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ADVANCE TICKET SALES BEGIN FOR LIVING LIBERTY: BEDFORD LIFE IN THE 1860S

On the weekend of July 11-13, Centertown Bedford will come alive with the sights and sounds of the 1860s. Then called Liberty, Bedford was the site of much activity during the Civil War, both military and civilian. All activities during the weekend will be held at historic sites in Centertown, and will feature period music, a military encampment, guided lantern tours (which will be meeting costumed characters along the way), a ladies tea and fashion show, speakers and displays, book signings, a period wedding, and more!

Proceeds from this event will go to fund several historic projects, including the restoration of Colonel Thomas Kasey's War of 1812 uniform coat, which is on display at the Bedford City/County Museum. One of the many special guests for the weekend will be General Robert E. Lee portrayed by nationally known reenactor Al Stone.

An exhibit on loan from the Legacy Museum will highlight African American health and medicine in the 1800s, and discusses the role of slaves and free blacks at area Civil War hospitals.

Many activities are free of charge (donations are appreciated). Block tickets are available for \$15 and allow discounted admission to one lantern tour, the period wedding, and the concert of 19th century music. Tickets to individual events are also available.

Ticket sales begin on Wednesday June 18th and can be purchased at the following area locations: Arthur's Jewelry, Bedford Hardware, Bedford Welcome Center, and online at www.centertownbedford.com. Space at some activities is limited, so advance tickets are recommended.

For more information, contact Bedford Main Street, Inc. at 540-586-2148 or visit the web page at www.centertownbedford.com

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