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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE IOWA LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

President's Corner

By Deb Rothmeyer, President
Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

Wow! What a winter we have had so far. The good news is spring is right around the corner. I can't wait for warmer weather to get here, so we can get to traveling our beloved Lincoln Highway.

The plans for the 2017 National Conference to be held in Denison, Iowa, are coming along smoothly. We are looking for volunteers to help out. A list of committees and duties is available on page 4 of this newsletter. If you're interested in helping you can call me at 712-263-8356 or email me at debbierothmeyer55@outlook.com. We need all the help we can get so, look over it and sign up!

With the Lincoln Highway conference coming to Iowa, it would be great to get a membership drive started. Let's get the word out!

Happy traveling the Lincoln Highway!
See you in Belle Plaine for the March general meeting!



Clean Up Day

Cleanup at Clinton Pony Truss Bridge has been organized for April 23rd at 1:00 PM. Volunteers should meet at the bridge over the Wapsie at the Syracuse Access on Hwy 30 in Clinton County.

If you're interested in volunteering we need help trimming trees, cutting brush, mowing, and weeding. There is a lot of poison ivy in the area so, wear appropriate clothing.

To sign up or if you have questions, contact Cathie Nichols at 563-659-8050 or email her at scampcat@iowa.telecom.net



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Happy Birthday Woodbine, Iowa!

Submitted by Mary Eby
Woodbine 150th Committee

Woodbine was platted in the year 1866 and will be celebrating its sesquicentennial throughout the year of 2016. Woodbine is located in southwest Iowa on the historic Lincoln Highway. Woodbine is known for being home to the brick highway, a bricked portion of the Lincoln Highway that is still in use today.

The committee has special events planned for every month throughout the year hoping that the varied activities will appeal to many different age groups and interests.

There are two major events planned. The first event is the giant parade to be held on Saturday, July 9th at 11:00 AM. This parade is in conjunction with the annual URA Rodeo parade. Big name entries are involved in the parade, as well as local floats from Woodbine and surrounding areas. An afternoon of events will follow the parade, which will include tours of Merry Brook School, an authentic one-room schoolhouse, children's games, and many other exciting events. The day will conclude with the annual URA Rodeo at 7:30 PM.

The second major event is scheduled for Saturday, August 27th. There will be a ceremony for the opening of the time capsule. Throughout the day, there will be a Civil War Encampment in the city park, Civil War reenactments, and a concert featuring the Nebraska Volunteer Brass Band, the Iowa Western Community Band, and The Notables (a local singing group).

For upcoming events, please check out the Facebook page, Woodbine Iowa's 150th birthday.



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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Mystery Photo

By Van Becker

Can you identify this building?

1. Whether it says Hotel or Apartments on the cornerstone, this hotel was a thriving business from 1913 to 1928 for the Lincoln Highway and beyond.
2. This site has been a star featured in books and motor tours. It should be an easy building to identify.
3. The Lincoln Highway in front of the building was in one of the last Iowa towns to pave the Lincoln Highway "main" city street.
4. In early times, the next "big city" for overnighting Lincoln Highway travelers was 30+ miles away over dirt and gravel roads.



Last Issue's Mystery Photo

The Palace of the Legion of Honor in Lincoln Park, San Francisco at the western terminus of the Lincoln Highway.



If you think you can identify the Mystery Photo, send an email to lincolnhighway@prcd.org or call 515-232-0048. Call with the correct information and we will take your name and contact information. We then will hold a random drawing for a winner to receive a 2013 Iowa Lincoln Highway Map Pack! This is to accommodate for the varying time and travel the postal system can take and to give all a fair try.

2016 Iowa Motor Tour

By Bryan & Caron Osberg

Mark your calendars for August 19-21 for the 2016 Motor Tour! This summer will be here before we know it and as promised we have more details about this year's event. We are sending out registration forms. You should receive it some time in March. The registration form is also located on the website.

The tour will begin in Clinton, Iowa and finish in Boone, Iowa. Hotel arrangements are in Clinton, Iowa City, and Marshalltown. Featured stops will be in Clinton, Lowden, Dewitt, Iowa City, The Amana Colonies, Marshalltown, State Center, Ames, and Boone. The pre-tour will be Thursday, August 18. The tour will leave from Clinton, Iowa and drive to Galena, Illinois. Attendees will enjoy an early supper in East Dubuque. The group dinner will be in Marshalltown on August 20. The evening will include a lot of raffle prizes and is an additional cost of \$25 per person. These plans are subject to change. We will keep the website updated with information as the event comes closer.

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Intern Update

By Meredith Ponder, ILHA Intern

Hello! To ensure everyone is kept in the loop, I was asked to write a short summary about what I've been doing since I started in September. Following training I completed the fall ILHA Newsletter as my first big project. After getting my feet wet, I picked up a little more responsibility and started doing the updates to the Iowa Lincoln Highway website. Some of these updates include: writing and posting press releases, reviewing county pages, and formatting the site for easier use. However, the majority of my time spent working on the website is filled with keeping the upcoming events page updated and other small, yet time consuming, tasks to keep the site running efficiently and professionally.

In the beginning of 2016, I took over the ILHA Facebook page from Jessica Johnson, the Marketing Director at Prairie Rivers of Iowa. I have created a six-month draft of post ideas and ways to encourage Lincoln Highway lovers to get involved. Along with those two on-going projects, I have also completed the winter and spring ILHA Newsletters, a presentation about Denison to be shared at the 2016 National Lincoln Highway Conference, and I am currently brainstorming for a couple new brochures that will be created for the Lincoln Highway in 2016.

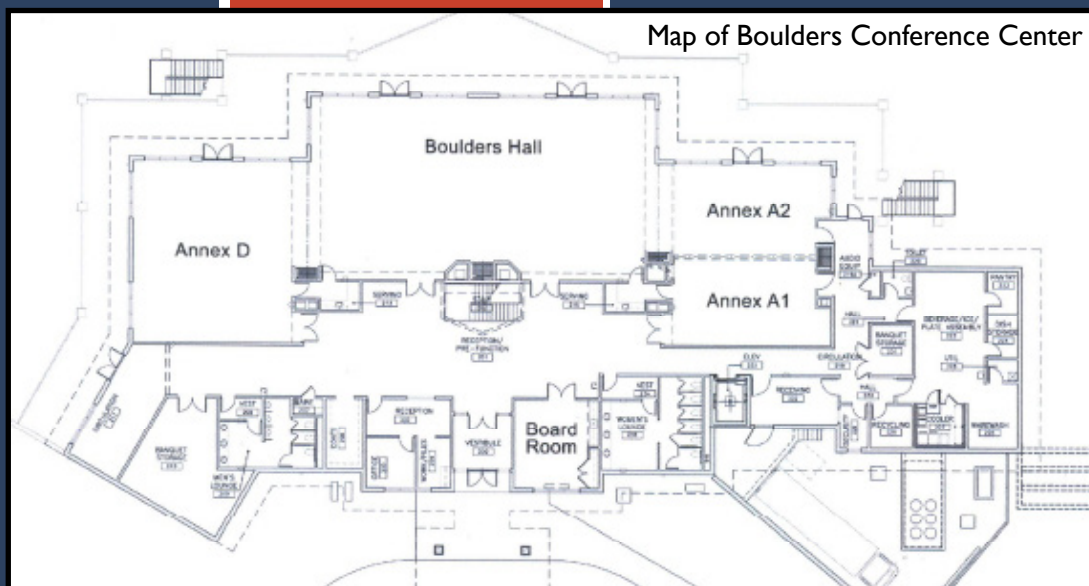
I've enjoyed my time so far with the organization and look forward seeing what this year brings!

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2017 Conference Committees

As mentioned in the President's Corner, here is a list of the committees, the duties that they will be responsible for, and where they will be needed during the conference. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please call or email Deb.

Committee	Location	Description
Book Room	Annex A1/A2	Create layout and help vendors with set up.
Display Room	Annex D	Contact states to create displays & create Iowa display.
Art Room	Board Room	Create layout of room & help with set up.
Speaker	Boulders Hall	Create speaker schedule, introduce speakers, and help with equipment.
Registration	Reception Area	Set hours and man the table, help with swag bags and lanyards, and get list of registrants.
Program	Pre-Conference	Write articles, bios, and schedule information. Due to Deb by September 1, 2016.
East Tour	Two Buses	Head Count, script for each bus, and water/snacks.
West Tour	Two Buses	Head Count, script for each bus, water/snacks, and lunch orders taken and called in.
Awards Banquet	Cronk's	Decorations, center pieces, small place setting programs, and set up room.
Conference Security	All Rooms	Must have one person present on the Boulder's premises at all times between 7:00 AM and midnight.
Clean Up	All Rooms	All materials removed from each room and trash collected at the end of the conference.



January's ILHA Meeting Minutes

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa

The quarterly meeting of the Iowa Lincoln Highway was held January 9, 2016 at the Scranton Community Center. Those in attendance were: Joyce Ausberger, Jan Gammon, Cathie Nichols, Van Becker, Alan Richards, Scott Berka, John Fitzsimmons, Dean Parr, Bob Ausberger, Jeanne Parr, Randy Winkelman, Bryan and Caron Osberg, Bill Scrivner, Connie Scrivner, Melinda Hinners, Ethel Subbert, LeRoy Starrett, Maril Callery, Larry Teepler, Gerald Herrick, Joe McCullough, Joyce Frazier, and Larry Frazier

A guided tour was given to those interested to see the renovated school. The City Council Chambers (where the meeting was held) was a former shop class. It also includes offices for the mayor and city clerk. The group also saw the kitchen, meeting room, gym, and memory room. The downstairs has all been renovated and after doing some landscaping this spring, the focus will turn to the second story.

