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Presidents' Corner

By Dean and Jeannie Parr, Co-Presidents
Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

Greetings from Cedar Rapids. As I write this we finally have warm March temperatures if only for a day. It has been a long, cold winter and all of us, I'm sure, are ready for Spring.

Dean and I are so very proud to be your Co-Presidents and are looking forward to another stellar year promoting our beloved Lincoln Highway. As the warm weather approaches, we should all be looking toward our individual community celebrations. We should be ever mindful of continuing the promotion of the Lincoln Highway and the education of our young and old alike. Hopefully, we will also be promoting membership on the national level.

In 2017 we will be hosting the national conference. As of yet, no city has been chosen, but both Ames and Council Bluffs are the fore runners. Both have pros and cons, but since western Iowa has been left out of the loop during the past two conferences held in Iowa, Council Bluffs has a slight lead. The conference will also mark the 25th anniversary of the reformation of the national association. Thanks to the hard work of Joyce and Bob Ausberger, Bob Owens and others, we now have a national association to be proud of. The conference will be one of the items on our agenda at the April meeting being held in Denison at Cronk's Cafe. We hope see you there!

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1945 Ames Shovel Company Shovel Detail. (Story on Page 5)
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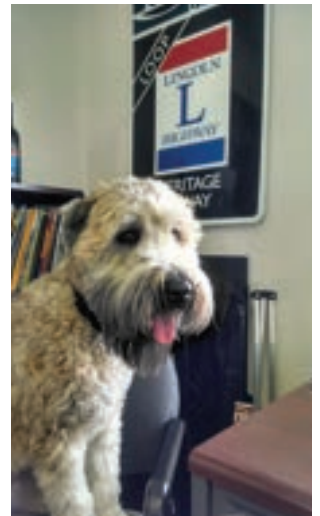
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Prairie Rivers of Iowa: Byway Updates

By Angie Hettinger
Prairie Rivers of Iowa Byway Coordinator

I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and enjoying the spring weather! At Prairie Rivers of Iowa, we have started 2014 off with a bang and have many projects and plans for the year! I had a great time at the January 11th ILHA meeting in Colo and would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome. I know John Mazzello is missed by many, and I would like to let everyone know John will be assisting with the Corridor Management Plan (CMP) process that is being coordinated by Prairie Rivers. He will be visiting Iowa periodically. His next visit is in April and he will be attending the meeting in Denison in my place since I am unable to make it.

I really enjoy the variety this position as the Byway Coordinator allows me to have. This winter I have been participating in some activities for the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway. In January, Byway Coordinators around the state represented Iowa's eleven byways in Des Moines at the Travel Federation of Iowa Legislative Showcase as well as Transportation Day at the Capitol in Des Moines.



Stop by Prairie Rivers and meet some of our furry staff friends!

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Welcome Two New Businesses Along the Lincoln Highway

By Joyce Ausberger

Jefferson, Iowa has seen the addition of two new businesses along the Lincoln Highway. Keep an eye out for Roadside Relics, an antique shop owned by Shawn and Jennie Olson. You can find Roadside Relics near the Greene County Fairgrounds and the Milwaukee Depot on the Lincoln Highway.

The building was originally a Standard Oil station. The Olsons buy, sell, trade and restore some amazing objects. They produce one of a kind items and take in custom design requests. Shawn has experience creating and restoring neon signs and is working with Bob & Joyce Ausberger to restore signs the Iowa LHA has acquired.



Roadside Relics, 505 Lincoln Highway, Jefferson, IA



National Lincoln Highway Members, Edward & Marcia Calvert open The Lincoln Way Salon in Jefferson, Iowa

The Lincoln Way Salon, 908 West Lincoln Way, is another addition to the Lincoln Highway in Jefferson. Please help welcome this business! Marsha Calvert, the beautician, and her husband have been members of the national Lincoln Highway Association for many years.

They were happy to get a Greene county rock from Janet Owen's and Mel Miller's farm that worked perfectly to accent their yard and engrave Lincoln Highway on it.



Lincoln Highway Bridge in Tama, Iowa. Photo: Bryan Osberg

Mystery Place

By Van Becker

Can you identify the Mystery Place?

Three Hints:

- The building is known as "Little Brick".
- This stretch of the Lincoln Highway was graded and paved in 1925.
- The small building, partially hidden by the trees is made of wood.



If you think you can identify the Mystery Place, send an **email to lincolnhighway@prrcd.org** or **call 515-232-0048** and ask for Angie. The first person to identify the Mystery Place will receive a 2013 Iowa Lincoln Highway Map Pack!



Last Issue's Mystery Place

Several readers contacted us with the correct answer for last issue's Mystery Place.

The Mystery Place was Smith Brothers General Store, located at 1014 through 1020 South 4th Street in Clinton, Iowa.

Congratulations to Jessie Young of Clinton, Iowa, for the first correct response!

Plan to Attend the Next Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Meeting

April 12, 2014 at Cronk's Cafe

Cronk's Cafe is located at 812 4th Avenue South, Denison, Iowa. On U.S. 30 and 59 and Iowa 4 and 141 at the crossroads of Western Iowa.



Park Motel 1940 Postcard from the collection of Lyell Henry

The meeting begins promptly at 9:30 am. Around noon, the meeting will adjourn for lunch at Cronk's Café. The café features a soup, sandwich and salad bar option for \$6.50 all you care to eat. Dessert will be available for an additional purchase.

Upcoming Iowa LHA Meetings

July 12, 2014	Boone, Iowa
October 11, 2014	Tama, Iowa
January 10, 2015	TBA, Iowa

Presidents' Corner, continued from Pg. 1

Dean and I have been approached by Sandy Perry on behalf of the National Dodge Brothers to provide locations of Lincoln Highway museums between Ames and the Amana Colonies. They will be holding a weeklong conference in Ames in 2015. I have given them information on Reed/Niland Corner, main street State Center, Preston's Corner and the museum in Belle Plaine. If you think of any other town or attraction that might be of interest, please email me with the information. I have no dates nor do I know if their bus tour will be longer than one day. But this is a wonderful vehicle for us to network our local attractions along the Lincoln Highway.

Please let Dean and me know if you have concerns/interests that you would like to see on the agenda for our April meeting.

Happy traveling!

Dean and Jeannie Parr, Co-Presidents,
Lincoln Highway Association Iowa Chapter



Building a Byway for the Future: Creating a Corridor Management Plan

By John Mazzello
CMP Project Coordinator

Recently, you might have heard that the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway is beginning to develop a Corridor Management Plan, or CMP. This is an exciting opportunity for the Lincoln Highway in Iowa—a chance for all of us to recognize the most important assets of the byway, identify areas we would like to strengthen, and think about how the Lincoln Highway can help build local economies.

What is a CMP?

A CMP is a written plan that defines the assets of a byway and sets out a guide for enhancing them. It covers the byway's historic, scenic, archeological, cultural, natural, and recreational qualities. A CMP includes short- and long-term plans for interpreting key sites, increasing tourism, and economic development. CMPs are based on input from community members like you.

Why is a CMP important?

First, it gives all of us a chance to contribute to planning to reach our goals for the byway. Second, the Iowa Byways program, of which the Lincoln Highway is a part, requires a CMP for each byway in the state. Finally, the Federal Highway Administration requires a CMP for byways hoping to become a National Scenic Byway.

Who is working on the Lincoln Highway's CMP?

ALL supporters of the Lincoln Highway and its communities are invited to get involved. The creation of the document is being managed by Prairie Rivers of Iowa, the nonprofit organization that coordinates the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway. Byway Coordinator Angie Hettinger and I are the main staff contacts.

What's next for the CMP process?

The CMP development process is scheduled to last through 2016. Right now, we are building contact lists of potential key people to talk to in Lincoln Highway communities. Later this year, we will begin distributing surveys to collect community input and scheduling public meetings across the state.

How can we learn more?

I encourage anyone interested in the Lincoln Highway to participate in helping to develop the CMP. The first step is to sign up for our mailing list, which we will use to give you updates and let you know of opportunities to get involved. You can sign up by emailing me at jmazzello@prrcd.org, by calling (515) 216-4005, or by visiting our web page at www.prrcd.org/cmp, where you can also learn much more about the process.

New Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Map Packs are available! Newly updated in 2013 with route corrections, the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway route, and more. Map Packs are available for \$10 each from:

**Lincoln Highway Museum
P.O. Box 224 Grand Junction, IA 50127**

Prairie Rivers Update, continued from Pg. 1

This was a great opportunity to speak with legislators and lobby for funding for roads and byways. There was a great turnout and I recommend checking out the blog I wrote on Prairie Rivers' website. Visit www.prrcd.org/blog or go to www.prrcd.org and Click on **Conservation Connection** or to see updates and blogs from all of the programs here at Prairie Rivers of Iowa.

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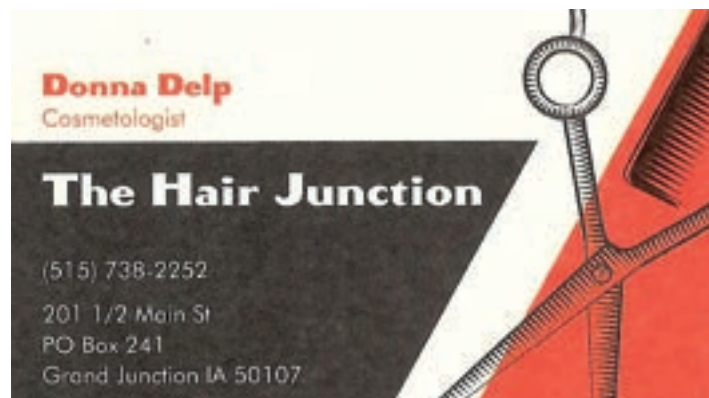
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The Ames Shovel Company and the Lincoln Highway

By Bob Ausberger

As Joyce and I prepared for our Lincoln Highway presentation to the fifth graders at Kate Mitchell Elementary School in Ames, the issue of the town's namesake, the Ames Brothers, came up. They were especially interested when they found out that we had an antique Ames Shovel.

