



# Along The Lincoln Highway



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## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE IOWA LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

### President's Corner

By Sean Fitzsimmons, President  
Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

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:

"The Lincoln Highway Association (LHA) shall identify, preserve, interpret and improve access to the Lincoln Highway and its associated sites. The LHA shall pursue the appropriate measures to prevent further deterioration, destruction or alteration of the remaining sections of the Lincoln Highway. The LHA shall publicize and seek public awareness of its goals and activities for preserving, promoting and developing the Lincoln Highway. The LHA shall facilitate research about the Lincoln Highway, and publish a magazine for articles and news of activity relevant to the LHA. The LHA shall work with local communities and businesses to promote the Lincoln Highway as a tourism destination. The LHA shall be exclusively charitable and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code."

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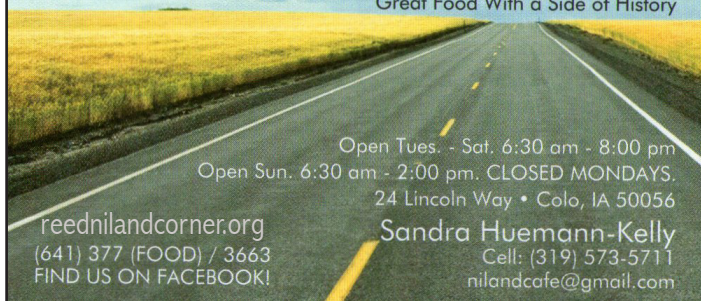
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## Last Issue's Mystery Photo

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/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 [sistersmotorcycleryride.com](http://sistersmotorcycleryride.com) if you wish to share this with your local paper.

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# Woodbine

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**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 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

[woodbine150yrs@gmail.com](mailto:woodbine150yrs@gmail.com)

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

## 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**

<b>July 16, 2016</b>	<b>Woodbine, Business</b>
<b>October 2016</b>	<b>Jefferson, General</b>
<b>January 2016</b>	<b>Nevada, Business</b>

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**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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