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only means of large-scale transportation, had tried unsuccessfully to block its construction.

When the steamboat Effie Afton struck one of its piers and burned, damaging the bridge, the boat's owners initiated a lawsuit against the Rock Island Railroad, claiming the bridge was a hazard to navigation and should be dismantled.

Lincoln, by then a respected Springfield, Ill., lawyer, was hired to defend the railroad. His work resulted in a hung jury that historians say helped hasten the end of the riverboat era and increase the pace of expansion into Iowa.

3 1858: Lincoln, aspiring U.S. senator, visits Burlington

Nominated to run against incumbent Stephen A. Douglas for a seat in the U.S. Senate, Lincoln finally accepted one of several requests, which historians believe started around 1844, to visit Burlington, Ia., then an important political center in the state. As part of the historic Lincoln-Douglas debates, Lincoln traveled to Galesburg on Oct. 7. Burlington, about 46 miles west, provided an opportunity to respond to arguments Douglas had made there on a recent visit.

DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN

What: Presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin is the featured speaker at the Greater Des Moines Partnership's annual dinner Tuesday. Her best-selling book, "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln," inspired Steven Spielberg's Oscar-nominated film, "Lincoln."

When: The Partnership's annual dinner, which celebrates successes in the business community, starts at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday with a social hour. The dinner and program begin at 6:30 p.m. Reserve tickets at www.desmoinesmetro.com/annualdinner. General seating is $125 per person or $1,250 per table.

Among accounts of the Oct. 9 visit was one by Clark Dunham, editor of The Burlington Hawk Eye, who described Lincoln coming down the stairs at his hotel, the Barret House, to meet a local delegation with his arms stretched high as he struggled to pull a fresh, boiled shirt over his head. Lincoln later spoke at Grimes House, a hall owned by Iowa Gov. James W. Grimes, and the next day visited Grimes at his home before leaving town.

4 1859: Lincoln visits Dubuque

Traveling with clients from the Illinois Central Railroad on a break from a trial in Galena, Lincoln made a side trip to Dubuque in 1859.

The party reportedly stayed at the extravagant Julien House hotel, an impressive structure that greeted travelers crossing the Mississippi River into Iowa.

While the original hotel was destroyed by fire in 1913, its elegant replacement completed in 1915 is still open as the Hotel Julien Dubuque.

5 1859: Lincoln travels to Council Bluffs

In what may have been Lincoln's most significant Iowa visit, he traveled to Council Bluffs a year before becoming a serious challenger for the Republican nomination for president.

After a speech in the Kansas Territory, Lincoln arranged a trip up the Missouri River to Council Bluffs to survey parcels of land his friend, Norman Judd, had offered as security on a loan. He also made arrangements for a speech on "political issues of the day," which gathered a packed house for what the Council Bluffs Nonpareil then described as a "masterly and unanswerable speech."

Lincoln was introduced to Grenville Dodge, a civil engineer working for the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad. Rivalry for the railroad's extension point westward led to a conversation on one of the broad porches of the Pacific House Hotel in which Lincoln questioned Dodge, who made a case for Council Bluffs — later Lincoln's choice for the railroad's eastern terminus.

The Harlan-Lincoln house in Mount Pleasant, Ia. SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

6 1860: Iowans help Lincoln win the presidency

Josiah B. Grinnell of Grinnell and Hendrik Pieter Scholte of Pella were among the delegates who supported Lincoln at the Republican National Convention in Chicago. And Iowa Gov. Samuel Kirkwood of Iowa City, formerly of Ohio, is noted for having used his connections to win support away from rival Salmon P. Chase of Ohio.

Scholte later wrote campaign endorsements for Lincoln and translated campaign materials into Dutch and German. He also attended the inauguration in Washington, D.C. Kirkwood was later Iowa's war general under Lincoln.

7 1861: President Lincoln consults James Harlan, beginning a bond between the two families.

Illinois native James Harlan moved to Iowa in 1843, serving as a teacher and lawyer before being named president of the Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute, now Iowa Wesleyan College. Elected to the U.S. Senate in 1855, he became one of Lincoln's trusted advisers, even escorting first lady Mary Lincoln at the second inauguration in 1865. Lincoln's eldest son, Robert, escorted Senator Harlan's daughter, Mary, to the inauguration ball.

8 Lincoln's Iowa legacy continues

Upon the news of Lincoln's death on April 15, 1865, Iowans grieved in an outpouring that included public meetings where they openly wept. In Iowa City, a mile-long procession wound through the streets on April 19.