Ames, Iowa and I suppose Ames, Nebraska and possibly some other towns were named after Oliver and Oakes Ames. Their father, John, had started the Ames Shovel Company in 1774 in the town of West Bridgewater, Massachusetts. In 1803 the company was moved to North Easton, Massachusetts, where it remained and expanded until 1952. Today it exists as the Ames True Temper Company in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.



Detail of 1945 Ames Shovel Company Shovel owned by Bob & Joyce Ausberger. Photo Credit: David Ausberger

In 1844, John transferred the company to Oliver and Oakes and the firm became known as Oliver Ames and Sons. Tools for the Gold Rush in 1849 in California and in Australia in 1855 were needed. This spurt in demand made the brothers wealthy. They entered politics—Oakes became a member of the U. S. House of Representatives and became a member of the Railroad Committee. It was the perfect time to establish their construction company.

During the Civil War, Ames shovels were standard issue for the Union Army. The company made swords and picks used by the Army. Also, their construction company built and repaired railroads used to carry war materials. At this time, during the civil war, Congress and Lincoln were anxious to get the transcontinental railroad construction started. The Union Pacific was struggling and in 1865 had only 12 miles of track laid west of Omaha. Lincoln asked



*The Ames Monument, 20 miles east of Laramie, WY
Photo Credit: wyomingtourism.org*

the Ames Brothers to get the project moving. They then contracted to build the east segment of that famous route. Of course there was some graft and corruption but that is a subject for another time.

After the transcontinental rail route was finished, the Union Pacific constructed a pyramid-shaped monument to honor the Ames Brothers and their railroad achievement. Rail passengers could admire the monument, at the high point of the Railroad, for a few years. The line was moved several miles away and out of sight of the monument but the roadbed remained and was used by wagons, stagecoaches and other road traffic because of its gentle grade and all weather material.

In exploring and locating the route, our Lincoln Highway forefathers could hardly resist this well prepared roadbed, and made a deal with the Union Pacific to use it. Today one can find and drive on this section of the Lincoln Highway. It is accessed at the Summit Rest Area on Interstate 80 east of Laramie, Wyoming. From the monument the drive can continue down a very winding dirt road to Tie Siding, WY, and then continue on to Laramie on the paved Route 287.

One source of purchasing an Ames Shovel today is the A. M. Leonard horticultural tool company.

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Remember that you can share your photos of the Lincoln Highway, too. You can submit a photo for use in the newsletter or on the ILHA website, and Prairie Rivers of Iowa is always seeking new photos to help promote the byway.

**Email photos to Angie at
ahettinger@prrcd.org**



Main Street in Lisbon, Iowa Photo: Bryan Osberg

2014 Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Motor Tour

By Bryan & Caron Osberg

Pre-Registration begins April 15th for the 2014 one-day ILHA Motor Tour! Registration materials will be sent out to everyone on the mailing list!

We are looking forward to getting together this year and seeing all of you again. As many of you know, there was no tour last year and because of that, we wanted to make sure we got together this year. This year's tour is scaled back to one day instead of the traditional three days with pre-tour activities. However our one-day event is full of exciting stops and things to see.

The day kicks off with registration at Squaw Creek Park on the southeast side of Marion, Iowa at Highways 13 and 100. There will be a short self-guided tour that you can take of the area at Squaw Creek during the registration process. You can see an old Lincoln Highway bridge and pilings of an older bridge on the original Lincoln Highway route. There is also an abandoned section of the original Lincoln Highway. If you'd like, bring your breakfast and come a little early to picnic in the park.



Pony Truss Bridge Over Calamus Creek Photo: Bryan Osberg

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- A photo opportunity of an extra old iron bridge on this route over Mud Creek
- Visiting Mt. Vernon and Lisbon
- Sutliff Cider Company
- Dinner* and door prizes
- 1910 railroad bridge
- See the rail lines where the Portland cement and rock was offloaded for the seedling mile

The day will end in Cedar Rapids together for dinner with door prizes. Some rooms will be blocked off for folks who want to spend the night before heading home. Details provided upon registration.

Caron and I are working with Van and Bev Becker in planning and leading this year's one-day tour. If you are not on the email list of past tours and have not received any previous emails about this year's tour, email or call me and I will put you on the information list:

osbergbd@gmail.com or 515-202-8540

We look forward to seeing you in August,

Bryan and Caron Osberg

**All meals at your own cost*

Kids on the Byway

By Magon Liu & Kayla Hasper

Kids on the Byway is a program of Prairie Rivers of Iowa that offers elementary school students authentic learning experiences that can be found through the abundance of resources and experts along the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway. This school year, the program has expanded to a total of three elementary schools: Kate Mitchell Elementary and Meeker Elementary, located in Ames, and North Tama Elementary, located in Traer. Each season, “capstone events” are created based off the students’ current unit of study. With the help of related experts, we are able to incorporate environmental education as well as Iowa history, agriculture, and natural



Joyce and Bob Ausberger taught students about the Westward Movement at Kate Mitchell Elementary.

resources into a day full of fun learning.

Kate Mitchell’s winter capstone event focused on enhancing the students’ unit on Westward Movement. The experts for the Kids on the Byway capstone event

were Pam Schwartz from the Boone Historical Society, Mike Wendel from the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad Museum, and Bob & Joyce Ausberger from the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association. Each of the speakers engaged students in the various aspects of Westward Movement, including transportation during and after the era of Westward Expansion in America.

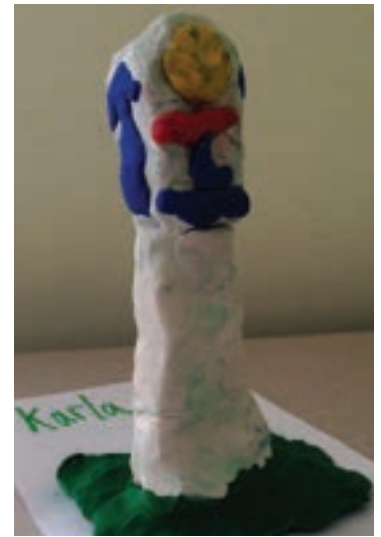
Bob & Joyce Ausberger introduced topics during their presentation that gave the fifth graders at Kate Mitchell a foundation of what a byway is and the history of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway. A unique addition to the capstone event was a contest that Bob and Joyce started among the students that included prizes such as a Lincoln Highway t-shirt and a Lincoln Highway map pack. The contest was aimed at giving the students a new way of learning and thinking about the Lincoln Highway. For the next week, students worked on projects that they thought represented the Lincoln Highway. They could draw a picture, write a poem, or make another artistic creation relating to the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway.

After collecting the submissions, Magon Liu, Kids on the Byway Coordinator, and Kayla Hasper, Kids on the Byway Assistant, judged the entries to declare winners in each of the two classes. From Mrs. Marten’s class, the winners were Trinity Engelhardt and Alexis Wilkinson. From Mrs. Mongar’s class, the winners were Karla Torres and Chastity Wilson. The winning projects included two drawings of Lincoln Highway road markers, a song that

showed Lincoln Highway pride, and a clay model of the original Lincoln Highway markers. Each winner was awarded a Lincoln Highway t-shirt donated by the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association.

The students enjoyed this creative way of learning about the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway. The Kids on the Byway Program was created to provide authentic learning environments and effective, unique opportunities for students to grasp the concepts that are presented in their studies. The participation of the Lincoln Highway Association strongly supports the mission of this program. Thanks to Bob and Joyce and the LHA for your commitment to Kids on the Byway.

For more information or if you would like to share expertise with children, please contact Project Coordinator, Magon Liu, at mliu@prrcd.org or 515-232-0048



Winning creative submission from Karla Torres

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A winning submission for the Kate Mitchell Elementary Lincoln Highway art contest sponsored by Bob & Joyce Ausberger.

Iowa DOT Proposes New Bridge

By Kimball Olson

Aesthetic Bridge Specialist

Iowa Department of Transportation

On February 7th, 2014, representatives of the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association were presented with a US 30 bridge replacement concept by the Iowa DOT. Kimball Olson, aesthetic bridge specialist with the DOT's Office of Bridges and Structures, unveiled the bridge's proposed features to a group of enthusiastic ILHA members at the Lincoln Highway Museum in Grand Junction, IA.

The bridge, which will replace the current US 30 bridge over 222nd Street and the Union Pacific Railroad just east of Grand Junction and in close proximity to the Lion's Club Lincoln Highway Interpretive Park, is proposed to include special design features that reflect the heritage of the Lincoln Highway at the site. The most striking feature will be 14-foot-tall Lincoln Highway Marker icons at each corner of the bridge. The markers will include the Lincoln Highway "L", red and blue accents, and large metal "Iowa" medallions. The supporting piers of the bridge have been designed to recall the front portico of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC.

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Detail view of Lincoln Highway marker icon located at each corner of a new bridge proposed on the Lincoln Highway.

Are there upcoming events happening in YOUR community? Spread the word with an article in the newsletter, by posting on www.iowabyways.org, or by adding an event to the ILHA website. Contact the editor for more information at lincolnhighway@prrcd.org

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Presidents' Corner

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We hope everyone is enjoying the good weather. Are we the only ones that think we went from running our furnaces to A/C almost the same day? I really don't mind running the A/C - much better than worrying about ice storms.

