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“New Albany and Salem Railroad (The Monon)” state historical marker will be dedicated in New Albany, Indiana

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for July 14, 2007. The state historical marker recognizing the New Albany and Salem Railroad will be dedicated at the former railroad depot located at the intersection of Bank Street and Culbertson Avenue, New Albany at 11:00 A. M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

The text follows for the state marker entitled “New Albany and Salem Railroad (The Monon)”:

Railroad organized 1847, after years of legislation to provide transportation to move goods and people to and from the state’s interior. Completed to Michigan City 1854 when last rail was laid in Putnam County. New Albany’s economy expanded with the Railroad’s presence starting in 1850s. Fugitive slaves’ use of this Railroad in escapes caused regional controversy in the 1850s. Several changes of ownership and name occurred in the 1800s and 1900s. The name officially was changed to the Monon Railroad 1956. Owners sold the facilities in this area in 1990 to private interests.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication ceremony for the historical marker that honors one of Indiana’s most important railroads.

Historical markers commemorate significant Indiana individuals, places, and events, and they help communities throughout Indiana promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. Via the Internet, that history reaches a worldwide audience. For more than 90 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are approximately 500 of these markers across the state.

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