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Tazewell County Board

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**\*\*\* Press Release \*\*\***

## **Abraham Lincoln is Coming to Washington**

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Abraham Lincoln will once more be visiting the City of Washington, Illinois. Abraham Lincoln interpreter Fritz Klein of Springfield will be in town as the Key Note speaker for assemblies at each of the four grade schools in Washington as well as other events around town. Some of the events are open to the public. Media coverage is welcomed to all of the events.

**Here is the schedule of events for the day.**

**9:00AM / Washington District 50 4th & 5th Grade Classes**

**10:15AM / Washington District 52 5th Grade Classes**

**12:15PM / Press Conference on Washington Square hosted by Washington Historical Society & Washington Chamber of Commerce, Kickoff of In Lincoln's Footsteps Tourism Campaign**

**1:00PM / Washington District 51 3rd Grade Classes / **Open to Public****

**2:15PM / St. Patrick's Catholic School All Students / **Open to Public****

**6:00PM / FREE Public Presentation at Washington Community High School / **Open to Public****

The Washington Historical Society will be hosting a kickoff to a new tourism campaign. In the Lincoln's Footsteps is a new tourism campaign that will be highlighting know locations Lincoln visited in Washington by placing Bronze Footprints of Abraham Lincoln at these locations. Three such locations on the Square in Washington will be highlighted. Our Abraham Lincoln will assist the Historical Society in introducing this campaign to the public. While the Bronze Footprints will be on display at the kickoff event, they will not be installed until later in the spring of 2012. This Kickoff Event will be Open to the Public.

A FREE Presentation of Fritz Klein as Abraham Lincoln will be held at the Washington Community High School at 6:00 that same day. This event is free and Open to the Public. The program will be similar to the program the students of Washington will see during the day and all ages are welcomed. The Washington District Library last hosted Fritz Klein five years ago and the event then was standing room only. As such, we anticipate a similar large crowd, so please come early for best seating.

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