As usual, this year is just whipping past. We are looking forward to the conference in Utah and hope to see you there. I'm sure all of you know that Dean has accepted the nomination for the position as our state director. We're hoping that you will vote for him - he's going to be a fantastic director!

Deb Rothmeyer has really stepped up ensuring the Iowa based conference in 2017 will be THE best conference ever and one that all future conferences base their success on. She started the same day at our meeting in Denison last April and has been the driving force in getting that whole town and even Carroll behind us 100%. I realize it's still early...

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News clipping of Jefferson's first police car. Full story on page 6.

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Byway Updates

By Angie Hettinger

I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring and a great start to summer so far! We have been staying busy at Prairie Rivers of Iowa by attending various events and spreading the word about the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway. In April, I had the opportunity to travel to Manhattan, Kansas to attend the Heartland Byways Conference. There were programs focused on byway sustainability and preserving the road's intrinsic qualities as well as national byway designation discussion. A leading national scenic byway, the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway, showcases its intrinsic qualities throughout the road. We traveled by charter bus and visited various communities and destinations along the byway. This was a fantastic opportunity to see restoration of land and buildings and witness the elevation of the road's story.

I see the potential in the Lincoln Highway to become THE vessel of economic growth for the communities along the byway and it is important for everyone to participate in our corridor management plan development. John Mazzello has been working to develop our meeting process and we are excited to start public meetings this Fall. Please keep in touch with Prairie Rivers of Iowa about any concerns or ideas you have for the Corridor Management Plan. I hope to see many of you this summer at various activities along the byway!

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Lincoln Highway Association Announces New Award Program



A map of the route taken to qualify for the award.

The Board of Directors of the Lincoln Highway Association approved the initiation of a new recognition program called "The Coast-To-Coast Completion Award" at its Board Meeting on February 13, 2014. The new program provides a means for recognizing individuals who have traveled the entire distance of the Lincoln Highway. A certificate of achievement and a commemorative pin will be issued by the LHA to those who qualify for the award based upon successful processing of the application form designed for this purpose.

Anyone who has traveled the entire route is eligible but are required to fill out the application form. The form is available at www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org and must be forwarded to the address indicated on the form for processing. There is no application fee or deadline for submission. As many applications as possible will be completed by the review committee in time to announce the names of recipients during the Annual Conference in Tooele, Utah the week of June 17-21, 2014.

Future applications can be submitted and awards issued at any time during the year but only those applications received by April 30th will be announced at each year's Annual Conference.

Many Lincoln Highway enthusiasts have already completed the coast-to-coast travel. This is a significant achievement which warrants recognition in a special way through this program. The recognition program is also intended to inspire others to consider such an adventure as a way of enriching their Lincoln Highway experience.

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Mystery Place

By Van Becker

Can you identify the Mystery Place?

This photo comes with 3 hints:

1. This Indian head is NOT on a five-cent coin.
2. The photographer was facing east.
3. There is another LH landmark close by.

If you think you can identify the Mystery Place, send an email to lincolnhighway@prrcd.org or call 515-232-0048. The first person to identify the Mystery Place will receive a 2013 Iowa Lincoln Highway Map Pack!

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Last Issue's Mystery Place

Several readers contacted us with the correct answer for last issue's Mystery Place.

The Mystery Place was the Abbey Creek Schoolhouse near Mt. Vernon
Congratulations to Cindy Lundine and Junior Sander for the first correct responses!

Plan to Attend the Next Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Meeting

July 12, 2014

Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad Museum



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A Canadian National Railroad engine now owned and operated by the Boone Scenic Valley Railroad.

The Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad Museum is located at 225 10th Street, Boone, Iowa. This museum features history of depots in Iowa and includes several rare telegraph instruments on display. The original track was built in the 1890s. After many years of being owned by the Chicago & North Western a section of railroad was purchased by the Boone Railroad Historical Society in 1983. Since then, this historical line has continued to grow.

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Upcoming Iowa LHA Meetings

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...but we're hoping to instill the excitement in each of you. Plan on attending our July meeting and hear first hand about things our planning committee has already accomplished. Prepare to be amazed. It's A Wonderful Road will be the theme of our conference. And it IS a wonderful road.

Don't forget to check our website for all the summer activities in all the communities along our beloved highway. Try to attend as many as possible to support all our members and their efforts to promote the Lincoln Highway.

And don't forget to submit information about your individual communities so that anyone accessing our website will be able to plan their personal driving tours across our state. Any and all information should be sent to Sandii at nilandcafe@gmail.com.

Looking forward to another year along our beloved Lincoln Highway.

Happy traveling!

Dean and Jeannie Parr

Co-Presidents, Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

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Bringing Back the Past

By Marcia Quick

As the Lincoln Highway winds its way along State Center's paved Main Street, the City's streetscape seems to have been frozen in time, a time when State Center's "Remarkable Row" of historic buildings first witnessed Model Ts, Packards, and Maxwells traveling the "new" Lincoln Highway on its dirt streets of 1913. This Iowa Main Street town of 1,468 located in the geographic center of Iowa, has been working hard to recapture their Main Street's early 20th Century charm by preserving the town's century-old buildings for the 21st Century. The community has already saved many of its decaying structures from the wrecking ball and has restored them to their former glory. The State Center Development Association (SCDA) and the City of State Center, along with a large crew of hard-working volunteers, are currently in the process of restoring four more historic buildings, including the Woods Hospital Building and the Benson Building on West Main Street, the Home Oil Gas Station located along the 1931 route of the Lincoln Highway, and the transplanted Centre Station Depot on E Main Street.

The Woods Hospital is a Colonial Revival Style



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Woods Hospital located on West Main Street

building built on State Center's Main Street in 1911, shortly before the Lincoln Highway came into existence. The building was originally built as doctors offices and later became a hospital. It

remained a hospital until 1953. In 1955, it became a nursing home. Later it was used as a personal residence, a daycare, and a restaurant. The SCDA purchased the building in 2012, updated and restored it, and recently sold it.

The SCDA recently purchased the Benson Building, located next door to the Woods Hospital. They have replaced the dirt floor basement with a full basement and concrete floor. The roof has been repaired, and the main floor is being replaced. The front of the building will be rebuilt to resemble the original 1895 façade. When the restoration is completed this fall, the building will become a drug store.

The cottage-style Home Oil Gas Station was built in 1932 as a Continental Petroleum DX station. In 1938, it became a Mobil Oil station and remained so until 1968 when

Remember that you can share your photos of the Lincoln Highway, too. You can submit a photo for use in the newsletter or on the ILHA website, and Prairie Rivers of Iowa is always seeking new photos to help promote the byway.

it became a Skelly station. The station closed in the late 1980s. The City of State Center purchased the vacant building in 2006. The town finished restoring the structure this June. The building is now home to the State Center Police Department.



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Old Home Oil Gas Station

This railway depot is similar to an 1881 Iowa Central Railway Depot, which sat at the west end of State Center's Main Street. In 2012, the depot was moved to State Center's East Main Street from the town



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Centre Station Depot originally from Zearing, IA

of Zearing, 17 miles northwest of State Center. The SCDA is in the process of restoring the depot, which will become an historic interpretive site. The depot sits across the street

from the Washington Township Country School, which was brought to town and restored in 2003.

State Center has successfully restored a number of Main Street buildings sitting along the historic Lincoln Highway. Now folks are busy searching for the next building to be brought back to its glory from another time.

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Motor Tour Update

By Bryan and Caron Osberg

This year's one-day Lincoln Highway Motor Tour is shaping up to be a great time. The day's plan is set, starting at Squaw Creek with stops at "The Seedling Mile",



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Espresso 134 located in Lisbon, Iowa

"Abbey Creek School", "Mt. Vernon", "Lisbon", and more. There is one change in our itinerary. Our stop at the Sutliff Cider Company has been replaced due to a schedule conflict. In place of this...

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1928 Lincoln Highway Marker

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LAST SEEN: Front yard of Maggie & Steven Elliott at 401 E. Walnut Ogden, Iowa.

Ms. Elliott has not responded to emails or mail.

We assume Ms. Elliott and the Marker are traveling together.

Let's keep the Iowa Marker Register current and accurate.
Maggie Elliott can keep the marker. All we want is information on
its current location.



If Found Please Contact Van Becker at
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...we will visit the History Center in Cedar Rapids with historian Mark Hunter as our host. From there, we drive to the Veteran's Memorial Coliseum to view the Grant Wood stained glass window and learn of the significance of both the 2nd and 1st Street bridges to the early Lincoln Highway.

To help with planning, please register before August 10th. To accommodate everyone, we will be taking same-day registrations the morning of the tour at Squaw Creek. When you pre-register, I will send hotel information to you in case you care to stay before or after the tour.

We look forward to seeing all of you August 23rd!



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History event at the Lisbon History Center in Lisbon, Iowa

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Jefferson's First Police Car

By Dean Parr

Having seen this undated clipping in my grandmother's scrapbook many years ago, I was happy to find the high quality B&W photo in the box of family photos. I still had little idea exactly what year or where in Jefferson the photo was taken. Last fall I learned that the Jefferson newspapers were put online. I found the article on page 5 of the June 26, 1941 Jefferson Harold. Then I noticed that the brick work in the Cornell Garage matched that of the Greene county Historical Museum building. This is at the corner of Lincolnway and Locust. I thought this would make a great then and now photo. So, on our way back to Cedar Rapids from the April ILHA meeting in Denison we stopped and took a second photo. Our Honda Civic looks little like the 1941 Ford in the original photo, but the angle is nearly the same and I am the grandson of Chief Mick Parr in the original.

