

Our 175th Year · 1833-2008

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST 1859-1861

*As we celebrate 175 years, we take a look
at our history and the world around us
through News-Sentinel archives.*

1859

- ◆ Lindenwood Cemetery opens.
- ◆ Stephen A. Douglas, who runs against Abraham Lincoln for the presidency, visits Fort Wayne.
- ◆ Franklin P. Randall elected mayor.
- ◆ First Pullman sleeping cars are used.
- ◆ Oregon becomes the 33rd state.
- ◆ Darwin's "Origin of Species" appears; published in the U.S. in 1860.
- ◆ John Brown leads raid on Harper's Ferry, Va.

1860

- ◆ South Carolina secedes from the Union.

- ◆ First Pony Express delivery reaches Sacramento, Calif., from Missouri.
- ◆ Federal Census shows 31,413,321.

1861

- ◆ Abraham Lincoln inaugurated.
- ◆ Cornerstone of third courthouse is laid in May.
- ◆ Southern Confederacy formed; Jefferson Davis elected president in Montgomery, Ala., the first confederate capital.
- ◆ Civil War begins when Confederates open fire at Fort Sumter in Charleston, S.C.
- ◆ Fort Wayne responds immediately after the fall of Fort Sumter; calls for volunteers and troops organized in three days

- ◆ Henry Smith Lane elected Indiana governor; stays in office only two days and becomes a United States senator.
- ◆ Oliver Perry Morton becomes Indiana governor and first Indiana-born governor.
- ◆ In Washington, D.C., President Lincoln receives the first transcontinental telegraph message from Sacramento, Calif.
- ◆ Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Arkansas, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Tennessee secede from Union. Kansas becomes the 34th state.

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