President pro tem Dean Parr called the meeting to order and the group introduced themselves. Scranton's newly-elected mayor, Randy Winkelman, welcomed the group to Scranton. Barbara Hackfort was welcomed as the new Carroll County Consul.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa is working on their Economic Impact study, creating maps of intrinsic quality points, reviewing City and County comprehensive plans, and writing sections of the Corridor Management Plan. The Plan should be ready this summer for another round of community meetings for attendees to review the plan.

The next ILHA meeting is in Belle Plaine in April and it was decided those interested in helping with the conference should meet in Denison in March to tour the Boulders conference center, prior to April. A tentative date has been set for March 16th with a meeting at 10:30 at Cronk's and tour of Boulders after that.

John Fitzsimmons would like to see a business association formed. Joyce suggested the ILHA hire another intern to help create a membership program. A job description and budget would need to be created and ads placed by at least the end of March to hire an intern for the summer and/or fall semester. The intern then would work with each County Consul to develop the program and identify/contact businesses. County Reports were given and the meeting was adjourned. Lunch was on your own at Uptown Café in Jefferson.

To view detailed minutes, please visit the website.

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Woodbine sesquicentennial
"150 years"

August 27
Opening of Time Capsule: library lawn, 3:00 PM
Civil War Encampment: City Park, All Day
Community BBQ: City Park, 5:00-7:00 PM
Concert in the Park, 6:00 PM
Iowa Western Community Band & Woodbine Notables

July 9
Grand Parade: Downtown, 11:00 AM
old fashioned kids games & activities to follow
Tour Merry Brook: one room school house
Rodeo: Rodeo Grounds, 7:30 PM

August 28
Civil War Encampment: City Park, All day
Civil War relics on display: Main Street Station, All Day

Events every month during 2016 - Check our Facebook pg "Woodbine 150th Birthday" for details

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Book Signing at Reed Niland Corner

By: Scott Berka, Story County Consul

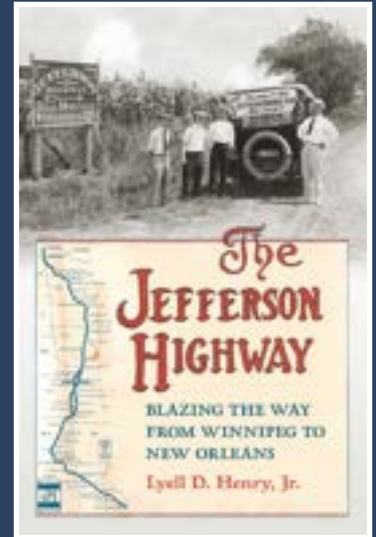
Lyell D. Henry, Jr. will be signing copies of his soon to be released book "The Jefferson Highway: Blazing the Way from Winnipeg to New Orleans". The event will be held on Sunday, April 24th at Niland's Café from 2:00-4:00.

The Jefferson Highway was the North-South counterpart to the East-West Lincoln Highway, and the two early U.S transportation routes intersected at the Reed/Niland Corner in Colo. The Jefferson Highway route was established in 1916 so the first book written on this important road will be published on its' 100th anniversary.

The Colo book signing is sponsored by the Colo Development Group and any profits from the sale of the book will go towards the maintenance and improvement of the Reed/Niland site.

To reserve your personal signed copy of the book, complete and return an order form before April 10th. The book sells for \$29.95 and order forms are available at Colo City Hall or can be downloaded at www.color-iowa.org. A full description of the book is also available on the Colo website.

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Greene County Foundation Grant Application

By Bob Ausberger, Greene Co. LHA Member

A grant application was submitted in February to the Greene County Foundation asking for funding for designing and installing 9 interpretive signs in Greene County. Bob Ausberger had identified fifty-two possible locations and will be prioritizing the locations. It is hoped that these initial nine signs will be just the start of signage in Greene County. If the project is funded, Jessica Johnson, Prairie Rivers of Iowa Marketing Director, will be designing the panels using the templates from the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway Interpretive Plan. The panels and bases should be installed before the end of the year and will be an added feature to the bus tour stops during the 2017 National Lincoln Highway Association Conference.

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CMP and LHHB Coordinator Report

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.
Prairie Rivers of Iowa

The Byway has been busy this winter doing more research for the Corridor Management Plan. We reviewed all of the county and city Comprehensive Plans and other plans created by public groups that will affect the Lincoln Highway Byway. This information along with information given during the public input meetings has given us a wealth of material to consider! We have started to write several sections of the plan and are working on analyzing the data that we received from our Economic Impact Baseline Study. Once the draft is completed, we will schedule community meetings to have people weigh-in on our findings and reports before the final document is submitted to the DOT. We hope you will be able to attend these meetings to be held late spring/early summer of this year.

The DOT has some upcoming projects that will affect the Byway and we have been attending related meetings and discussions. The Highway 30 project at Nevada would have put more truck traffic on the Lincoln Highway, but the citizens voted it down. The City of Nevada, county residents, DOT officials, and Nevada business owners have created a Task Force to develop a new solution and have held one meeting so far.

The City of Ames has hired an outside company to help develop their Lincolnway Corridor and meetings will be scheduled soon. Story County is working on a new comprehensive plan, called Cornerstone to Capstone (C2C). They are working with cities in the county to create a land usage plan, considering for growth and more industrial type businesses along the Ames- Nevada Lincoln Highway corridor. Belle Plaine is considering updating their Comprehensive Plan soon. Winter seems to be the planning season!

With spring right around the corner, I'm looking forward to attending events such as Belle Plaine's Tea, Woodbine's 150th this summer, riding the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad, and checking out many other locations along the Byway. 2017 will be a big year, too! The cities of Glidden and Dunlap should celebrate 150 years in 2017. Do you know of others?

The eleven Byways in Iowa are planning on having a booth at the Iowa State fair this year. Each Byway will take a day to man the booth and put out our own information. The Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway is working on a new brochure this spring, so it should be ready for the summer tourist season and for the State Fair. We also have several groups considering installing interpretive panels similar to the conservation panels done for the Lion's Tree Club Park near Grand Junction and the Lincoln Prairie Park in Ogden. It seems we are always busy with some kind of marketing project!

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Saturday, April 9th, 2016
2:00 PM

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Mystery Place

By Mike Kelley

Last issue's mystery device was a raisin seeder, which reminds us that while we miss many things from days gone by, but raisins with seeds are not one of those.

This issue's mystery place has stood by the Lincoln Highway since 1915 but it has recently undergone a total makeover. Anyone recognize it? The clue is that it may be more associated with George Washington than Honest Abe.

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Mahanay Bell Tower Festival

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.
Prairie Rivers of Iowa

Fifty years! Yes, 50 years of the Mahanay Bell Tower Festival! Jefferson's annual Festival promises a weekend full of family-friendly fun and entertainment. Nestled in the middle of Greene County's county seat, the Festival is home to a broad spectrum of activities.

From free shows on the plaza stage, to events and attractions like craft and food vendors, the fun run and walk, basketball tournament, and the beverage garden with its nightly musical entertainment, to a couple of events with a bit of a twist, the Bell Tower Festival is the place to be the second weekend of June!

The Festival will be held June 10-12 and Bell Tower Tours with spectacular views are offered every day. Other events include a Show and Shine Car Show, A Motorcycle Poker Run and Motorcycle Show, and a Parade Saturday morning. Saturday night, "Pop Rocks" will perform in the Beverage Garden. A Guided Tour Ride to Templeton Rye will start at 9:00 AM Saturday. For more information about the ride go to www.btfcycle.info and register on-line.

If you are creative, enter the contest to design a 50 fest logo. Send your entry to angie@greencountyiowa.com. For more information about the Festival, check out the <http://www.greencountyiowa.org> website.

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Carroll County Check-In

By Barbara Hackfort
Carroll County Consul

Many things are happening along the Lincoln Highway as the Carroll County Chapter of the ILHA reactivates. After attending the January 9, 2016 ILHA meeting in Scranton, the newly appointed Carroll County Consul, Barbara Hackfort, set two goals: the first to increase membership, and the second to produce a brochure for the Lincoln Highway as it travels through Carroll County. Implementation of the goals proved to be both fun and rewarding.

To achieve the first goal, increasing the number of memberships, a decision was made to employ a basic rule of salesmanship: personal contact by visiting businesses along the Lincoln Highway, and making some phone calls. As a result, membership in Carroll County has tripled, with contacts still pending in Carroll, and in Arcadia and Glidden, two smaller towns in Carroll County. It was especially gratifying to have the two "Lincoln" businesses on Hwy. 30, The Lincoln Highway Trading Company and the Lincoln Highway Pharmacy, purchase state memberships.

The second goal, to design a brochure for the Lincoln Highway through Carroll County, was made much less daunting with the expert help of Vicki Gach, a colleague of Hackfort on the Carroll Historic Preservation Commission. The front of the four-fold brochure features a short history of the Lincoln Highway in Carroll County, with pictures of points of interest along the way. Of special importance to Lincoln Highway enthusiasts are the Gregory Corner near Ralston, the Merle Hay Memorial near Glidden, and the Lincoln Highway milepost, which stands in front of the Carroll County Museum on Highway 30. The back of the brochure contains a miniaturized version of the map of the Lincoln Highway as seen on page 27 in The Lincoln Highway: Iowa Map Pack, along with vintage pictures showing the Lincoln Highway in Carroll County during its early years. Of particular interest on this side are pictures of Lincoln Tourist Camps, the double canopy service station, and men grading the Lincoln Highway with teams of horses and wagons. Efforts to raise funds for the brochures have been successful, and they will soon be on their way to the printer.

As a final note, the city of Carroll has agreed to a Lincoln Highway webpage on their website, which is currently being redesigned and upgraded. The exact content of our page is currently a work in progress, but will certainly feature our brochure, information on purchasing memberships, and links to other sites.

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Thank you to Barbara Hackfort for providing pictures.