1941

2014



Before and After: A photo taken in 1941 of the first police car in Jefferson on the corner of Lincolnway and Locust. Parr recreates this photo in front of the Greene County Historical Museum building in April of 2014.

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Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway Corridor Management Plan Update

By John Mazzello, Project Coordinator

Exciting work is continuing on the new Corridor Management Plan (CMP) for Iowa's Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway. As you may recall, a CMP is a long-term plan to protect and preserve a byway's most important assets, and to elevate the marketing and interpretation of the roadway to increase heritage tourism, community support, and local economic development. This is truly an important effort because it allows everyone who supports the Lincoln Highway—LHA members, local residents, historical societies, neighborhood businesses—to contribute to a plan that strengthens the byway and its communities for years to come. A new CMP is also critical because it is required in order to eventually apply for National Scenic Byway status for the Lincoln Highway in Iowa.

Since the last newsletter, many of you have stepped forward and provided us with some early information about the Lincoln Highway in your area. Thank you to all the members who have completed our survey and signed up for our CMP mailing list. If you haven't, please visit our CMP website at www.prrcd.org/cmp and click "sign up to get involved." This is your first of many opportunities to share your unique knowledge of the Lincoln Highway for this project.

Beginning this summer, we will be scheduling numerous meetings with individual stakeholder across the state to begin developing the Lincoln Highway's long-term plan. These summer meetings will be followed by larger public community meetings in every county across the state later this year. All LHA members will be invited to the public meetings, but don't be surprised if you get a call even earlier to solicit your input.

In April, Angie Hettinger and I had the opportunity to meet with our Midwestern byway colleagues at the Heartland Byways Conference in Manhattan, KS. There, we had the opportunity to meet with folks from Nebraska's Lincoln Highway Scenic & Historic Byway, as well as from many other scenic and historic roads. This conference reaffirmed to us the importance of our work toward strengthening the Lincoln Highway in Iowa. I really encourage you to contact me anytime, but especially to talk about the CMP.

Please call me at 515-216-4005 or email me at jmazzello@prrcd.org.

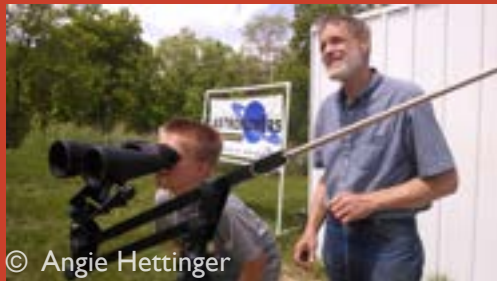
I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon!

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Kids on the Byway

By Magon Liu

Kids on the Byway has finished it's second year in great success! Each school was able to experience three capstone events throughout the school year based on their respective unit whether that was "Energy in the Environment" or "Space and Weather in the Environment." The teachers and Kids on the Byway staff are already eagerly awaiting next Fall when we can begin planning for next school year! As the summertime rolls in, KOTB begins planning and spreading the word of their kids conservation day camp that will be held July 28th – August 8th. If you're interested in getting involved or want more information, check out www.prrcd.org/camp!



A Meeker 4th grader peers through a binocular telescope with Ames Area Amateur Astronomer's member Joe Kollasch at the Adams Observatory.

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Central Iowa Celebrations along the Lincoln Highway

By Marcia Quick

As you travel the historic Lincoln Highway through Central Iowa this summer, we hope you'll slow down and stop to spend some time with the friendly folks in western Marshall County and eastern Story County. There are exciting celebrations and weekly events taking place in State Center and Colo, seven miles apart on the Lincoln Highway. Not only do these two small towns share the Lincoln Highway and the Union Pacific Railroad line, they also share a lot of small town pride and hospitality!

The State Center Development Association is busy preparing for the upcoming season of events. The State Center Farmers Market is already in full swing, having opened for its 14th season on Friday, May 16. The market runs from 5-7 p.m. each Friday evening on West Main Street, aka the Lincoln Highway, and runs through Friday, October 10. The market features homegrown fruits, vegetables, and plants, along with baked goods, crafts and other locally produced merchandise. Each week, the market features a food vendor, free children's activities, and live entertainment.

The folks in Colo also have an outdoor Farmers Market! Their market is held each Thursday evening from 5-7 p.m. at the Reed-Niland Corner, where the Lincoln Highway meets the Jefferson Highway. The Colo market features live entertainment, along with free lemonade and tours of the historic Reed-Niland Gas Station. The vendors offer locally produced fruits, vegetables, baked goods and crafts.

Both communities host annual celebrations during the summer months, as well.

The 56th Annual State Center Rose Festival is set for June 19-22nd. The Rose Queen Pageant and the opening day of the carnival, set up "on" the Lincoln Highway, kick things off on Thursday, June 19th. Friday brings the Rose Queen Coronation in the Municipal Rose Garden and the Backyard BBQ Judging Competition. Saturday starts things off with the Grand Parade at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Third Annual Rose Festival Car Show. The Sixth Annual Rose Festival Criterium (bicycle races) and a street dance and fireworks wrap up the day on Saturday. Sunday, June 22nd, features a Truck & Tractor Pull at the West Marshall High School athletic complex, starting at 1:00 p.m.

June also brings the first of Colo's three Classic Car Roll Ins. They are scheduled to take place from 6-9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month at the Reed-Niland Corner (June 27, July 25, and August 22). In celebration of its strategic location at the very crossroads of the historic Lincoln and Jefferson Highways, the city of Colo will be celebrating its Annual Colo Crossroads Festival July 11-13th. This year's theme is "Get Fired Up!" celebrating the centennial of the Colo Fire Department. Friday, July 11th, sees the crowning of the Crossroads' Princess and Prince, Kiddies Pedal Pull and other competitions, with a free movie at dusk. On Saturday, July 12th, the tractor ride launches with breakfast at Niland's Cafe. The Crossroads Parade starts at 10:30 a.m. (kiddie parade at 10:15am) followed by car, firetruck and tractor shows. Special historical photographs and items will be on display at the fire station. A street dance wraps up festivities in the evening. Sunday, July 13th, "Higher Power" performs at the city park at 10:30am. The Colo Truck Pull starts at 1:00 p.m.

Now, all we need is you! We cordially invite you to come and help us celebrate the happy days of summer in small town Iowa with shopping, dining, and family entertainment along the historic Lincoln Highway in Central Iowa.

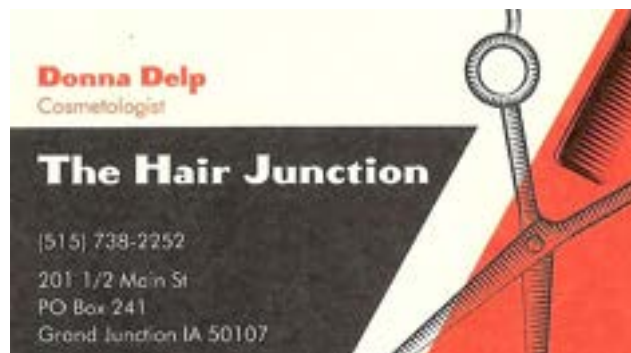
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The Lincoln Highway garden in progress. The garden is located in Grand Junction, IA near the Greene County Lincoln Highway Museum on Main Street.

The Lincoln Highway Garden in Grand Junction

By Bob and Joyce Ausberger

For years we have discussed a large Lincoln Highway Map painted on a large floor at an interpretive site or a large wall, or in concrete such as the Missouri Valley Welcome Center has done. As the large green space east of the new bank which is east of our old bank (the Lincoln Highway museum) became available it seemed like a no brainer to put the map there as part of a garden lay-out. We intended to get started in 1913 and finally got started in 2014. It will be a map of the United States with the Lincoln Highway crossing from New York to San Francisco. At this point we have the outline of the east coast and gulf coast and placed the Appalachian Mountain rocks. Flowers

have been planted in several areas. This will be an ongoing work in progress. The garden state of New Jersey will have cucumbers and Kansas has several sun flowers growing. No doubt Iowa should have corn!

If you know of plant sales or have any seeds you would wish to donate to the garden please contact Bob and Joyce at bobjoyce@netins.net.

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Are there upcoming events happening in YOUR community? Spread the word with an article in the newsletter, by posting on www.iowabyways.org, or by adding an event to the ILHA website. Contact the editor for more information at lincolnhighway@prrcd.org

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Jefferson Police Car, Motor Tour, National Award Program, and more!

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Presidents' Corner

By Dean and Jeannie Parr, Co-Presidents,
Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

This article is a hard one for me to write. Dean and I were concerned that we didn't know enough about the Lincoln Highway to serve as co-presidents 2 years ago. But with the help of all of our members, we've learned so much. And it's been fun! We want to thank all of you for your support and understanding.

There have been so many things that have happened these past 2 years. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of our beloved highway, accomplishments to preserve not only the highway, but the bridges and getting the Scenic Byway signs up across the state. And so many other accomplishments. We are proud of each and every one of you for your dedication.

I know all of you will support Deb Rothmeyer the same way you have supported us as she takes the reins and begins her term as president for our association.

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Byway Updates

By Angie Hettinger, Byway Coordinator,
Prairie Rivers of Iowa

As everyone is transitioning into fall, I hope you are able to take some time to relax and enjoy the weather and get out and drive on the beautiful Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway. This is my favorite time of year when the weather is getting cooler and the trees are showing their true colors.

Here at Prairie Rivers of Iowa, we have been busy in all of our programs. Our urban forester has been educating people about the emerald ash borer; our local foods coordinator held our food local food cycle—a 40-mile bicycle ride traveling to local farms; and much more! We are so thankful to have support and the ability to work with so many great partners. Our work on the byway is always a highlight of conversation when introducing our organization!

