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“The Stump”

The use of the word “stump” as a metaphor for a platform for political discussions goes back to the earliest days of American history. Just as Douglas argued his political ideas “from every stump in Illinois,” the Lincoln-Douglas Society seeks to share information and ideas about one of the key events in our nation’s history.

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LINCOLN & DOUGLAS HEADLINE ANNUAL PROGRAM

The annual program commemorating the anniversary of the Freeport Lincoln-Douglas Debate will feature **Tim Connors** and **George Buss** portraying Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln. The program will be held at **Debate Square** at 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 27th.

The program will begin with the posting of the Colors by the Freeport NJROTC Color Guard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The portion presented by Buss and Connors is titled “Judge Douglas and President Lincoln: The Discussion Continues.”

The event is open to the public free of charge. Attendees are urged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held inside Freeport Public Library.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Lincoln-Douglas Society will be held on Saturday, August 27th at 3:30 p.m. at Freeport Public Library.

The agenda will include:

- The annual financial report of the Society; and
- The election of members of the Board of Directors whose terms expire this August.

Directors whose terms are expiring include: **Olga Carlile, Tim Connors, Edward Finch, Ned Furst, and Joyce Salter Johnson.**

DICKERSON ELECTED

The Board of Directors has selected **Carole Dickerson** to replace retiring Board member **Bonnie Curran** as Recording Secretary of the Society. This action was taken at the Board’s April 12, 2016 meeting.

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***Annual Ceremony
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Anyone interested can have "Lunch with Abe & Steve" at 9 East Coffee at 11 a.m. the day of the ceremony.

After the commemorative program everyone is invited to dine with Abe and Steve at This Is It Eatery.

Both meals will be "Dutch Treat."

Photo Caption ►

George Buss and Tim Connors as Lincoln and Douglas at a Press Conference.

This photo was taken in the Old State Capitol, Springfield, Illinois as part of the 2008 Lincoln-Douglas Debates Sesquicentennial celebrations.

They will be at Freeport's Debate Square on August 27, which will be the 158th anniversary of the Freeport Debate.



The Lincoln-Douglas Society

Officers:

President, Edward F. Finch, D.A. / Vice President: George A. Buss / Treasurer: Mindy S. Borgmann
Secretary: Nicole M. Bauer / Recording Secretary: Carole Dickerson

Board of Directors:

Olga G. Carlile, Timothy R. Connors, Frank E. "Ned" Furst, Joyce Salter Johnson, Mickey Martin, Sally Noble, Michael Perry, M.D., Jim Shankland, and Quentin Valkema.

Ex-Officio Members:

Honorable James Gitz, Mayor of Freeport; and Connie Sorn, Freeport/Stephenson Convention and Visitors Bureau

Front page images: *Lincoln and Douglas in Debate / Lincoln the Debater* — both located in Freeport, Illinois

MUSIC @ DEBATE SQUARE KICKS OFF THIRD SEASON

Six evenings of great music in free concerts by local musicians will highlight this year's **Music @ Debate Square**. Each concert is held on a Thursday night and begin at 7 p.m.. Attendees are urged to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets as seating is very limited. A free will offering will be taken up with all proceeds going to that evening's performers.



Thursday, June 30 ~ Jazz vocalist **Quynnetta Sanders** will kick-off this summer's series. Like all performers in this year's series, Sanders has deep Freeport roots. She has a forthcoming CD titled "My Heart Belongs to You," which will be available during her Music @ Debate Square performance.

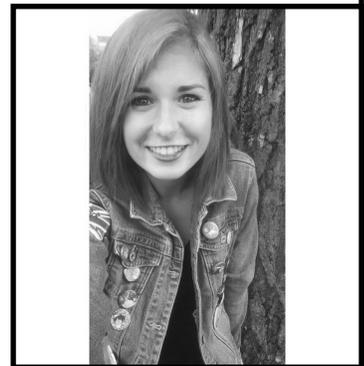
There will be no performance on July 7th because of the Stephenson County Fair.

Thursday, July 14 ~ The Madison based folk-pop duo **Seasaw** will bring their great sounds to Music @ Debate Square on July 14th. Freeport natives **Meg Golz** and **Eve Wilczewski** will arrive in Freeport after their appearance at this year's Summerfest in Milwaukee. Their third album "Too Much of a Good Thing" is being released this summer.



Thursday, July 21 ~ One of the most unique and talented folk singers in northern Illinois, **Kendra Beth Swanson** will make her second appearance at Music @ Debate Square on July 21st. She appears in the 2016 "Banjo Babes" calendar, while one of her songs is featured in the calendar's accompanying CD. Also a Freeport native, Swanson has released several CDs of her own.

Thursday, July 28 ~ vocalist **Shelby Gahm** will make her third appearance at Music @ Debate Square. Now studying art in Chicago, Gahm grew-up in Freeport and graduated from FHS as well as Highland Community College. Her original compositions have been a hit with audiences at Debate Square since the series began.



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There will be no performance on Thursday, August 4.

Thursday, August 11 ~ Locally popular acoustic rock group “**Southpaw Stance**” will close out this summer’s series on August 11th. Freeporters **Justin Pasch**, **Nick Rabb** and **Adam Rodebaugh** have been performing in area clubs and bars for several years and their performance will provide a musical exclamation point to this year’s season.



Music @ Debate Square is presented by the Lincoln Douglas Society in cooperation with the City of Freeport.

Remember to bring your lawn chairs or a blanket. There are few seats on the benches.

PICNIC TABLES FOR DEBATE SQUARE

At its meeting in April, the Board of Directors of the Lincoln-Douglas Society voted to purchase four picnic tables for Debate Square.

With steel legs, the seats and tops are made from composite recycled plastic made to look like wood. Each table will have engraved “Debate Square” in the center of the table top. One of the tables will accommodate a person in a wheel chair at one end.

The tables will be located primarily in the large grassy area to the north of the statues “Lincoln and Douglas in Debate.”

NEW STATUE OF LINCOLN TO BE UNVEILED IN DAYTON

The Lincoln Society of Dayton, Ohio, has extended an invitation to members of the Lincoln-Douglas Society to attend the unveiling and dedication of a new monumental bronze statue of Lincoln to be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

Created by sculptor **Mike Major**, the statue commemorates Lincoln’s speech in Dayton on September 17, 1859. The text of that speech was included in one of the original editions of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates along with a speech by Douglas, which also given in Dayton eight days earlier.

The 10:30 a.m. ceremony will begin with a concert by the 73rd Ohio Regimental Band

Noted Lincoln historian and author **Harold Holzer** will be the keynote speaker. Lincoln-Douglas Society members may recall that Mr. Holzer was the keynote speaker at Freeport’s 2008 Sesquicentennial Debate celebration.

For more details of the event, go to:
www.lincolnsocietyofdayton.org.