**The Next ILHA meeting will be
April 9, 2016 in Belle Plaine, Iowa
at The Ice House.**

**Refreshments at 9:00 AM,
general meeting to follow.**

The address is 1111 7th Ave. Order your lunch choice when you arrive. At 2:00 we are invited to attend the Swellest Little Spring Tea. The cost is \$14.30 for LHA members.

More information found on page six. Please RSVP to Kristine Pope at: herringhotel.pope@gmail.com

Directions to the Ice House: Coming from either the east or west on Highway 30, turn south onto Highway 21 and follow the gentle curve into the west side of Belle Plaine.

Go east to 8th St and turn 2 blocks south, crossing the railroad tracks. The entrance to the Ice House is directly after crossing the tracks to the right.

Upcoming Iowa LHA Meetings

April 9, 2016	Belle Plaine, General
July 9, 2016	Missouri Valley, Business
October 2016	TBD, General

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Sisters' Centennial Ride

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.

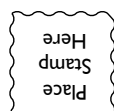
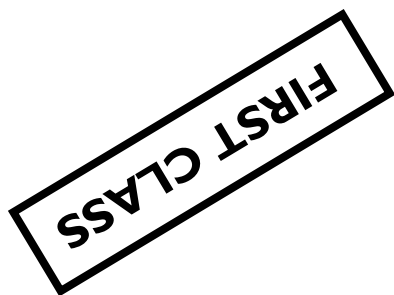
Prairie Rivers of Iowa

2016 is the 100th anniversary of Augusta and Adeline Van Buren's courageous and unprecedented ride across the United States on motorcycles. The Sisters' Centennial Motorcycle Ride July 3-24, 2016, will honor and celebrate our female motorcycling heroines of the past, as we promote the growth of women motorcyclists and the motorcycling community.

The group will be in Iowa on July 11th with a stop at the Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa and traveling from Cedar Rapids to Omaha on July 12th. They are to send us a more detailed itinerary and we will share it on the ILHA website and social media when we receive it. They are "loosely" following the Lincoln Highway, so not sure exactly which communities they will travel through until we get the detailed route.

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By Sean Fitzsimmons, President
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Hello all, I hope everyone is doing great! After four years of high school and endless life lessons, I have finally graduated. With this chapter closing in my life I am very excited to see what the future has in store for not only me, but also the ILHA. I was very happy to hear that the conference meeting in May went well. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the conference in Gettysburg, but I hope all who attended enjoyed themselves. I'm looking forward to hearing about how it went at our July meeting.

Safe travels!

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Invitation to Grand Junction's Lincoln Highway Fun Day!

By Joyce Ausberger, Greene Co. Consul

Grand Junction is inviting everyone to their Lincoln Highway Fun Day on July 23rd. There will be a street party put on by the firemen, a library event for kids, parade, a play put on by local talent, Bingo, pie judging, and supper with homemade pie and ice cream at 5:30 pm. The glow "fun run" begins at 9:00 pm and an outdoor movie is also being planned. Many of the events will take place in and near the new community center. The Lincoln Highway Museum will be open for tours and a short program at 4:00 pm. Come have fun!

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Looking for County Consuls

By Dean Parr, State Director

Van Becker has announced his intention to step down from the position of Linn County Consul. The position will be open this fall. We are looking for a Linn County member that would be willing to serve. The Crawford County Consul position is also open.

Duties include attending the quarterly meetings and reporting on items affecting the Lincoln Highway in the county (both good and bad). We would really like to see some new people get involved! If interested or have questions, please email or call an officer (see page 2). Remember the LHA statement of purpose:

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Last Issue's Mystery Photo

By Van Becker



The winner of last month's mystery photo contest was Bob Crawford! Congratulations, Bob!
This is the old Page Hotel in Mechanicsville, Iowa.

The Mystery Photo contest will subside until further notice. Thank you, Van, for your quarterly submissions and everything you've done for the ILHA.
You will be missed!



Clinton County Events

By Cathie Nichols, Clinton County Consul

DeWitt has a Farmers' Market Thursday evenings in Lincoln Park, on the old Lincoln Highway, from 4-6 pm starting mid-June. They also have "Tunes in Town" on Tuesdays in Lincoln Park, featuring live music and food, from 6-8 pm throughout the summer.

Grand Mound has a "water parade" on July 4th, where the spectators and the parade entries try to soak each other with water balloons, super soakers, and garden hoses. Very unique—dress to get wet! DeWitt has a conventional July 4th parade at 10 am; Grand Mound's is in the afternoon.

Grand Mound has their Car Show and Threshing Demonstrations Saturday, July 23rd. They also have one of the largest July 4th fireworks displays in the state. It is well worth seeing if you haven't been to one!

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2016 Iowa Motor Tour

By Bryan & Caron Osberg

This year's Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Motor Tour is in high gear as we move into summer plans. If you haven't registered yet, please do so and join in on the fun. We will travel along the Lincoln Highway with little side trips this year for some Iowa sightseeing.

Prior to the tour on Thursday, August 18th, we'll be driving up to Galena for a day of shopping and touring. Supper in Dubuque is at Timmerman's Supper Club, which was built in 1961 on a bluff with beautiful views. The old supper club tradition is alive and well in Dubuque and Timmerman's offers a bountiful menu of delicious meals.

Once the tour kicks off, we'll drive along the Lincoln Highway and see the various wonderful sights available only in Iowa. There will be a fun banquet on Saturday night with door prizes and a chance to visit with everyone on the tour. The tour is August 19-21 beginning in Clinton, Iowa on the beautiful Mississippi River. If you've joined us before, join us again. Every year we try to make the tour different than the last time we were on the route. Visit www.iowalincolnhighway.org/motor-tour/ to watch for updates and read about last year's tour!

If you've never been on our Motor Tour, this year is a great time to begin. It's a nice, relaxing trip through Iowa with so much to see and do. Registration is only \$30 per car for ILHA members and \$40 per car for non-members (this includes a membership to ILHA). The banquet on Saturday is another \$25 per person. Get all the details by contacting Bryan Osberg at osbergbd@gmail.com.

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Famers' Markets Along the Lincoln Highway

Central Iowa

Ames: Main Street Market, 8:00 am-2:30 pm Saturdays, May-October, 304 Main Street
Ames: North Grand Market, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm Wednesdays, 8:00 am-12:30 pm Saturdays, May-October, 2801 Grand Ave
Boone: 3:00 pm-6:00 pm Thursdays, June-October at 528 Story Street
Colo: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Thursdays, May 26-September 8, Main Street by Colo Library
Jefferson: 4:00 pm-6:30 pm Tuesdays, June-September at Courthouse Square
Marshalltown: Linn Street Market, 9:00 am-4:00 pm Fridays, 11:00 am-4:00 pm & Saturdays at 103 E Linn Street
Marshalltown: 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Fridays, 8:00 am-11:00 am Saturdays, May-October at 208 N 2nd Avenue
Nevada: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Tuesdays, June 7-October 26, Nevada City Hall
State Center: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Fridays, May 27-October 7 at 100 block West Main Street
Toledo: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Fridays, May 6-October 28 at Courthouse Square

Eastern Iowa

Belle Plaine: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Fridays, June-October, at the corner of 13th St and 6th Ave
Cedar Rapids: 7:30 am-12:00 pm Saturdays, June-September at Greene Square Park
Cedar Rapids: 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, May-October at Noelridge Park Greenhouse lot
Clinton: 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Wednesdays and 8:00 am-11:00 am Saturdays May 28-October 29 at 4-Square Park
Mount Vernon: 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Thursdays, May 5-September 29 at 221 1st St East
Tipton: 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Thursdays, May-October at Cedar County Courthouse

Western Iowa

Carroll: 3:30 pm-6:30 pm Wednesdays and 8:30 am-11:30 am Saturdays, June-September at Depot Plaza
Council Bluffs: 8:00 am-1:00 pm Saturdays, May 7-October 15 at the Omni Center
Council Bluffs: 5:00 pm-8:00 pm Thursdays, May-October at the 100 block of West Broadway
Denison: 3:00pm-6:00pm Thursdays, June 7-October 27 at the Denison Crossroads parking lot
Missouri Valley: 3:30 pm-6:00 pm Thursdays, May-October at 2931 Monroe Ave

Book Discussion

By Meredith Ponder, ILHA Intern
Prairie Rivers of Iowa

Lyell Henry, member of the ILHA and our Noble Sojourner, has written a book about the Jefferson Highway. The book is titled, "The Jefferson Highway-Blazing the Way From Winnipeg to New Orleans," and was released on April 15th.

This photo was taken of Lyell during his presentation about the book at the 6000 Rotary Conference in Des Moines on April 2nd.

Lyell did book signings in Iowa City and at Niland's Café during the month of April. All profits from book sales go to the Reed/Niland Corner, in Colo, or to the Jefferson Highway Association.



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2017 Conference Update

Jeannie Parr, Conference Organizer

It's hard to imagine that a year from now, during our July 2017 meeting, our conference will have come and gone and we will be busy recapping all the events and patting ourselves on the back for a job well done.

From the very start, Deb Rothmeyer and I were determined that this would be one of the best national conferences ever and that all future conferences would use the Iowa Conference of 2017 as the yardstick when planning. This has not changed even though Deb is no longer helping organize the event. She left some big shoes to fill, but with all of your support I feel up to the task.

The conference committee has been very busy. We have been able to cover a lot of ground, but there's still a million things that need to be addressed. So far I have been able to alert all restaurants to the fact that we have some members that need special consideration and they have all been very supportive. Sadly, we cannot travel on the Lincoln Highway on our west tour the entire time going toward Council Bluffs. The buses are just too tall for the overpass south of Missouri Valley, but the good news is that they can drive gravel roads. Our new consul in Carroll County, Barbara Hackfort, has agreed to sell ads in both Carroll and Denison, and perhaps a few other towns that will be on both tours for our program. We all should say a big thank you to Barbara as she has stepped up and taken a huge weight off of our shoulders.