We have been working on developing a sustainable business membership program, Greening the Lincoln. This program will work with businesses within the corridor of the Lincoln Highway and help businesses develop a sustainable model to run their business. We are committed to making improvements to the world we live in and preserving the heritage of the Lincoln Highway. As a strong vessel for tourism in Iowa, it is crucial our local businesses are able to educate travelers along the byway and provide a high-quality, environmentally-sensitive business for travelers to support. We are excited to pilot this project in the community of Jefferson.

During our first year we will be working closely with business owners in Jefferson to develop a program that will be best for our members.

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The Lincoln Highway Association shall identify, preserve, interpret and improve access to the Lincoln Highway and its associated sites, pursue the appropriate measures to prevent further deterioration, destruction or alteration of the remaining sections, publicize and seek public awareness of its goals and activities for preserving and developing the LH, facilitate research about the LH, and publish a magazine for articles and news of activity relevant to the LH, work with local communities and businesses to promote the LH as a tourism destination, and be exclusively charitable and educational within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code.

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**State Center's 16th Annual
Watson's Fall Festival**

By Marcia Quick

The City of State Center invites you to join them in celebrating Central Iowa's harvest season at the 16th Annual Watson's Fall Festival on Friday evening, October 10, along the historic Lincoln Highway in downtown State Center. The celebration runs from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The event centers around Watson's Grocery Store, an historic building built along State Center's West Main Street in 1895. State Center's Main Street became part of the Lincoln Highway, "America's Main Street", back in 1913.

Watson's Grocery will be hosting the State Center Historical Society's homemade pie and ice cream sale. The 6th Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest will also be held inside Watson's Grocery Store, with winners determined by a popular vote of visitors throughout the evening.

Next door to Watson's Grocery, the folks from Mitchell Family Funeral Home, West Marshall Chapel, will be giving out free caramel apples to those that stop by.

In the street outside, the final night of the downtown Farmers Market will be underway. The Farmers Market will feature baked goods, crafts, clothing, and various autumnal produce. State Center's Hometown Foods will be grilling in the market area for those looking for a quick and tasty evening meal. Dick Ferneau will be entertaining visitors with his organ music throughout the evening. The Farmers Market will also be hosting the always-popular Bounce House for the kids.

Kids and adults alike can catch a hayride on a tractor-drawn hayrack, with pick-ups and drop-offs in the street outside Watson's front door. The hayride will take you on a tour around State Center; it will even drop you off and pick you up again at the City's latest renovation project, the "new" State Center Police Station.

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Come Visit State Center for their Fall Festival and see historical businesses like Watson's Grocery, built in 1895.

New Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Map Packs are available! Newly updated in 2013 with route corrections, the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway route, and more. Map Packs are available for \$10 each from:

**Lincoln Highway Museum
P.O. Box 224 Grand Junction, IA 50127**

Mystery Place

By Van Becker

Can you identify the Mystery Place?

Where in Iowa is this located?

This photo comes with 3 hints:

1. Trains run on the top.
2. The photographer was facing northeast.
3. The viaduct crosses 2 famous named highways.

If you think you can identify the Mystery Place, send an email to lincolnhighway@prrcd.org or call 515-232-0048. The first person to identify the Mystery Place will receive a 2013 Iowa Lincoln Highway Map Pack!



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Last Issue's Mystery Place

Several readers contacted us with the correct answer for last issue's Mystery Place.

The photo is of the west side of the sign for King Tower Cafe in Tama, Iowa. It has not been lighted in many years. I do remember seeing it lit up in all of its colorful glory when I was younger. The colorful neon jumped out of the darkness and it looked as if the sign was 50 feet wide!

State Center Festival Continued from Page 2

Yes, the State Center Police Department will be hosting an open house in their newly-renovated quarters, the former Home Oil Service Station. The station is a Cottage Style building built in 1932 along the Lincoln Highway (Old Highway 30) on its southern route through State Center. The State Center Police Department invites you to stop in and see the renovation and repurposing of their historic landmark.

For your shopping convenience, downtown businesses will remain open later that evening. For those looking for some Friday night football, you can head out to the West Marshall High School Football Field and watch the West Marshall Trojans take on the Regals from Iowa City Regina.

The City of State Center invites you to come to town on Friday night, October 10, and help celebrate a bountiful harvest season, here in the heart of Iowa, with dining, shopping, and family entertainment on State Center's Main Street, located along the historic Lincoln Highway.

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She has already done so much for the planning segment for our 2017 Conference.

It's because of her determination that our next hosting of the conference will be the best conference ever and one that all the following conferences will use as an example of how conferences should be run.

As Dean is settling in as the Iowa Director, we are delighted to think that we can still be proactive in helping to educate students, adults and everyone else who asks, "What IS the Lincoln Highway?" And, "Why is it so important?" I know he will be very diligent in his new role. And I ask all of you to continue your support of him in this newest endeavor.

I know we're not saying good-bye to all of you, but it almost feels that way. We're definitely behind Deb and I know you will join us in wishing her well and in 2 years time will say, "Job well done, Deb!" We want to thank each of you for the wonderful memories from our term.

Dean and Jeannie Parr
Co-Presidents, Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

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2014 Motor Tour

By Caron Osberg

The Iowa Lincoln Highway Association tried something new this year: a one-day motor tour of the Lincoln Highway. Cars from as far away as Racine, Wisconsin joined us to enjoy the day and learn a little more about the local history surrounding the Lincoln Highway.



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Van Becker, Linn County, educates tour participants about the historical kiosks throughout Linn County.

It began to rain during registration, but spirits didn't dampen. Van Becker was a brave soul standing in the rain explaining Lincoln Highway history at several different stops such as the Seedling Mile and the Bridge to Nowhere.



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Participants on this year's ILHA Motor Tour were able to learn about the "Bridge to Nowhere" thanks to the knowledge of Van Becker.

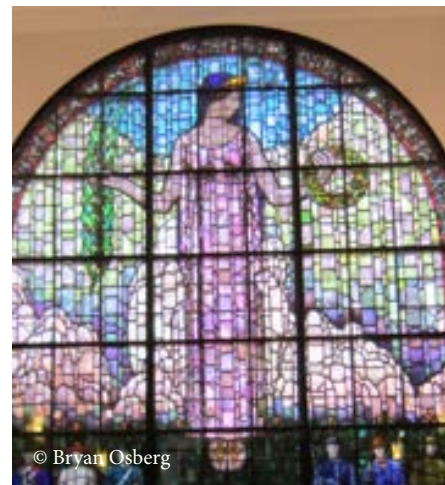
Finally, the rain ended, the umbrellas were put away and there was time to linger in the fresh air at more historical points. After the stops, we made our way to Mount Vernon, which welcomed us with gift packages and good food. Lisbon's museum was open to us and had an

exhibit dedicated to the Lincoln Highway.

We headed west toward Cedar Rapids to the History Center to see and hear about their collection of Civil War artifacts, radio equipment from Rockwell, formerly known as Collins Radio, and an original Maxen Electric Auto. Our host Mark Hunter suggested we walk to the corner of the block and look inside an original automobile showroom. We peered through the windows to see the original floor and ceiling and doors and fireplace. Imagine our surprise when the building's owner showed up and asked if we wanted to go inside! Of course we all did and we got a close look at some of the history of downtown Cedar Rapids.

Our stop at the Veteran's Memorial Building was a special treat because it was open just for our group. We went inside to see the Grant Wood stained glass window honoring our veterans. In stained glass standing sixteen-feet tall is a central, super-human figure, which is said

to represent the "Republic." She is wearing a blue mourning veil and in her right hand, she holds the palm branch of peace; in her left, the laurel wreath of victory. Standing below her are six soldiers all ranking Private. They represent the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish-American War and the First World War. We had a beautiful view of the window with the afternoon sun shining through. Our own Van Becker shared information followed by a brief presentation by a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, who was our host for the visit. We looked through the museum exhibit and headed to end our day together at supper with good food, door prizes and visiting.



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Located inside the Veteran's Memorial Building is the stained glass window designed by Iowa artist, Grant Wood. This was one of the stops along the 2014 ILHA Motor Tour.

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A surprise stop along the Motor Tour was at an original automobile showroom.



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A dampened view of the Abbey Creek Schoolhouse, located near Mt. Vernon. The school is operated by the Linn County Conservation Board.

Corridor Management Plan Update

By John Mazzello, CMP Project Coordinator,
Prairie Rivers of Iowa



A view of the Cotter, Arkansas R.M. Ruthven Rainbow Arch Bridge. Originally dedicated in 1930, the bridge was renovated in 2004 and is the largest Marsh Rainbow Arch Bridge known to exist today. The reinforced-concrete rainbow arch design was patented by James Marsh in 1912.

Marsh Rainbow Arch Bridge

Submitted by, Bob & Joyce Ausberger, Greene County

The only existing Marsh Rainbow Arch Bridge on the Lincoln Highway in Iowa is on the 3rd of 4 Lincoln Highway routes in western Boone and Greene county. (From Ogden to Grand Junction, crossing Beaver Creek)

James Barney Marsh (JB Marsh) 1854 or 1856 - 1936

Marsh was born in North Lake, Wisconsin. He came to Iowa in 1877 and enrolled at Iowa State College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts in Ames. He graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1882. James spent most of his life in Des Moines working in various situations as a bridge builder, salesman, contracting agent, designer, and inventor. He is best known for design and patents on the Rainbow Arch Bridge. He also worked with iron and steel bridges and reinforced concrete underneath arch bridges. Most notable are the underneath arch bridges in Des Moines and Cedar Rapids. His company, the Marsh Bridge Company, went bankrupt in 1909 and was renamed as the Marsh Engineering Co.