The romance between Lincoln's son, Robert Todd Lincoln, and Iowan Mary Eunice Harlan forged a lasting Iowa tie. The two married in 1868, and in the late 1870s and 1880s, brought their children to spend summers in the Mount Pleasant home built by Mary's father. Artifacts there today include a section of the coat Lincoln was wearing at the time of his assassination and the mourning veil worn by Mary Todd Lincoln. Their three children's heights in 1883 are still recorded on a doorway in the home, which can be visited by appointment with Lynn Ellsworth, executive director of Friends of the Harlan-Lincoln House, at 319-385-6320 or iwcarch@iwc.edu.

How we compiled this story: Grant Veeder's (left) article, "Abraham Lincoln and the Hawkeye State," published in Iowa Heritage Illustrated Winter 2008, was referenced, along with artifacts, interviews and records from the State Historical Library of Iowa, the State Historical Society of Iowa, and the Council Bluffs Public Library, as well as Iowa Public Television, the Davenport Public Library, Pella Historical Village, Iowa Wesleyan College, the Union Pacific Railroad Museum, PBS, University of Iowa Press, The Lincoln Institute, the National Governors Associaiton, the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum websites.

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University, the script about a college-aged son's surprise visit back home with his girlfriend was the winner of Tallgrass' seventh annual Iowa Playwrights Workshop. It's been polished over the last few months with feedback from public readings and the usual rehearsals Tallgrass devotes to all of its plays, by Pulitzer winners and newbies alike.

The workshop's director, Erica Spiller, won the first contest seven years ago with a script she wrote as a senior at Simpson College.

"I hadn't planned for it to go any further. My mother spotted a note in the paper and made sure I submitted it," she said.

It turned out to be a smart move.

"Having that play staged, seeing it live and getting the feedback from Tallgrass and the audience gave me the confidence to know that I really did have the ability to write, that I could pursue it further," she said. She now has a master's in English literature and teaches writing at Kaplan University.

She's seen a handful of playwriting projects emerge in the last few years. Actors at StageWest and the Des Moines Community Playhouse read fresh scripts every month, usually from established writers but not always. The Des Moines Social Club organizes page-to-stage events, and area schools — Drake, Simpson, Des Moines Area Community College — often host festivals of short plays. The 711 Theatre Project, in which teams have seven days to produce 11-minute plays from scratch, has become a frenzy of creativity every summer.

Tom Deiker, a local playwright and retired Iowa Department of Human Services official, compiled a list of 11 such opportunities statewide for a seminar a while back at DMACC. His group, the Iowa Scriptwriters Alliance, invites anybody with a pen and paper to bring up to 15 pages to monthly script-reading meetings. Actors can come and practice reading lines cold. Others come to offer feedback or simply listen in.

The important thing is to just keep at it. At last count, Deiker has written 92 plays. Forty-six have been staged by a total of 35 theaters in 17 states.

"There are more than 700 community theaters in the United States," he said. "Many of them are happy to do play competitions or workshops, knowing they'll get free scripts."

And a growing number of them happen to be here.

LEARN MORE

» The Iowa Scriptwriters Alliance meets in Des Moines on the last Tuesday of each month to read and critique screenplays and stage scripts by anyone. www.iowascripts.org
» The 711 Theatre Project challenges teams to create 11-minute plays every summer at Grand View University's Viking Theatre. www.711theatre.com
» StageWest's Scriptease series presents a new script on the last Tuesday of each month at the First Unitarian Church. www.stagewestiowa.com
» Actors read a script on the first Monday of each month at the Des Moines Community Playhouse. www.dmplayhouse.com
» Tallgrass Theatre accepts submissions year-round for its annual Iowa Playwrights Workshop. www.tallgrasstheatre.org
» Several other groups invite submission for full-length productions or short-play festivals, including: the City Circle Acting Co. in Coralville, www.citycircle.org; Davis County Players in Bloomfield, www.daviscountyfinearts.com; Dreamwell Theatre in Iowa City, www.dreamwell.com; and Shelterbelt Theatre in Omaha, www.shelterbelt.org.

Today on Television

Find expanded program schedules for cable and satellite television providers in the Des Moines area at DesmoinesRegister.com/tv.