Prairie Rivers has been indispensable in so many ways. I personally would like to thank Jan and her staff for all that they have done for us!

The town of Denison has also been very accommodating. Michelle Ertz at the Chamber of Commerce has been a wonderful asset. The Donna Reed Foundation is equally supportive. All in all, it's been an exciting journey and it's far from over.

We still need to fill some spots on individual committees. The registration table on Day 1 is the first thing that comes to mind. We're hoping to have enough volunteers that would rotate every two hours. And we will need a minimum of three people each shift. Everything will be ready for you so that your responsibilities should be easy to handle. Security, book room, art room, etc. are being covered, but I feel it's unfair to ask just one or two people to cover those areas the whole time. After all, we should be able to enjoy our conference too, right?

I know some of you are thinking that if you volunteer, you'll be stuck for the whole week, but that's not true. If enough of us step up, your shift will be over before you know it and perhaps you'll want to hang around to see what else needs to be done. Please help us to make this a wonderful experience for our guests and ourselves. Everyone will know all the details of the conference events so that you are well informed and will be able to answer questions. Each motel will have a daily itinerary at their front desk, so our guests can also be updated throughout the conference.

The individual efforts of the committee have been outstanding! We have such a great group. As long as we listen to each other and respect one another, we can do just about anything we put our minds to.

My email is parr.jeannie@gmail.com and my phone number is 319-366-0552 if you would like to contact me. Be sure to leave a message if I don't answer.

It's a wonderful road!

Let's each pitch in to make it a wonderful conference.



April's ILHA Meeting Summary

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa

The Iowa Lincoln Highway Association met April 9th at the Ice House Drive-In, Belle Plaine. The meeting was called to order by the new President, Sean Fitzsimmons. President Deb Rothmeyer has resigned. The group thanked Deb for her work and for serving as president, consul member, and co-chair of the 2017 conference.

Dean Parr reported Iowa is up in memberships, mostly due to Barbara's efforts in Carroll County. Numbers are: 25 Complimentary, 80 Iowa only, 10 Lifetime, and 204 National, totaling 319. Dean shared a link (available on our website) to the George Wyman Motorized 1903 Bike Tour route (the first trip from San Francisco to New York on a motorized vehicle).

Van Becker said Gettysburg needs 150 people to attend. Joyce, Jan, Mike, Jeannie, Dean, and maybe Mitch are planning on attending.

Van and Bev are stepping down from folding, stamping, and mailing the newsletter. The group thanked them for their hard work over the years. Dean and Jeannie are willing to take this on and Grant Wood will still be able to do the printing. Van's last newsletter will be in October. Mike Kelly will take over Van's mystery photo section.

Prairie Rivers is working on a membership brochure for the ILHA. Meredith, the intern, made a sample and it was passed around. The group approved the design and project. She also prepared a slideshow to be shown at Gettysburg regarding the 2017 Denison Conference.

The ILHA Merchant Association project was discussed and approved to pay an intern to help with this project. Meredith, our current ILHA intern will be increasing her hours this summer to complete this project. It was suggested that the new business program be explained in the newsletter, with press releases, and added to the website.

To view the minutes, please visit the website.



CMP and LHHB Coordinator Report

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.
Prairie Rivers of Iowa

We are into year three, the final year, of the Corridor Management Plan and have been busy taking all the comments made at public input meetings, information from meetings with officials, historical research, and research on the six intrinsic qualities that make a Byway (archaeological, cultural, historical, natural, recreational, and scenic) and have begun the writing portion of the Corridor Management Plan. There is a plethora of information to sort through and organize and then create into a 10-20 year plan for the Byway.

In the coming months, we should be scheduling another round of community meetings and sharing the plan with the residents along the Byway. We hope all ILHA members will read and review the document before final revisions are completed.

The Byway did receive an Iowa Tourism grant to create a new brochure. The information that was collected at community meetings and researched further has been used to create this new 48-page guide to the Lincoln Highway. It has a few interesting facts as well as a listing of residents' favorite places in each of the intrinsic qualities. This new marketing tool should be out in late June or early July to Welcome Centers and other locations where tourists stop along the Byway.

Schmeekle Reserve, from Stephens Point, WI will be working with us this year to create an interpretive plan that will be a part of the CMP. Two signs were created under a conservation grant already and Greene County received partial funding for nine interpretive signs! We are excited to grow this program with attractions, parks, and communities along the Byway. Several have indicated an interest already.

As always, we are busy talking to groups and individuals who are traveling the Byway or interested in the Byway and giving them information about your communities. The Iowa Byways will have a booth at the Iowa State Fair under the Grandstand, near the Highway Patrol booth. If you are at the fair, stop in and see us. We are taking turns manning the booth and will feature our Byway when working there.

See you on the Byway!

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News From Harrison County

By Kathy Dirks, Harrison County Consul

The Welcome Center Farmers Market is Thursday, May 19 – October 13, 2016, 3:30 to 6:30 pm in the Harrison County Welcome Center parking lot. We have 12 vendors this year with a good variety of local produce, baked goods, and products.

Stop in and check it out!

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Color Newsletter

By Dean Parr, State Director

Would you like to receive the newsletter in color? We can make that happen for you if you have an e-mail address. The newsletter is available as a PDF file which can be emailed to you. The photos are usually much more clear and in color. The newsletter can then be easily filed on your computer rather than taking up space on your desk. This also saves the Iowa Chapter time and money. If you would like to switch from snail mail to e-mail send an email to membership coordinator, Dean Parr at drparr51@gmail.com.

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Mystery Place

By Mike Kelley

Last issue's mystery place was the old Masonic Lodge on the Lincoln Highway in downtown LeGrand, Iowa, on the north side of the street.

This issue's mystery place appears to date back from Abraham Lincoln's era, but it's actually of the Lincoln Highway timeframe. Another



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hint at this location's placement is that travelers who take this older section of the Lincoln Highway might save a little money over travelers who choose to take the new highway. Does anyone have any idea where this mystery place could be? Stay tuned for the answer in our fall newsletter!

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Sisters' Centennial Motorcycle Ride

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.
Prairie Rivers of Iowa

Remember the upcoming Sisters' Motorcycle Ride! Due to time constraints, they will loosely follow the Lincoln Highway. The route they have shared is:

July 11th

- Leave Naperville, Ill and cross into Iowa on #136
- Stop for lunch/gas at O'Brian's in Goose Lake
- The National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa
- Marion and Cedar Rapids (ice cream social in Marion)
- To Hawkeye Downs and a Caseys at 380 33rd Ave SW for gas
- Stopping overnight at the Clarion Hotel in Cedar Rapids

July 12th

- Cedar Rapids to Ames
- In Ames, seeing the steel turkey sculpture and the "Woman's Head" sculpture
- Taking new Hwy 30 to Boone
- Jefferson to the Peony Chinese Restaurant and the Mahanay Bell Tower
- US 30 to Dunlap to the BP gas station
- Taking I-680 and I-80 to Omaha, arriving at BMW of Omaha
- Gas stop at BP Gas at S 72nd and Grover St
- Stopping overnight at the Comfort Inn on Grover St, Omaha

The Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway has made some suggestions of what to see along these sections of the Highway and will follow up with the tour organizer. If they are able to make stops or visit locations, we will contact those locations and county consuls directly. The ride organizers are also asking for help contacting the press. The website for the ride is sistersmotorcycleride.com if you wish to share this with your local paper.

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July 9
Grand Parade: Downtown, 11:00 AM
old fashioned kids games & activities to follow
Tour Merry Brooks: one room school house
Rodeo: Rodeo Grounds, 7:30 PM

August 27
Opening of Time Capsule: library lawn, 3:00 PM
Civil War Encampment: City Park, All Day
Community BBQ: City Park, 5:00-7:00 PM
Concert in the Park, 6:00 PM
Iowa Western Community Band & Woodbine Notables

August 28
Civil War Encampment: City Park, All day
Civil War relics on display: Main Street Station, All Day

Events every month during 2016 - Check our Facebook pg "Woodbine 150th Birthday" for details

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News in Boone

By: Sean Fitzsimmons, ILHA President

In Boone on May 29th, a piece of the Historical Society's fascia broke off and fell on an original Lincoln Highway marker. Luckily, no one was hurt and there was very minimal damage done to the marker. Unfortunately, though, the front right of the marker was chipped and cracked. After talking with the president of the Historical Society, I was informed that masons will be hired to fix not only the building but also the marker. This leads me to the question, how can we keep these original markers from being vandalized and or destroyed?

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Whitlock Update

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.
Prairie Rivers of Iowa

The wife of Keith Whitlock, former Iowa Lincoln Highway Association president, has moved into a nursing home in Tipton. Those wishing to send her a card may use this address:

Lois Whitlock, Cedar Manor Nursing Home and Apartments, 1300 Mulberry St., Tipton, IA 52772

Keith says, "Thank you for inquiring. Lois and I enjoyed the years that I served as the Lincoln Hwy Association President. She had a stroke during my last year as president and the fun went out of it for me. We were not able to do much traveling after that. We still continued to have a good life together until she had this last stroke at the end of January, 2016. She is resting comfortably at the nursing home, but is unable to do anything for herself. Those that knew her remember that she had beautiful smile, and she still does. Tell Bob and Joyce hi and all the other board members."

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**The Next ILHA meeting will be
July 16, 2016 in Woodbine, Iowa
at Main Street Station
Refreshments at 9:00 am,
business meeting to follow.**

The address is 313 Walker Street. Lunch will be at Roux's at 501 Walker. There is a choice of sandwich buffet or ordering off of the menu. Please RSVP to Elaine Ehlert at: 712-647-2049

Directions to Main Street Station: If coming from the south or the north, take the bricked Lincoln Highway. Main Street Station is in a renovated canopy gas station to the east on 3rd Street.