See more in the Pamphlet, at the interpretive site at Grand Junction's eastern edge and also in the Lincoln Highway Museum in Grand Junction.

Source: Marsh Rainbow Arch Bridges in Iowa by James C. Hippen

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Remember that you can share your photos of the Lincoln Highway, too. You can submit a photo for use in the newsletter or on the ILHA website, and Prairie Rivers of Iowa is always seeking new photos to help promote the byway.

Work continues on the development of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway's new Corridor Management Plan (CMP). As you might recall, a CMP is a major planning document that helps a byway identify its most important assets, ensure that they are protected, and determines a strategy for strengthening the road and telling its story in the future. The Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway's CMP is really important because it is our greatest opportunity to meet with folks from across the state to really discuss what a strong and vibrant Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway would mean to them.

The three-year CMP process has three parts: project planning, meetings and resource analysis, and document development and writing. Over the past few months, we have mostly completed the planning portion and are moving into the meetings and resource analysis phase. We have begun small group meetings in the Lincoln Highway counties, including in Clinton, Tama, Greene, Harrison, and other counties, and more will be scheduled soon. These meetings have included local government officials, members of the media, chambers of commerce and visitors' bureau staff, and even some LHA members. Following these smaller meetings, we will be scheduling large public gatherings to envision the future of the Byway at the community level. All LHA members will be encouraged to attend their local meeting.

At the same time as these meetings, we will also be managing an analysis of the Byway's intrinsic qualities. In the byway field, intrinsic qualities are the historical, natural, cultural, archeological, recreational, and scenic characteristics of a road that set it apart from other roads. Understanding all of these aspects of the Lincoln Highway, especially but not only its history, will help us tell its whole story in Iowa.

There will be many opportunities to volunteer to contribute your own expertise about the Lincoln Highway as part of this planning process. If you are interested in learning more, please feel free to call me at 515-216-4005 or email me at jmazzello@prrcd.org

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Attend the next ILHA Meeting
October 11, 2014
Tama Civic Center, Tama, Iowa
203 Seigel St.

9am Refreshments
9:30am Meeting Starts - Voting for officers
12pm Lincoln Hot Dogs with all the fixings, salad, drinks and dessert.

Call Allan at (641)484-4000 with questions.

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515-370-3738

201 Main St E
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Iowa 50107

Kennedy Museum
9:00am – 12:00pm

Former Grand
Junction lumberyard

Auction: \$18,000 New Community Center & City Hall

Netting \$18,000 the auction to raise money for a new community center/city hall netted was a success.

Items for sale included a significant ford rock and a cast iron US 30 sign.

Mayor Jerry Herrick outbid 2 others for a refurbished sign at \$2,100. Herrick is donating the new find to the Lincoln Highway Association.

Main Street Across America

BUY-WAY YARD SALE

Net over \$300

Ohio = Farthest Travelers

LOTS OF FUN!

Dale Higgins, auctioneer & LHA member, held a neighborhood 2-party auction. An obscure guitar started at \$50 and ended at \$2,000 via telephone bidders-that was very exciting!

The Lincoln Highway Association Garden



The garden is growing. Curtis Woltz from the Horizon Club is helping with care taking. The Horizon Club is a new LHA member. Horizon is an Iowa State University Outreach program to assist small communities.

Home Oil Gas Station Reincarnated as Police Station

By Marcia Quick



© Marcia Quick

The newly renovated Home Oil Station and new location for the State Center Police Department, 2014.

The State Center Police Department has a new home in an old landmark still sitting on its original site along the 1931 to 1963 route of Iowa's historic Lincoln Highway. Police Chief Jeff Bunn and his officers have moved into their new headquarters in what was once the Home Oil Gas Station on Old Highway 30, now known as 4th Street SE, on the south side of State Center.

The Diamond Petroleum D-X Company built the station in 1932. In January of 1934, Mayo Coleville and Ray Wilkening of the newly reorganized Home Oil Corporation acquired the business. The Home Oil Company began selling Mobil gas and Mobilgas products in 1938. The wood frame structure, built in a Cottage Style architectural design, has always sported its red brick and white stucco façade.



The Home Oil Station, State Center 1938.

The City of State Center and the State Center Police Department will be hosting an open house during State Center's 16th Annual Watson's Fall Festival

to be held Friday, October 10th, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The State Center Police Department invites you to stop in and see the renovation and repurposing of this historic landmark.

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Another large project that was accomplished this summer was an inventory of all of the byway signs along the road. We documented a total of 1153 signs, with 90% of the signs being in the correct location and in good shape. This took multiple days to complete, but this is something that has not been done since the signs were installed in 2010! After 4 years, the signs are in great shape and I will be working with local agencies throughout the state to get the missing or damaged signs replaced.

Please feel free to contact me with any and all concerns, questions or suggestions! Letters can be sent to Angie Hettinger at 2402 S Duff Ave, Ames, IA 50010 or emailed to Angie at: ahettinger@prrcd.org

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Reed-Niland Corner Updates

A new "EAT" Bench has been placed outside the entrance to Niland's Cafe recently. It recreates earlier versions shown in many historic photos. Lyell Henry, of Iowa City, Reed-Niland site historian, is shown approving the bench. Henry is also working on a book about the Jefferson Highway in Iowa to be published in time for the 2015 Jefferson Highway Centennial next year. Look for more centennial information coming up.



The bench in it's original glory outside Niland's Cafe.

Visit the Reed Niland Corner Webpage at: www.reednilandcorner.org for event schedules, photos and other news.

If you are on facebook, visit Reed-Niland Corner, Niland's Cafe, Colo Motel, Iowa Lincoln Highway Association, Jefferson Highway and Lincoln Highway pages.



The current bench with our Noble Sojourner, Lyell Henry at Niland's Cafe.

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Events on Along the Lincoln Highway

Date	City	Event Description
Oct 1-Nov 29	Jefferson	Pick up a THINK LOCAL; SHOP LOCAL green card from either Homestead Bakery, Greene Bean Coffee, The Printers Box or the Main Street office.
Oct 2	Marshalltown	Art Walk, Main Street www.marshalltownmainstreet.com
Oct 3	Amana	Oktoberfest, www.festivalsinamana.com
Oct 10	State Center	16th Annual Watson's Fall Festival
Oct 11	Tama	Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Meeting at the Tama Civic Center Call Allan at (641)484-4000
Oct 11	Boone	Boone County Historical Society 5K History Walk/Run & BBQ www.boonecountyhistory.org
Oct 17	Tama	Fall Hayride and Chili Supper, Tama Civic Center, mary.jean15@hotmail.com
Oct 17-19	Marshalltown	BBQ Contest, Riverview Park www.backtobacktothepark.com
Oct 26	Belle Plaine	Pumpkin Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Historical Society
Nov TBD	Boone	Nalbinding - Scandanavian Rug Weaving Workshop, www.boonecountyhistory.org
Nov 21	Marshalltown	Annual Tiny Tim Tree Festival www.marshalltownmainstreet.com
Nov 21-23	Marshalltown	Jean Seberg International Film Festival, Orpheum Theater Center www.orpheumtheatercenter.com
Dec 4	Boone	Boone County Historical Society Annual Soup Supper www.boonecountyhistory.org
Dec 4	Jefferson	Hometown Holiday Sparkle. This is a kick off to the holidays.
Dec 5	Amana	Prelude to Christmas,
Dec 7	Belle Plaine	Christmas Tea at the Museum
Dec 12	Carroll	Festival of Lights
Dec 19	Clinton	Symphony of Lights

Shopping and Collecting Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway Memorabilia

By Joni Pine, Development Coordinator,
Prairie Rivers of Iowa

Have you ever wanted to purchase a replica sign of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway? Well...now's your chance! Prairie Rivers of Iowa has launched a new store online where you can buy products, memorabilia, or give a donation all online. Currently, we offer a selective collection of inventory including replica signs of the historic Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway and stunning pictures of the Lincoln Highway.

All the proceeds from these purchases go back into preserving and promoting the Lincoln Highway. What a wonderful way to purchase a gift for a loved one while giving back to Prairie Rivers of Iowa – a non-profit making a difference for Iowa's natural resources.

We will continue to add products periodically, so make sure to check back to see our new products.

Visit our store here: www.prrcd.org/store

To simply make a donation: www.prrcd.org/donate

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This print is one of the many products Prairie Rivers of Iowa sells on their online store. Check out the great products they have to offer.

Are there upcoming events happening in YOUR community? Spread the word with an article in the newsletter, by posting on www.iowabyways.org, or by adding an event to the ILHA website. Contact the editor for more information at lincolnhighway@prrcd.org

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President's Corner

By Deb Rothmeyer, President,
Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

At our October meeting, Deb Rothmeyer was elected as the new president of the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association. She previously served as Vice President, Crawford County Consul, and chaired the Lincoln Highway Buy-Way Yard Sale. Deb lives in Denison with her husband, Vince. They have five children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She is also co-chairing the 2017 National Lincoln Highway Conference with Jeannie Parr. Below is a short conversation with Deb.

How did you become interested in the Lincoln Highway?

I was working at the Park Motel (in Denison) and Van Becker happened to be staying there. He invited me to the Lincoln Highway Association meeting at Cronk's Cafe that day. I went and became Crawford County Consul that same day!

What are your priorities for your term as president?

I'd really like to involve more of the towns along the Lincoln Highway, whether through our projects, by specially inviting them to meetings, or working with them in other ways. Because of all my work on the Buy-Way Yard Sale, I know how important it is to work with the towns and I'd really like to see more of it. What's happening in Tama is a good example (with the work of the Bridge Park Organization and the city's commitment to the Lincoln Highway Bridge). All the towns have that opportunity, and I'd like to work with them to see how far they can get.

