

Abraham Lincoln Tourism Bureau of Logan County

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January – March 2010 **Lincoln/Logan County Community Calendar**

To add an event to our calendar, or to sign up to receive this calendar through e-mail or regular mail, please call the Abraham Lincoln Tourism Bureau of Logan County at 217-732-8687 (phone), 217-735-9205 (fax), or write to us at 1555 Fifth St, Lincoln, IL 62656, or e-mail us at admin@abe66.com.

Below is a timeline of when events/meetings must be submitted to us in order for them to be in the e-mail Calendar.

March and April 2010 events – February 23, 2010
May and June 2010 events – April 24, 2010
July and August 2010 events – June 26, 2010
September and October 2010 events – August 28, 2010
November and December 2010 events- October 23, 2010
January and February 2010 events – December 23, 2010

If events/ meetings are submitted after the deadline, they will not make it into the e-mailed version of the calendar, but we will gladly get them on the website.

Flyer Policy

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to accept flyers for our online calendar or newsletter. However, we encourage you to send us information about your event for inclusion.

Logan County Events

Jan 15- Mar 26: Logan County Leadership Academy; Logan County Leadership Academy is a professional development and personal growth program developed by the Lincoln/ Logan County Chamber of Commerce. Participants will gain the knowledge, vision, and connections to become successful civic and business leaders. It is held Fridays, 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM. For more information please call the Chamber at 217-732-2385.
www.lincolnilinois.com

Jan 27: Blood Drive; 12 pm to 5 pm at the Christian Village in Lincoln. Call 1-866-give-bld for more information.
www.CICBC.org

Jan 28: 21st Annual Lincoln Day Dinner; The Logan County Republican Committee hosts this evening. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, starting at 5:30 pm.

Jan 30: VFW Fundraiser Day; The Lincoln VFW will be hosting an all day fundraiser. Music, food, home based business bingo, comedians from Mason City Limits, silent and live auctions. A little bit for everyone. Look for more information as it is released.

Jan 30: Kiwanis Fundraiser; The Kiwanis will have a Chili and Oyster Dinner at the American Legion from 11 am to 2:30 pm.

Feb 1: Castle Manor Town Hall Meeting; This event will be held at the Lincoln Park District Recreation Center

at 6 pm. The public is invited to come and learn what supportive living is and the services that Castle manor will bring to the community.

Feb 6: Postville Birthday Celebration; Come and celebrate the 201st birthday of Abraham Lincoln at this site of historic significance in his life. More information to follow. www.postvillecourthouse.com

Feb 6: Logan County Friends of the NRA Fundraising Banquet; This will be held at the Knights of Columbus with doors open at 5:30 pm., Dinner at 6:30 pm and live auction at 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$30 per person. For more information please call 217-306-5036.

Feb 14: Looking for Lincoln & Annual Partnership Dinner; This event is hosted by Main Street Lincoln. It will be held at the Maple Club, 4:30 pm.

Feb 14: Lincoln College Charter Day; This event will be held at the Johnston Center for Performing Arts to celebrate their 145th Anniversary. It will begin at 2 pm.

Mar 6: Everything Fitz; The Lincoln Land Concert Association is pleased to present this family band featuring high-energy fiddling and percussive step dancing. This Canadian band combines a variety of musical styles including Celtic, bluegrass, and western swing. This concert is open to all season members and will begin at 7:30 pm at the Lincoln Christian University. Membership information is available by writing Judy Awe, 123 Crestwood Dr, Lincoln, IL 62656.

Mar 13: HSLC Annual Rummage Sale; This will be held at the Lincoln Woman's Club from 7 am until noon. www.hslclincoln.org

Mar 13: Kiwanis Fundraiser; The Kiwanis Club will be having a Ham & Bean dinner at the American Legion from 11 am to 2 pm.

Mar 13: Cheeseburgers in Paradise Night; The big night is a fundraiser for the Senior transportation and Logan and Mason County meal programs through the Community Action Partnerships of Central Illinois. Event kicks off at 6 pm at the Knights of Columbus hall in Lincoln. All the cheeseburgers you can eat, music, comedy, raffles and actions. For tickets call 732-2159 ext. 0. Tickets are \$25 per person and go on sale on Jan. 4th. www.capcil.org

Mar 18: 11th Annual Logan County Ag Day Breakfast; This will be held at the Laughlin Center at Lincoln Christian University at 7 am. This great event is put on by the Chamber of Commerce with many other sponsors.