Upcoming Iowa LHA Meetings

July 16, 2016	Woodbine, Business
October 2016	Jefferson, General
January 2016	Nevada, Business

In this quarter's issue....

motor tour details, farmers markets and event information, '17 conference update, and more!

**Pony Truss Bridge Clean Up
April 23, 2016**



Joe Goodlove, Norm Nichols, Cathie Nichols, Bob Ausburger, Photo Credit: Joyce Ausberger

“Thank you to all of the volunteers who maintain the “L” signs. We just did a trip from Clinton to Colo and had a great time. We live in EPA not far off of the Lincoln Highway and fully enjoyed driving the dirt roads, cruising through the small towns, and having a great local experience at the wonderful food stops! We were on vacation and took the opportunity to travel this famous stretch of road.

-Allen Zimmerman”

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President's Corner

By Sean Fitzsimmons, President
Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

Hello to all, I hope your summer has gone by slower than my own! The marker that survived the fall of the Boone Historical Society building's facade has been fixed. The masons that fixed it did not do an adequate job, so my father and I are planning on meeting with the head of Boone Historical Society to arrange a proper fix. She is interested in having my dad to do some touch-up painting on the marker too.

Another situation transpired when Dad and Meredith (the ILHA intern) were selling merchant memberships in Boone County. They heard that Ogden had resurfaced part of their main street and now something was missing. (I'm sure most of you know of the foot prints in the road on the west side of Ogden's main street). Meredith and my father talked to the street crew outside of city hall and were informed that the footprints were actually cut out of the road to preserve them and there are plans to place them in a park in Ogden. They would like to put up an interpretive panel in the park, explaining the legend of the foot prints.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming meeting,
if Fareway grants me time off!
Safe travels!



Due to space constraints, July's meeting minutes are available on our website.

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Footprints in the Lincoln Highway

From The Lincoln Highway Iowa by
Gregory M. Franzwa, 1995

"On a summer day in 1929, shortly after the paving crews had moved on, some klutz stepped into the wet concrete as he attempted to cross the street. Realizing that the mix was still fluid, he hesitated, then preceded across the paving as fast as he could, and probably ducked into a saloon for another stiff belt before anyone caught onto what he had done.

The street itself was paved with a coarse river gravel, which has been worn down to a terrazzo-like appearance, not unlike a bank floor. Early in 1994 it was decided to top the original concrete with asphalt. But that would have covered over the footprints, which are rapidly becoming more widely known and appreciated. So it was decided instead to repair potholes with the same kind of aggregate as the original mix, keeping the footprints...and adding much more historical integrity than an asphalt overlay."

The footprints have remained in the pavement since that day in 1929, and any improvements to the main street in Ogden have stopped just short of the prints, leaving them exposed to the elements and for residents and tourists to enjoy. That is, until mid-July 2016! The city street crews removed part of the footprints and have stored them safely in a city shed. They have been replaced with a fresh concrete patch in the pavement.

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Footprints in the Lincoln, Continued from page one

Plans are to place these footprints in a park within Ogden and add an interpretive panel explaining their history.

The city crews did not remove all of the footprints; just the more visible ones. However, if you look closely, you will still be able to see two or three footprints on the south side of the street. You just need to know where to look and take your time looking for them (and watch for traffic).

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2015 Photograph,
looking south



July 2016 Photograph,
looking north

Tama Bridge

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa

The Lincoln Highway Bridge in Tama remains a concern to the Lincoln Highway Association, the Tama Historic Preservation Commission, and the citizens of Tama. Recently the Tama Historic Preservation Commission was reformed. Anne Micheal, chairman, and other members circulated a petition in Tama to draw the city's attention to the community's support in preserving this historic bridge. Over 400 people signed the petition.

The city is well aware of the importance of the bridge and is taking steps to make structural repairs. Judy Welch, Tama City Clerk, says "core samples were taken from the bridge testing for chloride levels and the test failed. This means the levels were higher than acceptable and would cause corrosion in any steel that is in the bridge. The City is awaiting word from the engineer as to his cost to engineer the project. After the engineer is hired he will start work on the specifications as to what needs to be repaired. The city wants to repair this bridge as it is important to City of Tama, the Tama Historic Preservation Commission, and the residents of Tama."

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CMP and LHHB Coordinator Report

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.
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The Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway (LHHB) and the other Iowa Byways manned a booth at the Iowa State Fair this summer. The LHHB was proud to debut the recently published "Information Guide" that showcases information about locations, sites, and attractions along the Byway and is divided into the 6 intrinsic qualities that make a byway (archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic.) This guide gives Byway visitors many ideas and choices to visit and experience.

The LHHB held another round of Corridor Management Plan meetings in August and September. Points of interest were identified and mapped. Suggested projects from the initial community input meetings as well as county and city plans were consulted, and the ideas prioritized into three different levels. The Byway and other agencies were identified as lead organizations and a timeline was assigned to each project. Maps and projects were open to the public for comment at the community meetings. The corrections are being made before the final Corridor Management Plan is given to the Iowa Department of Transportation for final approval. The final document will be available on-line and a link to that should appear in the next newsletter.

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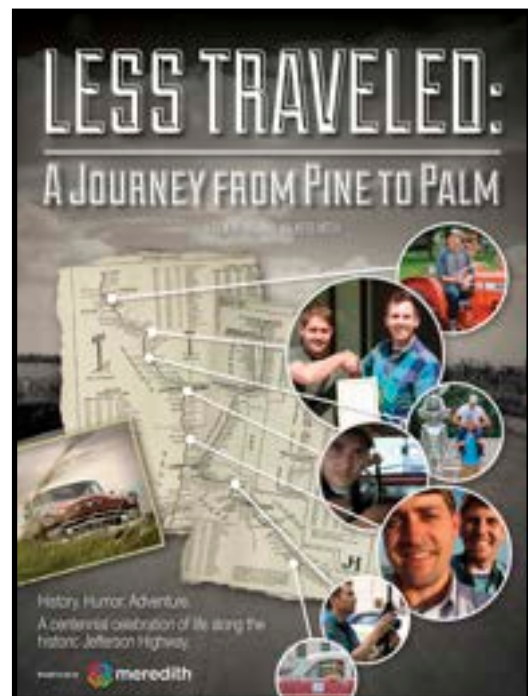


Jefferson Highway Video

By Jan Gammon and Scott Berka
Prairie Rivers of Iowa

Highway Walkers Media, an adventure documentary film company based in Leon, Iowa will, screen their film, "Less Traveled: A Journey from Pine to Palm" in a free showing at the Iowa Talent Factory, Thursday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in Nevada, Iowa.

The film is about the Jefferson Highway which begins its 2,200 miles in Winnipeg, Manitoba and finishes in New Orleans. According to Josiah Laubenstein and Darrell Johnston, creators of the film, "The road never changes time zones, but it changes cultures frequently. The people in Winnipeg are different from the people in New Orleans. But different is good. It keeps things exciting."



The two traveled from Pine to Palm to create their hour-and-a half movie, which debuts in the centennial year for the road.

In Iowa, the Jefferson conjoins with the Lincoln Highway at the Reed-Niland Corner in Colo and travels with the Lincoln to Nevada, Iowa. Different alignments have it turning south outside of Nevada or going on into Ames before turning south. The Jefferson Highway was recently named as a new Byway in the Iowa Department of Transportation Byway program.

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Following the Lincoln Highway in Carroll County

By Barbara Hackfort, Carroll County Consul

On a warm and sunny day in August, three local Lincoln Highway enthusiasts, Francie O'Leary, Vicki Gach, and I, set out to explore the original Lincoln Highway through Carroll County. With our Lincoln Highway brochures in hand, and Francie's knowledge of the Lincoln Highway to guide us, our plan was to travel the route in our county, and also to extend a bit beyond into the bordering towns of Westside and Scranton to visit the unique sites both had to offer.

Due to construction work on the west end of East Third Street in Carroll, our journey began at the intersection of East Third and Highway 71, where we turned west up "Gilley's Hill," used by early motorists to test the power of their new engines. The pavement lasts only one mile, and we then continued on the well-maintained gravel road which took us all the way to Westside. Along the way there were a few miles where modern changes were not evident, and we could imagine the countryside as it was in the early days of the Lincoln Highway. Most surprising were the number of cement bridge railings remaining in use, despite the advances in the size of road equipment and farm machinery. Also remarkable were the number of cement posts and gateposts still marking farm places and property lines.

Although Westside is outside of Carroll County, we followed the Lincoln Highway signs along the route and continued our tour through the Crawford County town, passing by the house with the "eyebrow" window, and also stopping to see the remnants of the second foundation of the WWI Soldier Monument located on the school grounds. Leaving the original Lincoln route on the west side of town, we decided to visit the World War I Soldier Monument, located in the Westside Cemetery north of town. The statue of the soldier on the monument was once located on the Lincoln Highway with traffic directed around it.

After leaving Westside, we turned east, using "New 30" to get back to Carroll, where we picked up the Lincoln again on our way to Glidden, the location of the Merle Hay Monument at the Glidden Cemetery. Merle Hay was one of the first three American soldiers killed in combat in World War I,

and the monument, designed by Ding Darling, a Pulitzer-prize winning cartoonist for the Des Moines Register, is an historic landmark of national renown.

Allowing a side trip for lunch at the Dairy Mart in Glidden, we returned to the original highway through the business district of town. Continuing south, the pavement ended and we were back to driving on a gravel road. Turning left at the "T" intersection (remember to turn left again at the "Y" intersection that you will be coming to), we were now heading towards Ralston, looking for the "Gregory Markers." Along the route, we again saw several concrete property markers, two of which had an "L" etched on the posts. We soon came upon the Gregory Markers, which identified the west and east Gregory property lines, and they are a must-see for any Lincoln Highway traveler.