Broadcast Local Channels

	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WOI	The Chew		General Hospital (N)		The Jeff Probst Show (N)		The Doctors (N)		Katie (N)		News	World News	News	Entertainment	The Bachelor (N)				9:01 Castle Under the Influence (N)		News	10:35 Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)		11:35 Nightline
KCCI	KCCI 8 News	Bold/ Beautiful	The Talk (N)		Let's Make a Deal (N)		Dr. Phil (N)		The Dr. Oz Show (N)		KCCI 8 News	Evening News	KCCI 8 News	Inside Edition	How I Met	Big Bang	2 Broke Girls (N)	Mike & Molly (N)	Hawaii Five-0 Kapu (N)		KCCI 8 News	Late Show With David Letterman		Ferguson
IPTV	Caillou (EI)	Daniel Tiger	Clifford-Dog	Thomas/ Friends	Fetch! With	Electric Comp.	Arthur (EI)	Martha Speaks	Wild Kratts	WordGirl (EI)	Curious George	PBS NewsHour (N)		Mystery Cars	Antiques Roadshow (N)		Market Warriors (N)		Royal Memories: Prince Charles		Business	Are You Served?	Doc Martin Dry Your Tears	
WHO	Channel 13 News at Noon (N)		Days of our Lives (N)		The Ricki Lake Show (N)		Jeopardy!	Jeopardy! (N)	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		News	Nightly News	News	Wheel of Fortune	The Biggest Loser Cut the Junk (N)				9:01 Deception (N) (DVS)		News at 10	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Jimmy Fallon
KDSM	Maury		The People's Court (N)		Judge Mathis (N)		Judge Judy (N)	Judge Judy	Family Feud	Family Feud	Simpsons	Big Bang	Two and Half Men	Big Bang	Bones The Diamond in the Rough; The Archaeologist in the Cocoon (N) (PA)				13 News at 9 on Fox 17 (N)		Two and Half Men	Raymond	Seinfeld	Dish Nation (N)
KCWI	Cops	Cops	We the People	Judge Ross	Steve Harvey (N)		The Bill Cunningham Show (N)		Family Guy	American Dad	How I Met	TMZ (N)	Engagement	Engagement	The Carrie Diaries Pilot (N)		The Carrie Diaries Pilot		The Office	The Office	How I Met	King of Queens	Baggage	Cash Cab
ION	Lethal Weapon 3 (1992) ★★★		Without a Trace Light Years		Without a Trace		Criminal Minds Cradle to Grave		Criminal Minds The Eyes Have It		Criminal Minds The Performer		Criminal Minds Outfoxed		Criminal Minds 100		Criminal Minds Slave of Duty		Criminal Minds Retaliation		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds Valhalla (DVS)	
KDMI	Captive Hearts (1987) ★★		The Sailor From Gibraltar ★★ Jeanne Moreau, Vanessa Redgrave				Toys in the Attic ★★★ Dean Martin, Yvette Mimieux				A Star for Two Lauren Bacall Former lovers try to rekindle their relationship.				Company Business ★★ Gene Hackman, Kurtwood Smith				The Patriot ★★★ Mel Gibson, Joely Richardson A man and his son fight side by side in the Revolutionary War.					

