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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ABRAHAM LINCOLN!

Visit the Early American Museum for a special 200th anniversary celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birth, 1-4 P.M., Thursday, February 12th! Meet and shake hands with our 16th president, portrayed by Steve Shoemaker. Enjoy a cake based on the original recipe of Mary Todd Lincoln, and learn more about this famous Illinois resident at this year's special exhibit, "The Many Faces of Abraham Lincoln," opening that day.

From 3 PM to 4 PM, Mr. Lincoln will be available to greet children who come after school. There will be Lincoln-themed crafts to make and take home. Mr. Shoemaker will do a brief reading from a speech by our 16th president, and will present each visitor a small token of his appreciation. Everyone may sign up to win the DVD, "Champaign County's Lincoln," to be given away every half hour. For more information, call (217) 586-2612 or visit www.earlyamericanmuseum.org.

The Early American Museum is a facility of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District and is located on Route 47, 1/2 mile north of I-74 at Mahomet. The CCFPD provides conservation, education and recreation for the citizens of Champaign County and manages more than 3,800 acres of open space located at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet; River Bend Forest Preserve, Mahomet; Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer; Middle Fork River Forest Preserve, Penfield; and Sangamon River Forest Preserve, Fisher.

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