We were now at the eastern limits of Carroll County, but we could not end our journey without visiting the Skew Bridge and the Moss Markers, which were not that far ahead in Greene County. The Skew Bridge derives its name from the fact that it covers the natural flow of the creek, and so the railings are not directly across from one another. Coming next are the Moss Markers, built in 1924, and restored in 2001. Stopping to see the monuments built by a Civil War veteran, with the Lincoln sculptures once again intact, was like taking a step back into the past. We continued into Scranton to view the Lincoln Highway Boy Scout Marker, then took a short side trip to visit the Scranton Cemetery. The cemetery has some unusual monuments, which include a double pillar monument near the entrance, and several stone tree-trunk monuments, decorated with carved vines and flowers, marking family plots.

All in all, our day was a rewarding experience and an extraordinary opportunity to encounter our history. It was also an excellent reminder of the treasures to be found along the Lincoln Highway, and of the need to preserve them for future generations.

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2016 Motor Tour

By Caron Osburg

The 2016 Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Motor Tour was as much fun as state law would allow.

This year the tour began in Clinton, Iowa with a full three days' itinerary planned. But as so often happens, we gave folks a chance to travel in and provide a little something called a pre-tour. This year, we had almost 100% participation in the pre-tour travel, which was a beautiful, rural drive north into Galena, Illinois followed by a delicious supper at Timmerman's Supper Club in East Dubuque.

It was a hot, muggy day in Galena, but everyone found something to do from the long list of options that included wine tasting, walking tours, historical sites, restaurants and the popular guided trolley tour. Galena is a historic town situated with a small river running through the middle.

At the height of the town's prosperity, the river was much wider, deeper and an important part of the town's economy. Many people visited the historic DeSoto hotel to sit in air-conditioned comfort and watch an interesting video about the history of the town. Timmerman's Supper Club made our large group feel right at home and we enjoyed time at the bar, a delicious meal, and beautiful views of the Mississippi River.

The next morning, we visited with the owner of Smith Brothers General Store in Clinton. Browsing and remembering as we looked at the collection of goods, quite a few purchases were made to start the official portion of the tour.

We left Clinton and headed west to DeWitt where we were warmly met by a group of DeWitt residents along with the mayor. There we visited the Hausbarn and the Petro service station while some of our motorists went into the shopping district for a quick peek at the stores. Leaving DeWitt, we drove through Calamus and over two of the bridges near the pony truss bridge into Wheatland. We drove into Lowden to their lovely park for a generous Iowa pork chop lunch.

Leaving Lowden on the Herbert Hoover Highway, we drove to West Branch to visit the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, which is the preservation of the neighborhood where Hoover grew up. We then proceeded to the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, a real treat for all the history buffs in our group. Afterward, we drove into Coralville to visit the Antique Car Museum to see the large collection of cars and the exhibition of local history.

On Saturday, the group drove to the Amana Colonies via Highway 6 where a local Model A club was

showing a huge collection of cars. We drove through other Amana locations on our way to Belle Plaine to see the Belle Plaine Area Museum with its special area on the first floor devoted to the Lincoln Highway. Leaving the museum on the old Lincoln Highway, we stopped at the JEV Winery to taste wine and buy some bottles for our wine collections.

Stopping in Tama, we were happy to see a small group of Tama Lincoln Highway representatives greeting us near the bridge. We bought t-shirts and took a lot of photos, which can be seen on the Iowa Lincoln Highway Motor Tour Event 2016 Facebook page.

On Saturday night, the banquet was a time to relax over a good meal and plenty of conversations and laughter.

Sunday morning, we headed to State Center on the old Lincoln Highway to have donuts and coffee in the City Hall as well as to visit their rich collection of historic buildings: the converted service station that's now the police station, the train depot, the one-room schoolhouse, the barber shop museum and Watson's Grocery. As a bonus, the local fire department was running drills right on the Lincoln Highway in preparation for an upcoming competition!

We then headed to Colo and Niland Corner where the Jefferson and Lincoln Highways intersect and enjoyed a short visit of the grounds and the gas station. Then it was off to Ames for lunch.

After lunch and a video presentation in the Ames City Hall (which was once the Ames High School) we drove into Boone to the Mamie Doud Eisenhower birthplace to enjoy the beautiful weather, a private tour, and Mamie's own chocolate fudge and sugar cookies for an extra treat.

After some visiting and long goodbyes, the tour was over. Consider joining us next year for a memorable trip through the best of Iowa on the Lincoln Highway. If you're interested in viewing pictures, please visit: www.iowalincolnhighway.org/motor-tour.

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Annual Model A car show in the Amanas

Clinton County Update

By Cathie Nichols, Clinton County Consul

We just finished up another great Lincoln Highway Motor Tour—thanks to Bryan and Caron Osberg! DeWitt welcomed the Motor Tour on Friday, where we visited the Hausbarn in Lincoln Park and the Petro Stop 1930s cottage gas station on the Lincoln Highway. As the tour was passing through the Syracuse Wildlife Area between Calamus and Wheatland, I asked participants to take a good look at the road and bridges and give me any ideas for funding, improvements, and future use. There were several good suggestions, and I'll be following up on those before our next general meeting in October.



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If you haven't been getting emails about this, a section of 1921 Lincoln Highway with three original bridges dating to 1921 is being abandoned by Clinton County. The easement on this section has been offered to the Lincoln Highway Association at no charge, if we are interested in preserving it. The section is approximately two miles in length, and passes through the State wildlife area and the Clinton County Conservation river access and boat ramp. The Clinton County Historic Preservation Society is also interested in getting the section on the National Register for Historic Preservation. Apparently there was a plan for a multi-use recreation area made in 1997, but no more was done to follow up on it. There will be a discussion and time for questions at the October meeting.

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An error was made in the Summer 2016 newsletter appearing in a story entitled "Whitlock Update," found on page seven. Our previous Iowa

Lincoln Highway Association's President is named Keith Whitlatch, and not Keith Whitlock as it appeared in print. We apologize for this error.

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Last Issue's Mystery Place

The winner of last issue's mystery place is Van Becker! Congratulations, Van!



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The building is located on the back road that goes to Montour. It was built by the C.C.C. in the 1930s for Meskwaki Settlement to sell souvenirs to Lincoln Highway travelers.

Mystery Place

By Mike Kelly

This Issue's Mystery Place

This is on a less traveled and less known section of the Lincoln Highway that leads to a well known but very rarely traveled section.



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If you think you can identify the Mystery Place, send an email to lincolnhighway@prcd.org or call 515-232-0048. Call with the correct information and we will take your name and contact information. We then will hold a random drawing for a winner to receive a 2013 Iowa Lincoln Highway Map Pack! This is to accommodate for the varying time and travel the postal system can take and to give all a fair try.

**The Next ILHA meeting will be
October 15, 2016 in Jefferson, Iowa
at Uptown Café.**

**Refreshments at 9:00 am,
business meeting to follow.**

The address is 108 W State Street, Jefferson.

Directions to Uptown Café: If traveling the Lincoln Highway from either the west or the east, turn 1 block north at the intersection of State and Wilson, then left ½ block to the left (west). The café is on the north side of the street.

If traveling Highway 30 from the east or west, turn south on Hwy 4 into Jefferson, go over the railroad bridge and turn left (east) at State St for 1 ½ blocks. Café will be on your left on the north side of the street.

(The Café is northwest of the city square.)

Upcoming Iowa LHA Meetings

October 2016	Jefferson, General
January 2017	Nevada, Business
April 2017	TBA, General

Merchant Membership Progress

By Meredith Ponder, ILHA Intern

John Fitzsimmons and I sold Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Merchant Memberships to businesses in Boone County on July 26th and have seen some excitement from merchants. We have sold five memberships, but have contacts with at least five more businesses in the county who have an interest. Our sales total \$440 after one day's effort. We have spent the \$517.18 budget that was approved at the last meeting, on flyers, business cards, and window clings for the project. During the early months of fall sales are planned for Greene and Story counties. Currently the businesses who have purchased memberships are located on our website under the events tab and entitled "Places to Go."

There are two options for memberships; an \$80 membership features you on our website as a preferred business, but a \$100 membership features you on our website as a preferred business, and also includes a graphic to gain the attention of the viewer. Our website (www.iowalincolnhighway.org) reaches over 850 each month. Memberships are only offered to small town businesses. If you know of anyone who is interested in purchasing a Merchant Membership, or would like more information, please email me at mponder@prrcd.org.

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In this quarter's issue....

find updates on the Ogden Footprints, the Tama Bridge, the 2016 Motor Tour, and more!

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President's Corner

By John Fitzsimmons, Co-President
Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

I hope you will accept a story from the co-president, since our young college co-president is very busy.

My entire family was from Harrison and Crawford County originally. With our conference looming in Denison, Iowa, I thought a story that about Denison related to me by mother, Rosemary, would be fitting.

My mother was born in 1935. When the war broke out, her father went off to the World War II leaving his wife and six children at home. Due to the lack of income, they were forced to downsize their living arrangements. At first they moved in with an aunt in Westside, Iowa. She was a staunch, over-bearing German lady. She happened to be my mom's dad's relative. This arrangement did not last long and the family moved out seeking a different location.

The only thing they found was old service station with a mechanic bay attached. My mom, being a young child of seven years old, found this location quite exciting since it sat on the Lincoln Highway. She says that the accommodations were really not that bad. They were able to ride their one bicycle, shared by six people, all over town.

A story my mother told me is of a salesman who drove a fancy large automobile up to the gas station one day seeking fuel. Now remember this station had gone out of business during the great depression. Although it had all the accommodations, "there was no fuel to be had." The salesman pulled up to the pump and waited for a short while and then began to blow his horn for service. My mom and her twin sister, Beulah, ran out and asked the man what

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The Lincoln Highway - A Timeless Companion

Written by David L Wilson

Edited by Meredith Ponder

This is the story of an American family, my family, spanning five generations, whose intimate proximity with the Lincoln Highway has been completely unintentional and absolutely incredible.