What can you tell us about the planning for the 2017 conference so far?

The conference is scheduled for June 20-24, 2017, based in Denison. I don't want to give too...

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Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway Updates

By John Mazzello,
Prairie Rivers of Iowa

With 2014 in the rearview mirror and 2015 in the headlights, now is a good time to take a look back at the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway's progress over the last year. 2014 saw a deepening of the byway's role in the state. We launched an exciting new project, the development of a new Corridor Management Plan for the byway, last year. This plan is an important opportunity for the byway to reach out to residents, businesses, and travelers to create a strong strategy to support Iowa's communities along the Lincoln Highway and preserve the important resources of the byway.

Also in 2014, we moved forward with a unique project to identify locations along the byway with sustainable land management practices, thanks to a USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Innovation Grant. This project will allow us to build interpretive signage to highlight these land practices, sharing with byway travelers we know are highly interested in a healthy environment.

There are many exciting developments on the horizon for 2015. We'll be pilot testing a new initiative, "Greening the Lincoln," which will recognize and highlight businesses that support the byway and engage in sustainable environmental practices. Be on the lookout for more information on this initiative. In 2015, our Corridor Management Plan project will move into a public meeting phase, with gatherings to be scheduled across the state to meet with residents, business owners, and others about the possibilities for the byway in the future...

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The Lincoln Highway Association shall identify, preserve, interpret and improve access to the Lincoln Highway and its associated sites, pursue the appropriate measures to prevent further deterioration, destruction or alteration of the remaining sections, publicize and seek public awareness of its goals and activities for preserving and developing the LH, facilitate research about the LH, and publish a magazine for articles and news of activity relevant to the LH, work with local communities and businesses to promote the LH as a tourism destination, and be exclusively charitable and educational within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code.

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Lincoln Highway Bridge Park

By Jeannie Sieck, Tama County Consul

The Lincoln Highway Bridge Park Tama-Toledo Organization was established in April of 2014 after a group of community individuals took on the project of renewing the park adjacent to the iconic Lincoln Highway Bridge. We work as a team that gives due respect to self and others and recognizes the importance of diversity. We have partnered with our community's businesses, city councils, Chamber of Commerce, tourism group, clubs and associations, economic development office, and schools to educate, promote involvement, and to bring tourism to our park and towns.

Like the Lincoln Highway Association, we preserve, interpret, and improve access to the Lincoln Highway bridge and park and pursue the appropriate measures to prevent deterioration, destruction or alteration of the bridge and park.

Our accomplishments this spring and summer brought the park back to life. We added on a friendship garden by the memorial on the south entry, and constructed a flag pole, an engraved large rock surrounded by red, and white, and blue wavy petunias. We provided the opening ceremony for the Lincoln Highway Festival in May and we participated in the Buy-Way Yard Sale in August. We recently hosted the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association fall meeting in October. We made sure we had fun selling our Lincoln Dogs and we celebrated the successes we had on this journey so far.

Now we are looking to add an information kiosk by the memorial and a large flag monument at the point of the park to welcome travelers. To save the historic bridge, repairs are needed on the underside, the surface and the letters on the railing. We are...

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Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Map Packs are available! Updated in 2013 with route corrections, the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway route, and more. Map Packs are available for \$10 each from:

**bobjoyce@netins.net
Lincoln Highway Museum
P.O. Box 224 Grand Junction, IA 50127**



The Lincoln Highway Bridge in Tama.

Mystery Place

By Van Becker

Can you identify this issue's Mystery Place?

Obviously, this station has been abandoned for years. Where in Iowa is this located? That is the question.

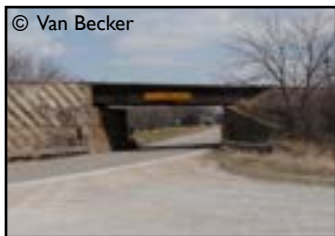
This photo comes with 3 hints:

1. The photographer was standing on the LH facing south.
2. There are no tracks in the snow, but it is close to railroad tracks.
3. The price of cheap gas in eastern Iowa is \$2.82 per gallon as of this writing. [Written in November]



If you think you can identify the Mystery Place, send an email to lincolnhighway@prrcd.org or call 515-232-0048. The first person to identify the Mystery Place will receive a 2013 Iowa Lincoln Highway Map Pack!

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Last Issue's Mystery Place

Several readers contacted us with the correct answer for last issue's Mystery Place.

The photo is of the Union Pacific railroad viaduct that is located 4 miles straight west of the Reed-Niland's Cafe in Colo, Ia. The stretch of highway pictured (also known as E-41 today) carried the Jefferson and Lincoln Highways.

Lincoln Highway Bridge Park, continued from page 2

...collaborating with the cities of Tama and Toledo, the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association, and the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway to support these repairs.

We maintain the park and bridge through contributions from individuals and businesses. Through grants and fundraising, we will continue to build on the future of the bridge and memorial park. We are striving to expand the future of the park, for it is the gateway to our two cities. Come visit the historic bridge and park along the Lincoln Highway, at East 5th Street and East Old Highway 30 in Tama.

If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a member of our group, or making a contribution, contact President Colleen Davis at 319-558-8849 or Secretary Jeannie Sieck at 515-520-1773. You can also mail to: Lincoln Highway Bridge Park Tama-Toledo Organization, Attn: Dawn Roth, 3869 O Ave., Chelsea, Iowa 52245.

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Upcoming Iowa LHA Meetings

January 10, 2015	State Center (see pg. 8)
April 11, 2015	Council Bluffs
July 11, 2015	Clinton
October 10, 2015	Denison

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...much away just yet, but we have a great conference coming together. We have good tours set for east and west. We have really unique meals planned for throughout the conference. Denison is planning some activities for the group along the way. I was looking for a real "wow" factor and I think I have found several of them!

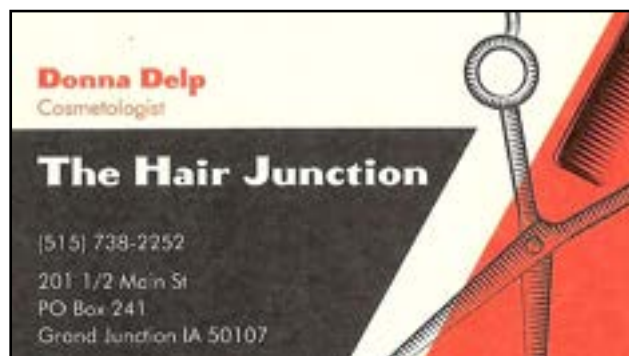
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Archaeology of the Lincoln Highway Area

By Abby Lundquist, Prairie Rivers of Iowa

While we are normally most interested in the history of Iowa related to the development and use of the Lincoln Highway, this issue we will take an even deeper look back in time. Abby Lundquist is a student at Iowa State University working as office assistant with Prairie Rivers of Iowa. She is researching the archaeology of the Lincoln Highway corridor as part of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway's Corridor Management Plan process. Here is a brief review of some of her findings:

Archaeology is one of six intrinsic qualities (the others are the historic, natural, cultural, recreational, and scenic characteristics) that are examined in a corridor management plan and it is an important one to consider for Iowa because its rich archaeological past helps to reveal the history of the land and the people who have called this area home for thousands of years. Through a working partnership with the Office of the State Archaeologist and the Iowa Archaeological Society, we have gained insight into Iowa's many archaeological treasures.

Some of Iowa's earliest known inhabitants appeared approximately 11,500 years ago, at the end of the last Ice Age, in what is known as the Paleo-Indian Period. One famous Iowa archaeological site that has been dated to this era is the Rummells-Maske cache in Cedar County. When excavated, it was found to contain spear points representative of one version of the Clovis point, which is the oldest currently known type in North America.



Figure 1: Clovis points from the Rummells-Maske Site, Cedar County, Iowa.

The story of Iowa's people continues as we move through time to the Late Woodland Period, around 1,500 years ago, and to the M.A.D. site in Crawford County where the oldest tobacco seeds from the state have been found. This tobacco was cultivated by male members of tribes and both the flowers and leaves were dried, ground, and smoked as a part of rituals, or for medicinal purposes.



Figure 2: *Nicotiana Rustica*



Figure 3: *Nicotiana Rustica* Seed

One thousand years ago, the loess hills in Harrison and Pottawattamie Counties were home to people of the Glenwood culture, famous for their earth lodges. These earth lodges and the beautiful rolling hills they are nestled in can be explored at the Loess Hills Archaeological Interpretative Center where history, archaeology, and nature come together in a seamless blend.



Figure 4: Glenwood Earth Lodge



Figure 5: Loess Hills Western Iowa

Iowa's archaeological past and the Lincoln Highway are intimately connected as people both past and present have lived, worked, and traveled through the central regions of this Midwest state. This connection serves as a reminder to us all that the Lincoln Highway and the land it moves through are deserving of both respect and protection.

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State Center Main Street in 1985, with what became known as Watson's Grocery and the Benson Building left.

Old Building Gets New Life Along Lincoln Highway

By Marcia Quick, Marshall County

The Benson Building, sitting at 108 West Main Street in State Center, is the latest renovation project of the State Center Development Association. The 120-year-old structure sits along the Remarkable Row of historic buildings on State Center's West Main Street, which is also the historic Lincoln Highway. The building that sits east, Watson's Grocery Store, is a sister building to the Benson Building. The buildings were built at the same time by the Watson and Tummel families.