Apr 20: Girl Singers of the Hit Parade; The Lincoln Land Concert Association is pleased to present this truly entertaining show jam-packed with hit after hit from some of the best loved female vocalists of all time. This concert is open to all season members and will begin at 7:30 pm at the Lincoln Christian University. Membership information is available by writing Judy Awe, 123 Crestwood Dr, Lincoln, IL 62656.

Apr 24: Abraham Lincoln Tourism Bureau of Logan County Annual Dinner; This is a time to celebrate tourism in 2009. This will be held at the Maple Club in Lincoln. More information soon to be announced. www.abe66.com

May 9: Mother's Day Luncheon; The Kiwanis Club will be hosting this dinner to be held at Lincoln College from 11 am to 2 pm.

June 11-12: 4th Annual Logan County Route 66 Garage Sale; A weekend of fun in the sun along Route 66. Garage Sales, crafts, bargains galore. Look for more information coming soon. www.route66garagesale.com

July 17: Kiwanis Fundraiser; The Kiwanis Club will be holding a ribeye sandwich fundraiser at the Lincoln IGA from 10 am to 3 pm.

Aug 2-8: Logan County Fair; www.logancountyfair.ccaonline.com.

Aug 27-29: Lincoln Art and Balloon Festival; www.lincolnilinois.com

Aug 29: Postville 1800s Craft Fair; www.postvillecourthouse.com.

Sept 17-19: 40th National Abraham Lincoln Railsplitting Festival: www.railsplitting.com.

Oct 9: 4th Annual Car Show to Save the Mill; Co-sponsored by the Railsplitter Antique Auto Club, this event is a great afternoon of good food, great music, fabulous cars and super camaraderie.

Dec 4: Postville 1840's Christmas; www.postvillecourthouse.com

Central Illinois Events

Logan County Attractions

Postville Courthouse: A reproduction of the original 1840 courthouse where Abraham Lincoln practiced law while he traveled the Eighth Judicial Circuit. Open Tuesday-Saturday. April-October: Noon to 5:00 pm. November through March: Noon to 4:00 pm. Closed most state holidays. Open Any Time by Appointment. Reservations are suggested for groups of 25 or more. Suggested donation: Adults \$2, Children \$1. For additional information, contact 217-732-8930 or www.postvillecourthouse.com.

Mt. Pulaski Courthouse: One of the only two surviving Eighth Judicial Circuit Courthouses in Illinois where Abraham Lincoln practiced law. Open Tuesday-Saturday, Noon to 4:00 pm. It is closed: New Years, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents and Veterans Days, General Election Days, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Groups of 25 or more must have reservations. Not wheelchair accessible.

Lincoln Heritage Museum: Houses valuable collections of Abraham Lincoln, Illinois, Logan County History, and American presidential memorabilia. Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Saturday-Sunday 1:00 pm-4:00 pm, open additional hours by appointment. It is closed on Federal holidays. Open February 12. Contact 217-732-3155 Ext. 295 or email www.lincolncollege.edu for more information.

Logan County Courthouse: Located on the square in downtown Lincoln, this courthouse was completed in 1905 and still houses county offices and records dating to 1839. For operating times and further information, contact 217-732-6400 or 217-732-TOUR.

Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society: The Genealogical and Historical Society encourages the preservation of Logan County's history and maintains a Research Center that treasures and collects Logan County family histories from Logan County families. They're the only Research Center that includes ALL of Logan County. Their research resources include historical books, maps, obituaries, cemetery records, marriages, births, family surname genealogy, and more! Stop by for a visit and enjoy looking at historical artifacts, including old photographs and museum pieces, or browse through a book or two. They will even help you research your very own family history! Be sure to check out the Veteran's exhibit, as well as take a look at the new "Abraham Lincoln Room." Open limited Numbers of hours during January and February due to building repairs. The hours will be 11 am to 4 pm on Tuesday and Thursday. For research, book orders, CD orders and questions please leave phone message at 217-732-3200 anytime.

Mt. Pulaski Township Historical Society Museum: This two-story museum features Mt. Pulaski/Abraham Lincoln memorabilia. It is located on 102- 104 E. Cooke St. Open: Tuesday-Saturday from noon-4:00 pm. They are closed during the winter months. They will also open by special appointment. For more information, contact museum@frontiernet.net or call 217-792-3719.

Heritage In Flight Museum: Located at the Logan County Airport, the museum is open to provide an educational experience with activities built around aviation. They provide tours of the museum, flying events at

the airport, meetings, and aircraft/vehicle maintenance. Guided tours are scheduled Monday-Friday 9:00-4:00 pm. A one-week notice is required. Open: Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am-4:00 pm. No set admission charge, but donations are appreciated. Call 217-732-3333 for more information.