Frank Pettay and Marie Cippel were married in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in 1920 at a Catholic church one block from what was to become the Lincoln Highway, just a few years later. Frank was a young man from Austria who arrived penniless. He could neither read nor write. Marie was from Czechoslovakia. As immigrants, Frank and Marie were processed through Ellis Island just a few years earlier. The young bride and groom from Eastern Europe were destined to launch a classic American family success story.

As a new arrival in America, Frank acquired baking skills as he worked in an industrial bread and pastry plant in Pittsburgh. He and Marie had three daughters and eventually moved forty miles west along the Lincoln Highway to East Liverpool, Ohio. There, Frank opened a neighborhood bakery on Dresden Avenue, part of the original Lincoln Highway. In spite of the Great Depression the bakery supported the family. The three Pettay girls also worked in the store as they grew up. The Lincoln Highway, by providing sustainable traffic flow, was intimately involved from the very beginning. An American dream was up and running.

During this same period in East Liverpool, a

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he wanted. He was smoking a cigarette and said, "Full service please." The girls began to laugh. This irritated the salesman and he said, "Get with it or I will take my business somewhere else." They told him the gas station had been out of business since the late thirties and it was only a residence now. About then a red-headed boy about the age of thirteen rode up on his bicycle and asked the twins what was going on. They explained the situation to him and he started laughing. He said to the salesman, "Look here Bud, these girls are telling you the truth." The salesman told the red-headed kid to mind his own business. The red-headed kid said, "You are right, Buster, there is gas here." The salesman said, "Well, pump it." The red-headed kid said, "There is no one here to pump it, so you will have to pump it yourself." The young salesman exited his car, grabbed the pump handle, and stuck into his tank. When he lifted the trigger no gas came out. The salesman said, "What is the big idea?" The red-headed kid replied, "Just turn around, stick your butt up to the gas tank, and let out some gas." All of the kids started laughing about the joke. The salesman was not amused and started cursing at the kids. The red-headed kid jumped on his bicycle and took off. The salesman soon followed leaving the station screeching his tires. The twins ran into the station and told their mother of the situation and she said what the redheaded boy did was very rude.

This station no longer exists today, but it is nice these stories are still around for us to enjoy.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming meeting.

Signed, Lincoln Highway Johnny

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CMP and LHHB Coordinator Report

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa

The Corridor Management Plan is coming along nicely. We held 15 community meetings across the state and introduced our plan to attendees. There are both state wide and county wide projects that will be facilitated over the next 20 years.

The document has been written and edited and is now in the hands of Aimee Burch, Prairie Rivers of Iowa's Marketing Director, to do the layout. We are hoping to complete everything by Dec 15th.

The Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway is in negotiations currently with the Iowa Department of Transportation for Phase 4 (a 3-year program) which will focus on implementation of the Corridor Management Plan.

Under an Iowa Tourism Grant, the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway will create a new brochure entitled "Camping and Recreation along the Lincoln Highway" and will complete it by June 30, 2017. The booklet "Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway Informational Guide", that was completed this last summer, has 5,000 copies remaining of the 10,000 ordered. We have placed them in all the Welcome Centers and many attractions, chambers, and visitor bureaus as we traveled for our CMP meetings and other events across the state.

The Byway and Prairie Rivers continues to work with the ILHA on the 2017 National Conference to be held in Denison next June. We are also working with Greene County LHA on their interpretive panels to be placed near Grand Junction, Jefferson, and Scranton.

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young man, an only child, whose name was Charles T. [Jack] Wilson, Jr. lived on Thompson Avenue. Jack and Elizabeth, the eldest of the Pettay girls, became inseparable friends in high school. They graduated together in June of 1941. Six months later, America was drawn into World War II. Elizabeth enrolled at the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, a few blocks from the Lincoln Highway in Pittsburgh. She would graduate in 1944 and begin working as a surgical nurse. Her friend Jack would experience the adventure of a lifetime.

August 22, 1944 began as a quiet, delightful summer day near the Czech/Polish border in Eastern Europe, but quickly degraded into an hour of hell on earth. Jack was twenty-one years old, seated in the command pilot position of an Army Air Corp B-17 heavy bomber. Shortly after its target run and turn back towards home, the aircraft caught fire after being hit by German gunfire. Fifteen minutes later, second lieutenant Jack Wilson was swinging gently back and forth in a tree, dangling from his parachute lines. It had once again become a perfectly quiet and idyllic summer day.

Jack was captured and sent off to Stalag Luft One in northern Germany. Now, this particular prison camp was exceptional in that it was run by the German Luftwaffe. It's since been described as the country club of prison camps in Europe. During Jack's nine months as a P.O.W. he joined an art club. While a prisoner of war Jack was encouraged by a fellow P.O.W., a college trained artist, to attend a quality fine arts college and develop his talents when he returned home. And that is exactly what Jack Wilson eventually did.

In July of 1945, Jack Wilson sat down at a conference table located in the art department of Carnegie Technical Institute, now Carnegie Mellon University, within a stone's throw of the Lincoln Highway in Pittsburgh. He was twenty-two, married to his best friend Elisabeth Pettay for just over a month. It was aptitude testing day for prospective students in the fine arts department. A young man of seventeen sitting next to him introduced himself. He was Andy Warhol, from Pittsburgh's Czech neighborhood. The two became friends.

Jack commuted to college from East Liverpool for the first two years via the Lincoln Highway. During this time two sons, Roger and I, were born. We were born at Mercy hospital in Pittsburgh, just a few blocks from the Lincoln Highway. Our family lived next door to Jack's Aunt Lettie in a tiny rented cottage.

Aunt Lettie Hunsicker had married a successful

business man. The Hunsickers lived at 235 Pennsylvania Avenue in East Liverpool. The view from Lettie's front yard was magnificent. It was a panorama of the Ohio River Valley looking south across the river into the hills of the West Virginia pan handle. Framed perfectly in the center of this image was the Chester Bridge, which supported the Lincoln Highway. As the generations of our family have drifted along, this scene has become perhaps the most cherished of all, as it depicts not only the love and memories of family, but the movement of America. Inside this frame one can see, hear, and smell the endless riverboat, auto, truck, and rail traffic, in a pleasant and picturesque setting.

After graduating from Carnegie in 1950, Jack and Elizabeth, along with their two little boys, headed west along U.S. 40, America's National Road, to Indianapolis. Jack had entered the world of advertising that would in just a few years lure the family to Chicago.

Fast Forward. It's the fall of 1964, seven years after the Wilsons had moved from Indianapolis to Chicago. Jack had become a success in the advertising business. He and Elizabeth now had six children. Older brother Roger was off to Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. NIU at the time was growing exponentially as the deluge of baby boomers enrolled. The formal entrance to NIU is accessed from the original Lincoln Highway. One year later, while still seventeen, I began my college studies at NIU and roomed with my brother. The main east west street and heart of downtown DeKalb is the Lincoln Highway.

In January of 1971, three days after receiving my college diploma from NIU, I was traveling east along the Lincoln Highway with a fellow Air Force Reservist. It was January, bitterly cold and snowing. My friend Tom and I were to attend weekend military reserve training in Chicago. Eight miles east of DeKalb we encountered a stranded motorist and stopped to help. While standing behind my Rambler station wagon I was stuck by another car and slammed into my own. My right leg was severed just above the knee. I was bleeding to death. My friend Tom, an Air Force medical corpsman, saved my life. I was hospitalized in DeKalb, a few blocks from the Lincoln Highway. My life had abruptly changed.

Eight months later, after having learned to walk for the second time, I attended an informal mid-week gathering of graduate students from NIU. I had returned to study while I was physically and emotionally rebuilding. It was an evening of relaxation and light conversation. Early in the evening I was formally introduced to a young elementary teacher from the DeKalb schools. My conversation with Nancy that evening was delightful. As

we were departing she turned to me and said, "Will I see you again?" This first encounter took place about one hundred yards from the Lincoln Highway. We became the best of friends.

At the time of this writing I've been married to Nancy for over forty-three years. Following our wedding in 1973, I worked as an assistant to the solo orthopedic surgeon in DeKalb who treated me for my injuries. Nancy continued to teach at Elwood School. We began our lives together, each working only a few blocks from the Lincoln Highway. The following year Nancy and I moved southwest Galesburg. Nancy grew up on a farm located on highway U.S. 34 a few miles west of town. I began work as a juvenile probation officer. Nancy returned to teaching in a rural elementary school. Our proximity to the Lincoln Highway appeared to be all in the past.

On a Friday afternoon in July of 1977, a professional-looking man carrying a black briefcase and road map was ushered into my office. John was a charming and gregarious medical supplies salesman who I had met while working with the orthopedic surgeon in DeKalb. John offered me a job as an orthopedic sales rep with a territory that included, once again, the communities in northern Illinois that were strung along the Lincoln Highway. The name of the company I would be representing was DePuy. Its home office was in Warsaw, Indiana, right beside the Lincoln Highway. I accepted and it became my career. Warsaw, Indiana has been appropriately called the orthopedic capital of the world. Today, the two largest orthopedic implant companies in the world are headquartered along the Lincoln Highway.

Now Nancy was no stranger to the Lincoln Highway either. She attended college at Iowa State University, in Ames. Like NIU in DeKalb, the original Lincoln Highway runs right through Campustown at Iowa State. Nancy's college years at ISU were endearing. Lifelong friendships remain today from her student days near the Lincoln Highway. And when it was time for our own daughter Diane to depart for college in 1999, Iowa State was her first choice. In the fall of that year, as Nancy and I were carting Diane's things into her dorm room in Ames, I remarked, "Nancy, she'll bring home an Iowa farm boy." And that she did!

