

45th Annual Abraham Lincoln

National Railsplitting

Festival

Emi Sunshine

By Geoff Ladd & Jan Youngquist

Evening performance
by Emi Sunshine
charms audience
at the National Railsplitting Festival

As dusk settled over the prairie on Saturday evening, the strong clear voice of Emi Sunshine carried over the Pioneer Village on the Logan County Fairground.

Emi, accompanied by her family of musicians, warmed the hearts of all as she spoke to the audience like they were friends, and then belted out a variety of bluegrass, gritty blues and spirituals. Song after song she gave an amazing performance with strength and depth beyond her nine years living.

Emi's tremendous performance was a great way to end the beautiful day out of doors, especially for those who would be back to work or to compete in 'Splitter' events again on Sunday.





Geoff Ladd of Illinois Route 66 welcomed Emi to the Railsplitter stage and presented her with a Route 66 T-shirt.











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Against the backdrop and a painting of Abraham Lincoln splitting logs,
Nancy Vannoy signs songs.



The littlest children spontaneously got up and danced to the energetic songs.



Totally mesmerizing, Emi is a born entertainer.
A perfect view from the Salt Creek A.B.A.T.E. trailer.





Jackson Johnson visits with Toby Prang. Johnson was really enjoying all the Railsplitter weekend had to offer. He danced at the Civil War Ball on Friday night, ran two 5K runs Saturday morning, split logs in partnership on Saturday afternoon - did alright, winning money - and was coming back on Sunday afternoon for more of the competition, that is after another run in Mason City.





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