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Selma’s role in fighting for voting rights and the ongoing fight for civil rights for Black Americans is celebrated by the Black Belt Community Foundation through a project that will see a replica Liberty Bell set sail on Selma’s historic Pettus Bridge.

Thirty-one years ago, Reverend Edmund Pettus Bridge was the site of a historic march where 600 civil rights marchers were beaten by state troopers and “heavily armed” state police, an event that became known as “Bloody Sunday.”

The replica Liberty Bell will float across the bridge every weekend in July and August, starting at noon Saturday, July 18. The replica was created by The Art Production Fund, in partnership with the Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Fund, in partnership with the Selma Liberty Bell Commission.

“Mr. Curry’s passion to uplift our community,” said Lucky, “is the defining characteristic of the BBCF’s mission. His legacy remembered.”

Dunning said the new BBCF scholarship program will match an additional $10,000 for contributions made during 2020.

“We plan to work with the community with limited access to smartphone technology can experience the work. "How do you celebrate a man’s legacy? You can’t be afraid to take action," said Dunning.

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"The Art Production Fund, in partnership with the Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Fund, in partnership with the Selma Liberty Bell Commission has been selected to create the commemorative art piece of a replica Liberty Bell on Selma’s historic Pettus Bridge. The replica Liberty Bell will float across the bridge every weekend in July and August, starting at noon Saturday, July 18.

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"This is something we want to accomplish for the next generation," said Dunning. "We want to build up our youth and inspire them to make our name, his work and his legacy remembered in the Black Belt.

"This is a celebration of the BBCF’s mission to lift up the youth of Marengo County and the Black Belt, and “continuing the legacy so beautifully established by Reverend Curry.”

"We’re honored to carry forward the work that was left to Reverend Curry. By Dunning and Jones said Lucky, who has served the BBCF for 16 years. “We plan to work with several foundations nationwide to raise funds for an endowment.

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