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Looking for Lincoln Waysides Arriving in Quincy!!

24 Storyboards for Western Loop, 15 for Quincy!!

Springfield—Quincy is the site selected by the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition to receive a major shipment of wayside exhibits tomorrow. Quincy will receive a total of 24 exhibits that will be distributed to communities that make up part of the Western Loop of the Coalition.

“Quincy will receive 15 of the 24 exhibits delivered Tuesday to complete their total number of 18 exhibits for Quincy. Once installed, Quincy will be second only to Springfield, in terms of the total number of exhibits for visitors to enjoy. This will create a very compelling Lincoln visitor experience for Quincy and help draw people to the Western Loop of the Looking for Lincoln Story Trail, as we are calling the significant cluster of western Illinois communities with solid Lincoln stories,” said Hal Smith, Director of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Coalition.

The other communities picking up exhibits from the Quincy delivery will be Carthage (5), Pittsfield (3), and Rushville (1). These communities, along with Nauvoo, Macomb, La Harpe Dallas City, Augusta, Rushville, Beardstown, Jacksonville, Petersburg and Athens are among those with waysides on the Looking for Lincoln Story Trail that comprise this Western Loop for the Coalition. Together they represent a significant cluster of Lincoln stories that will be interesting to visitors to the region.

“This collection of wonderful exhibits in Quincy will attract visitors to the Western Loop. Coming out of Springfield, Jacksonville, Pittsfield and Quincy all have wonderful Lincoln stories with concentrations of waysides that will drive visitors to many of these surrounding communities. We know visitors interested in Lincoln will find these historic communities, with their unique connection to Lincoln, both entertaining and educational! We are grateful to the City of Quincy, with solid support from their business community, for making these exhibits possible.” added Smith.

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“The shipment to Quincy represents 25% of the storyboards being delivered this summer, as the Coalition adds nearly 100 new waysides this year, bringing their total to 210 exhibits to be installed across 42 counties of the Abraham Lincoln National heritage Area, by the end of this summer,” according to Smith.

Tuesday’s 10 AM shipment will be delivered to the Quincy Central Services Department at 18th and Seminary Road.

The Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area is composed of the 42 counties of central Illinois where Lincoln spent 30 years of his adult life, preparing to become the most admired president in American history. The Congress designated the National Heritage Area last year and named Looking for Lincoln as the management entity for the Area. Funding for this round of exhibits was made possible by a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, with strong support from Illinois Senator Dick Durbin, in combination with local and private funding sources. For more information on the Heritage Area and the Looking for Lincoln Story Trail, go to: www.lookingforlincoln.com.

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