Our son Scott, Diane's older brother by two years, left home only a few days following high school graduation in 1997. He was bound for the Air Force. When the day arrived to say goodbye, as we drove Scott to Chicago's O'Hare Airport, we stopped along the Lincoln Highway in DeKalb to have lunch. Scott would serve four years, all of it in Europe. He would observe life

in twenty-two countries, become intrigued with their languages, and like his grandfather, return home and go to college. In 2001 Scott enrolled at NIU in DeKalb and made his student home just a few blocks from the Lincoln Highway. After a year at NIU, it was off to the University of Illinois in Chicago to complete his studies in Russian Language and History. Nancy and I left DeKalb, along with Scott and his belongings, and drove east along the Lincoln Highway towards Chicago.

In the spring of 2003, several hundred miles to the west of DeKalb, Diane had graduated from Iowa State University. Like her grandfather Jack, Diane was awarded a degree in Art. Diane married Micah, the Iowa farm boy, and fellow ISU graduate, the following winter. They moved to Clarence, Iowa, a small village along the Lincoln Highway, east of Cedar Rapids. Micah began teaching industrial arts at Stanwood High School just a few miles down the Lincoln Highway. Another move to the west and the young couple found themselves in Lisbon, followed by their present home in Mount Vernon. Included in CNN's listing of the top ten most desirable small towns in America, Mount Vernon, Iowa is blessed with a vibrant main street downtown, which as you might expect, is the original Lincoln Highway. Diane and Micah, along with their five kids, live less than two blocks from the original Lincoln Highway as it runs alongside Cornell College. Four of their five children were born at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids. The original Lincoln Highway runs right by the hospital.

So what has gone on here? Was all of this involvement with the Lincoln Highway intentional? Of course not. What are the odds of all of this happening as revealed, in the absence of deliberate effort? Now that's a question to be answered perhaps by a PhD. candidate in Sociology or Quantum Mathematics. The fact remains, that our family is not unlike countless extended families in America. We are now and always have been intimately entwined with the infrastructure of movement. This will not change. American families have revolved around rivers, railroads, highways and even the skies. The Lincoln Highway, along with its sister historic roads throughout our land, will long endure and continue to nurture the lives of its travelers.

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Lincoln Happenings in Greene County

By Bob Ausberger, Greene County

On one of our beautiful early November days, I decided to skip out on our farm projects and watch the replacement of the Union Pacific Bridge over West Beaver Creek. This bridge (across the Lincoln Highway north from the Lions Club Tree Park interpretive site just east of Grand Junction) was approximately 116 years old and was built as part of the double tracking of the original single track Chicago & Northwestern railroad that was built just after the Civil War as Iowa's share of the nation's first transcontinental railroad. Thus the Lincoln and the Railroad at this site are side by side as they cross the nation. Railroad artifacts including a nice part of the old bridge will be located in the park like area just north across the Lincoln from the Lincoln Interpretive site. An Interrelationship between the Lincoln Highway and the Railroad will be part of the signage.

I had several conversations with the Railroad personnel—they were very easy to work with, and assured me that our Lincoln Highway Association could have a nice artifact, and that they would be very careful not to disturb our little 1916 Lincoln Highway Bridge just north of their project. The crew had worked for about 7 weeks preparing for the replacement and assembling the Lego-like parts for the new structure. On the day that I was there they were to replace the north half.

I picked up my grandson at 6:45 a. m. and we arrived at the site just in time to see the 400-ton Manitowoc Crane lift the whole north side off of the piers. It slowly swung this massive piece of steel south across the tracks and set it down on the right-of-way between the Lincoln and the Railroad. The south half of the bridge had been completed several days earlier so as the north half was being constructed, the trains were using the south half. (Several years earlier the Union Pacific had established crossover switching, like passing lanes, so that trains could cross over and use either set of tracks.) I took Nathan to school and then returned to the project.

During the day I was joined by Gerald Herrick, a Lincoln Highway friend and former mayor of Grand Junction. He had his camera and got some really good video of the work in progress. By 3:00 p. m. the north side was finished and trains were using both north and south sets or tracks over the creek.

By dusk, seven men had attacked the old steel north half with torches and had it reduced to

manageable pieces which would be trucked to a salvage yard. Adding to the interest a retired engineer and his active engineer son pulled up on motorcycles and spent more than an hour watching and sharing stories and information. They live in or near Jefferson and could give a great program for us at a future meeting.

A second item of interest is a Jefferson plan to beautify the east entrance to town which will definitely involve the Lincoln Highway. A firm has been hired and they will involve the public and us in their planning. The area affected will include the cemetery west to Pete and Paul's canopy Deep Rock station. This will include half a dozen Lincoln Highway roadside features such as the fairground where the Army Convoy of 1919 camped, the old A&W, the remnants of Quirk's travel court, the grain elevators, etc. This could be a great boost for the Lincoln in Greene County.

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Clinton County Update

By Cathie Nichols, Clinton County Consul

Cathie is still working on getting a plan together for saving the section of Lincoln Highway with 3 bridges between Calamus and Wheatland. She will try to meet with some of the area organizations over the winter to gauge interest. She would like the LHA to plan on a trip to go over this section after the April meeting. Wear shoes and clothing appropriate for walking in the woods—hopefully it will be too early for the poison ivy. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, or wants to volunteer to be on a committee to pursue this, please contact Cathie Nichols at scampcat@iowatelecom.net.

Grand Mound has won the *Community Effort Award for Preservation At Its Best* from the National Register of Historic Places, for the restoration of the 1892 Town Hall/Fire Station building. It is among the few wood-frame fire stations still standing in Iowa. If time allows, we'll try to tour it after our April meeting, as well as the Lincoln Highway section.

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Osbergs Recieve Award

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.

At the October Meeting Dean Parr presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the National LHA to Bryon and Caron Osberg for their work on the Iowa Auto Tour. This year's auto tour had 19 entrants and from that he received 5 new state members.

Congratulations Bryon and Caron!

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**Due to space constraints,
October's meeting minutes are
available on our website.**

ILH Landmark Closes Doors

Originally printed in Lowden Sun News.

Submitted By Joe Goodlove, Cedar County Consul

The oldest Chevrolet dealership in Iowa ceased operation in August of 2016. To read the article, please visit: www.iowalincolnhighway.org/iowa-lincoln-highway-landmark-closes-doors/

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The Jeff Benson Memorial is still accepting gifts to the Jeff Benson Family Iowa Lincoln Highway Endowment. The fund was set up by Jeff's loved ones who wanted to honor his memory by utilizing an innovative program to give back something that he was passionate about and that reflected his values. This is an Endow Iowa fund, which allows Iowa tax payers to take a tax credit equal to 25% of a gift in addition to the normal federal deduction for charitable gifts. For more information, call (515) 232-9200 or visit www.iowalincolnhighway.org/jeff-benson-memorial



Cards for Elaine

Recently, Elaine Ehlert (Harrison County co-Consul) suffered a heart attack and was sent by helicopter to a hospital in Omaha where they performed lifesaving surgery on her. She is expected to make a full recovery, although it will take some time. She is recovering at a nursing home, but get well cards may be sent to her home address and Richard, her husband, will see she gets them. Her address is:

Elaine Ehlert
34 4th St. Woodbine, IA
51579-1248

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Last Issue's Mystery Place



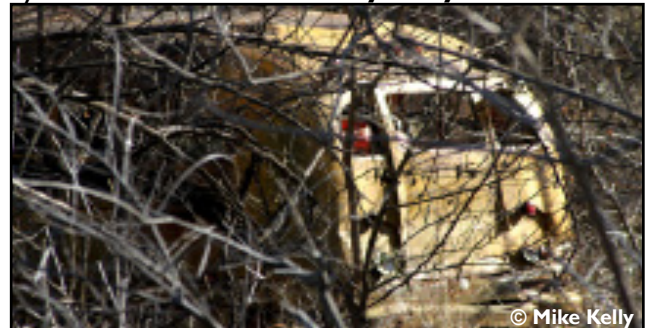
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This landmark is located south of Clarence, just east of 7th Ave and 150th St. The view from the bridge is looking south.

Mystery Place

By Mike Kelly

This Issue's Mystery Place



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The bus is clearly visible from the highway after the leaves fall. The surrounding small town has virtually disappeared.

If you think you can identify the Mystery Place, send an email to lincolnhighway@prrcd.org or call 515-232-0048. Call with the correct information and we will take your name and contact information. We then will hold a random drawing for a winner to receive a 2013 Iowa Lincoln Highway Map Pack! This is to accommodate for the varying time and travel the postal system can take and to give all a fair try.

**The Next ILHA meeting will be
January 14, 2017 in Nevada, Iowa at the
Community Building.**

**Refreshments at 9:00 a.m.
business meeting to follow.**

The community building is located on the corner of 1st Avenue and 1st Street.

Directions to the Community Building: Approaching Nevada from either the east or the west on the Lincoln Highway, turn south on 1st Street and go 3 blocks to I Ave. (Lincoln Highway being L Ave and I Ave – the letter “eye”.) You will see the Community Building on the SW corner of the intersection.

Handicap parking is at main entrance (but you will need to go down stairs once inside.) More parking is on the south side of the building. Go to the west and take a short drive down the hill to the lower parking area. We have the lower level of the building reserved and there is an entrance on the SE corner of the building for this parking area, requiring no steps.

If you are arriving via Highway 30, take the main street (6th Street exit) and head north to I Ave. Turn west to 1st Street and the Community Building will be to your left at the intersection of I Ave and 1st Street.

The Community Building is on the Story County Fairgrounds.

Upcoming Iowa LHA Meetings
January 2017: Nevada, Business
April 2017: TBA, General
July 2017: TBA, Business

Update on Ogden Footprints

By Jan Gammon LHHB Coord.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa

The footprints that were left in the street near the City Administration Building/Fire Station have now been paved over. The other footprints that were saved in a large block of pavement are secure in a city shed until a suitable park location is identified.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa and the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway have designed an interpretive panel for the city once a park location is determined.

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