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Litchfield Pickers Market Launches Fifth Season

The Litchfield Tourism Office and Prairie Pickers are preparing for a huge kickoff for the fifth season of the Litchfield Pickers Market. The return of the Litchfield Pickers Market is THIS SUNDAY, April 14 from 9 AM to 3 PM in historic downtown Litchfield, IL beginning on the corner of Union Ave./Route 16 and State Street. (for GPS use 400 North State Street). This open-air market specializes in antiques, collectibles, vintage items, and refurbished items. The Litchfield Pickers Market is the largest open air pickers market in the area and is located less than 3 miles off of Interstate 55. The opening of the April 14th Market celebrates the launching of the fifth season of the Litchfield Pickers Market with approximately 340 vendor spaces occupied!

Each month the Litchfield Pickers Market welcomes musicians to perform at the Library Park stage. During the April 14th Market, The Mound City Slickers will kick off the day and perform live from 9 AM to 11:30 AM. Hailing from the St. Louis Region, the Mound City Slickers play old-time string band music with passion, drive, and a great sense of humor. Steeped in tradition, their concerts are a unique mix of hard-driving fiddle tunes, country harmonies, rags, and other surprises that have made them favorites of the old-time string band scene. Their high-energy playing and ear for a good tune make for good listening, good dancing, and good times. Members of the band include Sean Belt (ukuleles), Lindell Blackford (fiddle & mandolin), Rich Hibbs (banjo), Rich Egan (piano), Bill Stewart (fiddle), and Keith Dudding (guitar). Following the Mound City Slickers, The Silver Creek Bluegrass Band will perform from Noon to 3 PM. This traditional 5 piece bluegrass string band will journey from Edwardsville, Illinois to join the market. They specialize in bringing an authentic traditional bluegrass sound, with some country elements mixed in. Members of the band include Derek Twesten (vocals & mandolin), Colin Graham (vocals & banjo), Blake Korte (dobro & vocals), Logan Perez (bass), and Quinten Voss (guitar & vocals). These two acts are sure to get your toe tapping, so make sure to bring your lawn chair or picnic blanket!

To make the most of your Pickers Market experience, it is recommended to bring totes, wagons, carts, pick-up trucks, and anything that will help haul all of the great treasures you will find at the Litchfield Pickers Market. There is no cost to enter the market. With multiple entry points, visitors can park around the perimeter and enter the market (just be sure to adhere to applicable parking signage). Make sure to stop by the Tourism Information Booth located on State Street in front of the Library and sign our guestbook! At this booth, volunteers can supply you Litchfield information, answer questions you may have about the market and the town, and visitors have the option to purchase Litchfield Pickers Market gear including a t-shirt, hat, and tote bag. Food will be available along State Street located at every intersection. Food vendors and their locations are listed at the Tourism Information boot has well as on the Litchfield Pickers website : <http://visitlitchfield.com/events/litchfieldpickersmarket/>.

The following roads will be closed on April 14 (and every second Sunday of the Month through October) from 4 AM to 5:30 PM for the Litchfield Pickers Market: State Street from Union Ave./Route 16 to the south entrance of the Brown Shoe Apartments, Ryder Street and Kirkham Street from Monroe Street to Madison Street, Edwards Street from Monroe Street to Jefferson Street, and Jackson Street from Union Ave./Route 16 to Edwards Street. Any vehicles left in these areas during this time, will be towed at the owners expense.

For more information please follow the "Litchfield Pickers Market" Facebook page or log onto the website: <http://visitlitchfield.com/events/litchfieldpickersmarket/> or call the Litchfield Tourism Office Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM (calls cannot be answered on the weekends) 217-324-8147.