Fredrick Tummel had operated a clothing and dry goods store, called the Clothing Emporium, in State Center during the late 1870s. His daughter, Pauline Tummel, came to State Center to join her widowed father and married a local grocer, William Watson, Sr., on April 28, 1880.

There were two devastating fires on State Center's West Main Street in 1895. The wooden Bishop Building, which today houses the YOLO Boutique on West Main Street, was the only structure to survive the January 1895 fire that claimed the west end of the block. That same year, a second fire took out the eastern half of the block, which now left nothing standing but the lone Bishop Building on the far west end of the block.

Later that same year, William Watson, Sr., rebuilt Watson's Grocery Store while, next door, the Tummel family built a sister building to house their clothing and dry goods store. These two new structures helped fill in the burned out block of buildings on State Center's West Main Street. William Watson and J.V. Tummel were in business, next door to one another, in 1922, when State Center's Main Street became part of the historic Lincoln Highway, the first transcontinental highway running east and west across the United States.

In 1924, Elmer Benson bought out J.V. Tummel's store,

and the business became Benson Dry Goods Store. Elmer continued in the dry goods business in this same location until 1956, when he retired from the clothing and dry goods business at the ripe old age of 90. Elmer Benson had been in business in State Center for 71 years.

In 1956, Elmer sold the business to Gladys Smith, and the business was renamed Gladys's. The business continued to change hands until 1987, when the building was sold to Merle Nolte. For the first time in 92 years, the building no longer housed a clothing and dry goods store; it was now a pottery and greenware shop.

In 2013, the State Center Development Association purchased the building. Since then, the SCDA has replaced the roof and restored the building's façade with detail like that of the original. The inside of the structure has been updated with new wiring, plumbing, ceiling, hardwood floors and a deepened basement with concrete floor.

The Benson Building is now good to go for another 120 years, still sitting there beside its sister building along the historic Lincoln Highway. The old Benson Building will soon become the new home of NuCara Pharmacy in January of 2015.

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State Center's "Remarkable Row" in 2014, with Watson's Grocery and the Benson Building visible.



© State Center's Facebook

Past and present come together at State Center, seen here during a Model A Motor Tour.

The Beginning of the End

By Fred Monthei, Green County

The first time I looked at this photo it didn't register what was happening here. The location is what struck me at first. If you stand in the middle of the yard between the house I grew up in and the old farmhouse my grandparents lived in and look southeast across the road, that's the view here.



Photo of the view from Monthei farm along the Lincoln Highway 1924, the year before the road was paved.

Cliff Rhodes is driving his new tractor to his farm located west of the Monthei farm, on the Lincoln Highway. The draft horses are tied to the back of the wagon. What I find poignant about this photo is the look on the horse's face. If you look carefully you'll see a confused look on the face of the horse on the left. He's not sure what to think about his role in the farming operation from this point forward. When he woke up that morning, he was hitched up to the wagon with his brother, just like any other day, and pulled the wagon into town. His sense of usefulness was completely intact.

Upon arriving at the new farm implement dealer, the horses were unhitched from the wagon and tied to the BACK of the wagon. This must have been a confusing situation for the horses, as they had never FOLLOWED the wagon before. Sort of a "cart before the horse" situation. At first this must have seemed like a relief. Especially since they usually had to strain a little coming up Danger Hill pulling the wagon. It wasn't long before the horses were not being hitched to the plow in the fall and spring anymore. And the horses weren't hitched to the corn wagon anymore, either. It soon became obvious the horses were only being used to pull buggies and small wagons. Shortly after this, they didn't even get to pull the buggies anymore, as the Model T took over that work as well. They began spending more time in the back pasture, grazing on the sweet clover there. I'm not really prepared to speculate on their fate after that but I'm sure it wasn't positive, as farming in those days didn't involve feeding anything that didn't work....

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Marsh Arch Bridge Update

By Bob & Joyce Ausberger, Greene County

The fall Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Newsletter contained an article about Marsh Arch Bridges. Jim Ranniger, a former LHA president from Colorado, contacted us in response. He chaired the 2007 LHA Conference in Fort Morgan, Colorado. Jim reminded us that the Marsh Arch Bridge in Fort Morgan was the longest Marsh Arch Bridge (Fort Morgan is located on the original Lincoln Highway Colorado Loop). We agree that their bridge is the longest and still think the Cotter Bridge in Arkansas is the most massive. Now we all need to visit these two impressive bridges!

We ate lunch on the I I-span (longest) Marsh Rainbow Arch Bridge at the Fort Morgan conference. It is now part of the town's walking and hiking system. The bridge connected the Colorado loop with roads on the north side of the Platte River. One of the desirable features of Marsh Bridges was that they were expandable - thus the Platte (which has been described as a mile wide and an inch deep) needed I I arched segments to span while many of the creeks in Iowa would need only one segment.

For the Cotter Bridge, we should have used the term most massive instead of largest as each segment had a higher and thicker arch. It was also made of concrete with a pinkish aggregate so that when the sun struck it at certain angles there was a beautiful pink hue to the structure, while most Marsh bridges had the traditional grayish-white concrete coloring.

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Fort Morgan Rainbow Arch Bridge courtesy of Bridgehunter.com photo submitted to them by Marne Jurgemeye.

...The mechanized age had come to Iowa and the beginning of the end of self-sufficient, subsistence farming was well on its way. Since this picture was taken, tractors have continued to get larger and more powerful. It completely changed the concept that one man was only capable of farming a total of 160 acres. Over the following decades, farming continued to become more mechanized. The use of technology (and now bio-technology) has made it possible to farm thousands of acres.

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...This is sure to be a truly meaningful statewide conversation about the Lincoln Highway, and we invite you to participate in the planning process in your area. You can sign up for our email list to learn about events in your area. Visit www.prrcd.org/cmp and click the "Sign up" button.

We are also currently hiring a new byway coordinator, to begin work in early 2015. As you may know, former Byway Coordinator Angie Hettinger left Prairie Rivers of Iowa in October when she moved to Minnesota. While we were disappointed to see Angie go, we are looking forward to being able to introduce a new coordinator to you soon. We are also glad to announce that we are seeking an intern to assist with Lincoln Highway web and social media marketing, in partnership with the ILHA.

2015 looks to be a banner year for the Lincoln Highway, and we value our ongoing relationship with the ILHA. Please sign up for our Corridor Management Plan email list or contact me at jmazzello@prrcd.org to learn more about how you can support the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway.

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Photo from the October LHA meeting.

Are there upcoming events happening in YOUR community? Spread the word with an article in the newsletter, by posting on www.iowabyways.org, or by adding an event to the ILHA website.

Contact the editor for more information at lincolnhighway@prrcd.org

Events on Along the Lincoln Highway

Date	City	Event Description
Jan 1		Happy New Year!
Jan 4	Clinton	Live vintage sawing. See volunteer sawyers turn logs into lumber at the Sawmill Museum's vintage sawmill. Also first Sunday of February, March, April
Jan 10	State Center	Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Meeting at State Center City Hall, 118 E Main Street, 9:30 a.m. (see pg. 8)
Jan 24	Amana Colonies	Amana Colonies Winterfest featuring ice sculpting, sledding, log sawing, chili cookout, and more, www.festivalsinamana.com
Jan 30	Marshalltown	Entry deadline for Marshall County Conservation's 14th Annual Photo Contest, www.co.marshall.ia.us/departments/conservation
Feb 7-8	Ames	Orchid Fest at Reiman Gardens. Orchids in many species and colors will be on display and available for purchase, www.reimangardens.com
Feb 15	Ames	Farm House Museum Celebration. See the newly restored Farm House Museum on the Iowa State University Campus, www.museums.iastate.edu
Feb 15	Carroll	Snow Shoe Hike for the Great Backyard Bird Count, Swan Lake State Park. Reservations required for snowshoes, (712)792-4614
Feb 28	Cedar Rapids	Beaux Arts Ball, a benefit for the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, a whimsical event featuring food and fun. Tickets required, www.crma.org
Mar 6-8	Council Bluffs	Council Bluffs Home Improvement and Landscaping Show, Mid-America Center, www.iowashows.com
March 26-28	Mt. Vernon	4th Annual Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Cabin Fever Comedy Festival, www.visitmvl.com
Apr 4	Cedar Rapids	Taste of Uptown District, www.uptowncr.org
Apr 11	Council Bluffs	Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Meeting (details to be announced)

January Lincoln Highway Association Meeting

By Harlan Quick, Marshall County Consul, Mayor of State Center

The ILHA meeting will be held on Saturday, January 10, in State Center. It will be held in the Community Hall on the second floor of State Center’s City Hall at 118 East Main Street. The Community Hall is accessible by elevator and has handicapped accessible restrooms. There will be a continental breakfast for attendees, starting at 9:00 am, and the ILHA meeting will start at 9:30 am. Those who are staying for lunch will be served at St. Andrew’s Grill & Bar, just around the corner from City Hall; they will be ordering from the menu.

After lunch, the Mayor will take you on a tour of two of State Center’s latest renovations, located along the Lincoln Highway, also State Center’s Main Street. You will tour the 1911 Woods Hospital Building. The second building on the tour, is the 1895 Benson Building, the renovation of which was completed in December, 2014. We will then travel down to the 1932 Home Oil Gas Station, which sits along the 1931-1963 route of the Lincoln Highway. The former gas station has been renovated and is now a police station, home to State Center’s Police Department. For those who have never visited historic Watson’s Grocery Store, tours of this 1895 building will also

be available. I hope the weather cooperates on Saturday, January 10, and we see you here in State Center, the Rose Capital of Iowa.

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A look into Watson’s Grocery store, located on State Center’s Main Street and one of the available buildings to tour after the January 2015 LHA meeting.

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