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“Contact the Give Something Back Foundation office to request an admission ticket for the Lincoln Landing Unveiling.”

Lincoln Landing to be dedicated Feb. 12

Lockport, Ill. — Lockport’s newest public park, Lincoln Landing, will be dedicated at 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 12 on the 200th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln’s birth.

Lincoln Landing is a joint project of the Will County Historical Society and The Give Something Back Foundation. One of only two sites in Illinois recognized by the federal Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, the centerpiece of the one-acre park, located in historic downtown Lockport along the old Illinois & Michigan Canal, is a sculpture of Abraham Lincoln as a young Illinois legislator. Lincoln Landing also includes an educational component about Lincoln and his role in the I&M Canal that will enhance a visitor’s experience and also will provide historical information for teachers and students related to their curriculum

Starting off the day devoted to Lincoln, award-winning author and presidential biographer Douglas Brinkley will speak at 9:30 a.m. in the Sancta Alberta Chapel at Lewis University in Romeoville. A professor of history at Rice University in Houston, Tex., Brinkley’s topic will be “Lincoln: From the State of Illinois to the Nation.” His presentation is part of the Arts and Ideas Series at Lewis University, which presents unique cultural, artistic and entertainment events on campus.

After his talk at Lewis University, Brinkley will be one of the dignitaries attending the Lincoln Landing dedication.

The author of numerous books, Brinkley has had many works on the New York Times best-seller list, including “Tour of Duty: John Kerry and the Vietnam War;” “Voices of Valor: D-Day: June 6, 1944,” written with Ronald J. Drez; and “The Reagan Diaries,” which Brinkley edited. His next volume, “The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt’s Crusade for America,” will be published in April 2009. Brinkley is the official historian for CBS News and a contributing editor for Vanity Fair, the Los Angeles Times Book Review and American Heritage, as well as a frequent contributor to The New York Times, The New Yorker and The Atlantic Monthly. In a recent profile, the Chicago Tribune deemed him “America’s new past master.”

The Give Something Back Foundation, based in Lockport, is committed to helping financially disadvantaged children, who are committed to academic excellence, complete a degree.

The Will County Historical Society was established in 1964 as a not-for-profit organization, growing out of the work of a small group of dedicated individuals and the need to preserve the history and heritage of Will County. Through the dedicated efforts of its volunteers, the organization is growing in tandem with the county.



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PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

WHAT: Dedication of Lincoln Landing, a public park that describes Lincoln's role in developing the Illinois & Michigan Canal and the history of influential people in Lockport.

WHEN: 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 12

WHO: Local and federal dignitaries and noted historian Douglas Brinkley

WHERE: Downtown Lockport next to the Gaylord Building.

Driving Directions from Chicago: Take I-55 south to I-355 south, then take the Archer Avenue exit (171) toward 143rd Street. Follow signs for Lockport and merge onto South Archer Avenue/Illinois Route 171. Turn right on West 8th Street.