J. H. Hawes Grain Elevator: Built in 1904, the J.H. Hawes Grain Elevator is now the oldest wooden grain elevator in the state. This structure is one of the few of its kind to be registered as a historic site. Today it is home to a museum. Open: June to August from 1 pm to 3 pm on Sundays or by appointment. It is located in downtown Atlanta, IL. For more information, please call 217-648-5077.

All Veteran's Park: 100 Block of Union St., Lincoln, IL 62656. Come visit this powerfully moving park, dedicated to the Veterans that have served our country in times of conflict and in times of peace. Currently, there are approximately 2000 bricks that have been dedicated to past and present veterans. Also included at the park is the "Avenue of Flags" with ten aligned U.S. flags and one larger U.S. Flag with POW/MIA flags as well. For more information, please contact the Lincoln AMVETS Post #71: 1417 North Logan St., Lincoln, IL 62656 or 217-732-8829

Lincoln Christening Scene: The town of Lincoln was christened by Abraham Lincoln on August 27, 1853. The site is located at 101 N. Chicago St, Lincoln, IL. For more information please contact at 217-732-8687 or www.abe66.com.

Stagecoach Inn/ Dunlap House: Built over 150 years ago, this wooden stagecoach Inn once stood on Middletown's square. It is located now at 204 S. Madison St, Middletown, IL.

Elkhart Cemetery/ John P. Gillett Memorial Arch: This is the final resting place for several notable figures. The Memorial Arch in 1915 replaced the wooden bridge over which Robert Todd Lincoln walked during the Oglesby funeral procession. Information can be found at www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org.

World's Largest Covered Wagon: Recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records, as the largest in the world, it can be seen at 1750 Fifth Street (Route 66 at Best Western Inn), Lincoln, IL.

The Mill: Built in 1929, it was a highlight of Route 66 in Lincoln. The projected date for the building to be opened as a museum is 2009. More information can be found at www.savethemill.org.

Bunyon Statue: This 19-foot tall statue is great photo opportunity for the Route 66 enthusiast. It is located at 103 SW Arch St, Atlanta, IL. More information can be found at www.atlantaillinois.org.

Central Illinois Attractions

Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site: Located in Petersburg, IL, this is a preservation of the authentic site of the frontier village of New Salem, home to Abraham Lincoln during the 1830's. Features historic workshops, tours, musical programs, story telling, museum displays, etc. Open: Wednesdays through Sundays. It is advised to call ahead. Free with donations (suggested \$2 adults/ \$1 children). For additional information please call 217-632-4000.

Lincoln's Tomb: The 117-foot tall granite tomb contains the bodies of Lincoln, his wife Mary, and three of his four sons, and features the famous Lincoln statue. Open: Daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from March through October and until 4 p.m. from November through February. It is closed on major holidays. If you visit at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings from June through August, you can see a flag-lowering ceremony enacted by volunteers in Civil War uniforms. Groups of 25 or more should make reservations. Call 217-782-2717 for further information.

Lincoln's Home: The Lincoln home, the centerpiece of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, has been restored to its 1860s appearance, revealing Lincoln as husband, father, politician, and President-elect. No fee for the tour. Parking is available in the visitor parking lot on a daily basis. The charge, payable at a self-operated fee machine, is \$2.00 per hour. For Visitor Information, contact 217-492-4241 ext. 221.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum: 212 North Sixth St., Springfield, IL 62701. Museum Open: Monday-Sunday 9:00 am-5:00 pm and Wednesday 9:00 am-8:30 pm. Closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day. Library has no admission charge. Museum admission fee is: Adults (16-61 years of age) \$7.50, Senior (62 years of age and up) \$5.50, Children (5-15 years of age) \$3.50, Military (id required) \$5.50, Students (school/college id required) \$5.50, Children under 5 are free. For more information,

contact 217-558-8882 or www.alplm.org.

Dana Thomas House: 301 E Lawrence Ave, Springfield, IL. It is open for guided tours Wednesday through Sunday 9 AM to 4 PM. Suggested donations are \$3.00 per adult and \$1.00 per child. Please call 217-782-6776 for more information or check their website at www.dana-thomas.org.

Logan County Meetings

Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society: Third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. For additional information call 217-732-3200. Public invited.

Logan Railsplitting Association: Third Monday of each month at 7 PM. Meetings held at the St. John's UCC Church. Contact number is 217-732-9488.

