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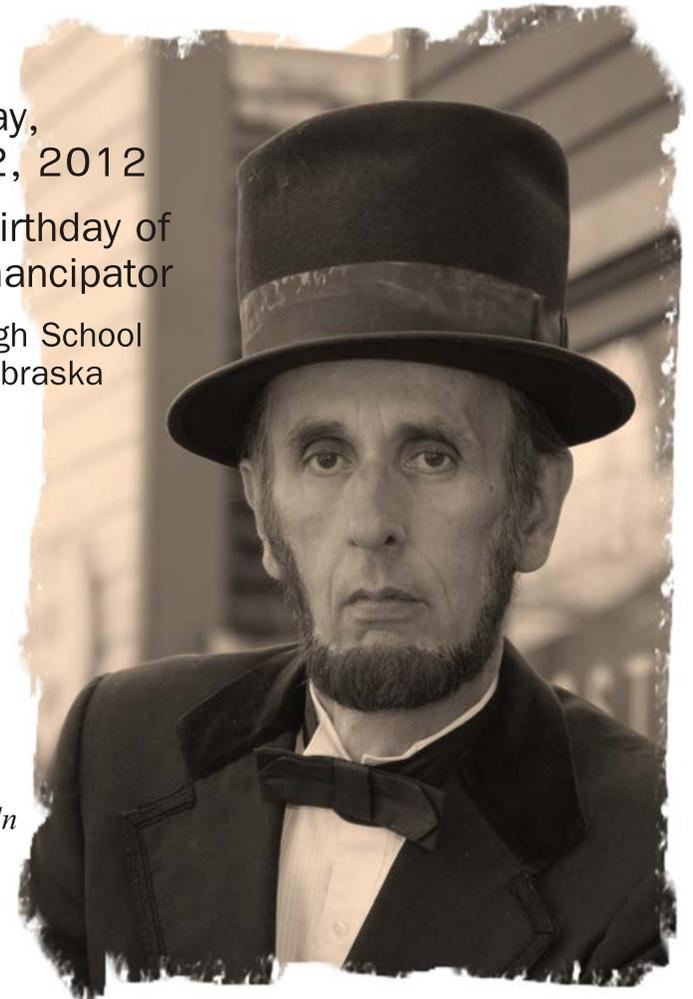
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2012 ABRAHAM LINCOLN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday,
February 12, 2012
The 203rd birthday of
the Great Emancipator
Southwest High School
Lincoln, Nebraska

*Featuring
Lance Mack
as President
Abraham Lincoln*



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12th annual ABRAHAM LINCOLN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

SCHEDULE

All events are in the Commons Area

1 p.m. Music with Chris Sayre

1:30 to 4 p.m. Music and dancing with the Smith Family Band

2, 3 and 4 p.m. - Lance Mack as President Lincoln

- *The Smith Family Band will take breaks for these performances.*
- *The 3 p.m. performance will be preceded by awards, recognition and the singing of "Happy Birthday."*
- *A recording of the performances will air on 5 CITY-TV (government access cable channel 5). See lincoln.ne.gov for the schedule.*

4:15 p.m. - More music with Chris Sayre

All day –

- *Visit with Susan Dittman of Lincoln, author of "Abraham Lincoln's Shining Star - the Inspiring Story of Abraham Lincoln and Nebraska."*
- *Learn about the 150th anniversary of the Homestead Act signed by President Lincoln in 1862.*
- *Enjoy the children's area, other historical exhibits and free refreshments!*



IMPERSONATORS CONTEST

Contestants in the Abe Lincoln Impersonators Contest can register at the information desk from **1 to 2:15 p.m.** Judging will take place at **2:15 p.m.** (following the Lance Mack performance). Contestants should meet at the impersonators desk.

Awards will be presented at the beginning of the **3 p.m.** performance. Prizes may be awarded in both youth (age 16 and under) and adult categories.



LANCE MACK

Lance Mack of Marion, Iowa is a former university professor who has been portraying Lincoln since 1989. He has performed at hundreds of events including reenactments as well as school, political and holiday events. His website is lancepresentsabe.com.

SMITH FAMILY BAND

Back for the eighth year is the Smith Family Band of Hastings – parents Pam and Tim, their son Jeremy and his wife, Sarah. Jeremy teaches Japanese, German and ballroom dance at Lincoln Southwest High School. Sarah is employed at UNL. Son Erik also is a member, but he now lives in Santa Monica, California and was unable to be with us today. The family has been performing together since the boys started playing violin in first grade. In addition to playing for Civil War reenactments, the Smiths play bluegrass, gospel, classical, Irish, renaissance, wedding, traditional dance and holiday music. Pam is a Dance Mistress, providing instruction in the old dances. The family has also performed in several countries, including a residency in Japan, where they taught American pioneer songs and dances. The band specializes in audience participation and lots of fun for everyone! The Smith Family Band has released a CD entitled "Millennium," a collection of 17 of their favorite selections.



CHRIS SAYRE

Sayre has performed at all 11 of the City's previous Lincoln celebrations. He is self taught on more than a dozen instruments and has performed and promoted traditional and contemporary folk music for nearly 30 years. He has performed nationally at more than 1,000 schools and is a longtime participant in the Artists in Schools/Communities Program, co-sponsored by the Nebraska Arts Council. He also has been a member of the Nebraska Humanities Council Speakers Bureau for 13 years.