

On Feb. 21, 1825, a plat of four blocks was recorded with the Morgan County Recorder that would become the first

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Group raising funds to give maps to classrooms

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Members of the Morgan County Leadership Academy have a goal for the year — raise enough funds to provide a 10-foot by 10-foot county map to every school in the county. And they are asking for some help.

Hannah Klare, a member of this year's MCLA class, said the service project will be collecting money from businesses and individuals through the summer with the hope of getting enough money to provide a \$450 map to every school in the area. Maps will also go to the Boys and Girls Club and the Martinsville Youth Center.

"It's on behalf of the schools," Klare said. "It's not a competition. It's all over the county."

The maps are part of an Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project and the Morgan County map is being created by the Morgan County History and Genealogy Society. The maps, along with an accompanying

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streets of Mooresville. He didn't make a public land sale until 1840, but instead he sold and in some cases gave away land and houses.

The founders intended the town to be populated by honest, industrious and temperant individuals, the Moore character states in the video.

Moore dedicated five acres to the town for use as a park as long as it wasn't used for "frivolous" purposes such as baseball, horse racing and gambling.

Moore's business took him as far away from home as Philadelphia. While he said he gained and lost fortunes several times, he attributed his ultimate success to education, fair dealing and honesty.

Moore died in 1889. The video can be found at youtube.com/watch?v=ifE9pAbSy64