Railsplitter Antique Auto Club: Second Thursday of each month at Rusty's Restaurant in Lincoln. Also first Saturday of each month, an 8 AM breakfast meeting held at various locations. Contact number is 217-732-3245

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting: The VFW Post 1759 and its Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the VFW Tenth District and Ladies Auxiliary meeting on Sept. 20th at VFW Post 1759, 915 5th St, Lincoln at 11 am.

Humane Society of Logan County: Wednesday, July 8, 7 pm at the HSLC office, fundraising committee meeting. Marsha Brown, Chairman, 217-735-2108; Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, July 15 at the HSLC office, Larry Pech, president, 217-732-2985.

Railsplitter Coin Club: Third Wednesdays of each month at Friendship Manor at 7:30 PM. Meetings and coin auction are held each time. Contact number is 217-732-7069

Lincoln's Logan County Arts & Crafts Guild: Fourth Monday of each month. They do not meet in February, August, September or December. Jan. 26th meeting will be held at the Postville Courthouse.

Quilters at Heart Meeting: Fourth Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Meetings held at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 402 Pekin St, Lincoln. Contact 217-732-7029 for more information.

Abraham Lincoln Tourism Bureau of Logan County: Fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm. Call 217-732-8687 for more information. Meetings held at the Holiday Inn Express.

Economic Development: Last Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. For more information call 217-732-8739

Healthy Communities Partnership: Fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 am. Contact 217-732-5066 for more details.

Elkhart Historical Society: Second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm.

Mt. Pulaski Township Historical Society: First Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Held at the historical society building. For more information please call 217-792-3719

Friends of Historic Atlanta: First Monday of every other month at the Atlanta Public Library. Call for details 217-648-2351.

Emden Historical Society: Third Monday of each month at the Emden Community Building. Call for details

K-C-B Historical Society: Second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

Heritage In Flight Museum: First Saturday of each month at 1:30 pm.

Rt. 66 Heritage Foundation of Logan County: Fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. Call 217-732-8687.

Abraham Lincoln Heritage Foundation: Meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Information Station. Call 217-732-8687.

ABATE: Meets the first Sunday of each month.

The Oasis Belles, a red hat society: Meets first Tuesday of each month at the Oasis Center. Enjoy a lunch for \$3.25 while discussing all the happenings and events.

Oasis Bunco: Meets every fourth Monday of each month.

Civil War Statue Committee: 7 pm at the Logan County Geological and Historical Society Center, Lincoln, IL

LARK: The Lincoln Air Rifle Klub shoots every Tuesday at the Lincoln VFW, 6 pm

Entertainment Attractions

Lincoln Speedway: Located at the Logan County Fairgrounds, Upcoming schedule soon to be announced. Contact by phone at 217-735-1833.

Big Bill's RC Raceway: Racing season runs end of May to Mid-September. Check their website for more information at www.bigbillsraceway.com

RJD Hobbies & Raceway: Contact at 217-732-4300 or www.rjdhobbiesandraceway.com

Abraham Lincoln Quarter Midget Track: Contact via their website at www.alqma.com

Mason City Limits: Located in nearby Mason City, IL. For information on upcoming shows please call 217-482-LAFF (5233), or check their website www.mclimits.com.

Logan Lanes: Check them out for bowling and a whole lot more. www.loganlanes.com

Carmike Lincoln Cinema: 217-732-2209

Area Website Links

Gail's Pumpkin Patch, Beason, IL; www.gailspumpkinpatch.com

Abraham Lincoln Tourism Bureau of Logan County; www.abe66.com

Lincoln/ Logan County Chamber of Commerce; www.lincolnillinois.com

Atlanta, IL; www.atlantaillinois.org

Elkhart, IL; www.elkhartillinois.us

Mt. Pulaski, IL; www.mtpulaskiil.com

The Mill, Lincoln, IL; www.savethemill.org

Lincoln, IL; www.lincolnillinois.com

Railsplitting Festival; www.railsplitting.com

Area Sports Schedule

Big Bill's RC Raceway:

Races begin at the end of May and run to mid- September, every Friday night, opening at 5 PM.

Lincoln Speedway:

Check out the following websites for local high school sporting calendars!

Lincoln Community High School:

<http://lchs.k12.il.us/vcalendar/>

Olympia High School:

<http://www.highschoolsports.net/defaultcal.cfm?schoolid=IL6177426385&CFID=152224&CFTOKEN=57979522&timeoffset=300>

Mt. Pulaski High School:

<http://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/mphs/Sports.htm>

Lincoln College:

http://www.lincolncollege.edu/athletics/ath_index.php

Additional School Events: