

## Special tree carving

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Terry and Chris Ihle of Nevada invite all area residents to come to their yard this Friday to watch the 8-foot, 3-inch-tall Red Elm tree in their front yard be carved into a likeness of Abraham Lincoln.

Terry said, “We had this idea (to carve the tree) a couple years ago, when the tree first died, before we even cut the tree down. We figured since (the tree) is on the Lincoln Highway, it’d be a nice tribute to Abraham Lincoln and doing it on Lincoln Highway Days weekend is very fitting.”

Carver Jessy Kern of Denver, Iowa, who owns the business, Chance It Drive Chain Saw Carvings, will come to Nevada to do the work. Ihle said Jessy will arrive around 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, and begin carving as soon as he gets set up.

Ihle said all area residents are invited to bring a lawn chair and take a seat on the front yard at 1135 Lincoln Highway (directly across the highway from Casey’s) and watch Kern work.

Ihle said he’s been looking at a lot of pictures of our 16<sup>th</sup> President, and he isn’t exactly sure what the finished carving will look like, but he said it will, at a minimum, be a sculpture that shows Lincoln from the waist up.