Basic Cable Channels

	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
A&E	Criminal Minds Lucky		Criminal Minds Penelope		The First 48		The First 48 Life Snatched		The First 48		The First 48		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	11:01 Duck Dynasty	
AMC	12:15 The Color of Money ★★★ Paul Newman A former pool shark shows an upstart how to hustle.						Casino ★★★ Robert De Niro, Joe Pesci A mob employee makes a play for power in 1970s Las Vegas.								A Few Good Men ★★★ Tom Cruise A Navy lawyer defends two Marines in a comrade's death.						10:01 Unforgiven ★★★★ Clint Eastwood, Morgan Freeman			
CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)				The Situation Room (N)						Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Piers Morgan Tonight (N)		Anderson Cooper 360		Erin Burnett OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COM	Dead Man on Campus ★★		American Pie Presents: Band Camp ★★★ Tad Hilgenbrinck				Comedy Central	3:22 Futurama	3:53 Futurama	Always Sunny	Always Sunny	5:26 Tosh.0	Colbert Report	Daily Show	6:57 Futurama	7:28 Futurama	South Park	South Park	Brickleberry	South Park	Daily Show	Colbert Report	South Park	South Park
DISC	Texas Drug Wars Cartel Crackdown		Texas Drug Wars Cartel Crackdown		U.S. Drug Wars Captive by Coyotes		U.S. Drug Wars		U.S. Drug Wars		U.S. Drug Wars		Extreme Drug Smuggling		Extreme Smuggling Drugs (N)		Shipwreck Men Wreckers Gold (N)		Amish Mafia Holy War		Shipwreck Men Wreckers Gold		Extreme Smuggling Drugs	
DISN	Agent Oso	Gaspard & Lisa	Phineas and Ferb	Austin & Ally	Austin & Ally	Austin & Ally	A.N.T. Farm	Shake It Up!	Shake It Up!	Shake It Up!	Good-Charlie	Jessie	Good Luck Charlie, It's Christmas! Bridgit Mendler			Shake It Up!	Austin & Ally	Dog	A.N.T. Farm	Good-Charlie	Austin & Ally	Jessie	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place
ESPN	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		Outside Lines	Football Live	NFL Live (N) (Live)		Around the Horn	Interruption	College GameDay (N) (Live)		College Basketball Louisville at Connecticut (N) (Live)				College Basketball Baylor at Kansas (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
FAM	Full House	Full House	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	Bunheads		Switched at Birth		Switched at Birth (N)		Bunheads (N)		Switched at Birth		The 700 Club		Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
FNC	America Live (N)				Studio B With Shepard Smith (N)		Your World With Neil Cavuto (N)		The Five (N)		Special Report With Bret Baier (N)		FOX Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On Record, Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FX	Star Trek (2009) ★★★ Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Leonard Nimoy				Jumper ★ Hayden Christensen, Samuel L. Jackson				How I Met	How I Met	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen ★★ Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel Sam Witwicky holds the key to defeating an ancient Decepticon.						Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen ★★ Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel					
HALL	Marie Dean Cain		Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HGTV	Love It or List It The Mitchell Family		Love It or List It		Love It or List It The Turner Family		Love It or List It The Pliskat Family		Love It or List It The Denil Family		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It (N)		House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Love It or List It The Elliott Family		Love It or List It	
HIST	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	American Pickers The Doctor Is In		Pawn Stars (N)	Pawn Stars (N)	Amer. Pickers	Amer. Pickers	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars
LIFE	How I Met	How I Met	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	My Life Is a Lifetime Movie		My Life Is a Lifetime Movie		My Life Is a Lifetime Movie		My Life Is a Lifetime Movie		My Life Is a Lifetime Movie		My Life Is a Lifetime Movie		My Life Is a Lifetime Movie		10:01 My Life Is a Lifetime Movie		11:02 My Life Is a Lifetime Movie	
MCC	High School Football		ESPNEWS		Newsleaders		Thresherman's Reunion Parade			Rapids Walleye	AARP 3rd CD	Culture Cravers	It All Adds Up	Impact Golf	Newsleaders		Frame	ESPNEWS			Midwest Cage Championships			
MTV	True Life	12:20 BUCKWILD		Catfish: The TV Show		2:40 Teen Mom 2 Caught in the Middle		3:50 Washington Heights					Snooki & JWOWW New Beginnings		Catfish: The TV Show		Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2 A New Direction (N)		Catfish: The TV Show		Teen Mom 2 A New Direction	
NICK	Dora the Explorer	Go, Diego	Teenage Mut.	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Odd Parents	Kung Fu Panda	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Dora the Explorer	Drake & Josh	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	10:33 Friends	11:06 Friends	11:39 Friends
SPKE	A Bronx Tale (1993) ★★★ Robert De Niro, Chazz Palminteri, Lillo Brancato				Fighting ★★ Channing Tatum, Zulay Henao A young man becomes a champion street brawler.				Kick-Ass ★★★ Aaron Johnson, Mark Strong An ordinary teen decides to become a superhero.						The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift ★★ Lucas Black, Bow Wow						The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift ★★ Lucas Black, Bow Wow			
SYFY	Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home (1986) ★★★ William Shatner				Star Trek: First Contact ★★★ Patrick Stewart Half-robot Borg tries to sabotage a rocket flight.				Star Trek: Nemesis ★★ Patrick Stewart Capt. Picard faces his Romulan-engineered clone.						Continuum A Stitch in Time (N)		Being Human It's a Shame About Ray		Lost Girl Caged Fae (N)		Continuum A Stitch in Time		Being Human It's a Shame About Ray	
TBS	Raymond	Raymond	Engagement	Engagement	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	King of Queens	King of Queens	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy Episode VI: It's a Trap		Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan (N)		The Office	The Office
TNT	Law & Order Challenged		Law & Order Lost Boys (DVS)		Law & Order Falling (DVS)		The Mentalist The Red Mile		The Mentalist		The Mentalist Redacted		The Mentalist		The Mentalist Bloodsport		The Mentalist Bloodhounds		The Mentalist Red Alert		CSI: NY Veritas		CSI: NY Page Turner	
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent No Exit		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		NCIS Iceman		NCIS Grace Period		NCIS Cover Story		NCIS Brothers in Arms		NCIS In the Dark (DVS)		WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live)						10:05 NCIS: Los Angeles		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	
WGN-A	WGN Midday News (N)		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger Devil's Turf		Walker, Texas Ranger Days Past		Law & Order: Criminal Intent Beast		Old Christine	Old Christine	America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine (N)		America's Funniest Home Videos		Engagement	Engagement