

## Newsletter for Byway 136—Heritage Highway

From the President

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all of you and may 2016 be a very special year that brings many fond memories and much happiness and good health!!!

Thank you to the outgoing 2015 Byway 136 officers: Vice-president - Mary Kruger from Nemaha County and Treasurer - Mary Lou Dunekacke from Johnson County for their services during the past year.

We welcome new officers : Bobbie Meints from 5 Rivers RC&D as Vice-president and Melissa Nelson from Franklin County as Treasurer. Abby Schadermann from Gage County will serve a second year as Secretary and thank you Abby for the past year.

A regular Byway meeting was not held during the month of December. I emailed the Treasurer’s report for November/December and the November meeting minutes that our secretary, Abby, recorded which were approved at the January meeting.

Bobbie and I presented a Trail of Treasures Financial Report from the October event at the meeting on January 29, 2016 that was held in Hebron at Courtyard Terrace Assisted Living.

Anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings and to participate in the conference calls. The more people that participate the more ideas are shared to improve our organization.

If any of you have not been on our website created this past year - [heritagehighway136.com](http://heritagehighway136.com) - please check it out. Any suggestions are always welcome to improve what we presently have.

I am trying to get all the pictures identified on the county sites. Also want to add to the Barn Quilt and Native American pages when I get information from the County Representatives.



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It has been quite a task to get this Newsletter off the ground and ready to print.

I apologize for the late greetings but wanted to thank the past officers and welcome the new officers to the organization.

Ideas for this newsletter are welcome.

### Current Projects:

**Trail of Treasures**

**Trail of Authors**

**Trail of Photos**

## JOE CAMERA — ALMA, NEBRASKA

717 Main Street Alma, Nebraska

Phone: 308-928-9060

Hours: 7 AM to 6 PM Monday through Friday

7 AM TO 1 PM Saturday Closed Sunday



*“They provide color and black and white film printing in 110, 126, 127, 135 and medium formats.”*

February 1, 2016 marked the 14th Anniversary of Joe Camera. Located on Main Street in Alma, Nebraska, the business is part coffee house (Joe) and part photo print shop (Camera). When asked, owner Joseph Torrey smiles and says, “We started the business to support our habits!”

The idea started in Lincoln where Joseph and his future wife Dusti (Duffy) Torrey attended the University of Nebraska—Lincoln (graduating with degrees in Business Marketing and Horticulture, respectively). Operating out of an apartment, the business was initially a traveling studio. The two made plans to expand the business to include printing and a coffee house. Later that year a dilapidated building in Joseph’s hometown of Alma became available for purchase. They jumped at the chance to implement their coffee house and photographic printing business plan under the same roof.

While Joseph worked long hours restoring the building to its 19th Century glory, Dusti was employed by the University of Nebraska—Lincoln in computer animation and graphic design. The two were united in marriage in October 2002 and opened the brick-and-mortar Joe Camera for business on November 13, 2003.

Nowadays, as you walk in downtown Alma, the aroma of fresh-brewed coffee wafts down the street, beckoning people from all walks of life through its doors. Once inside, patrons enjoy their Cup of Joe—lattes and espresso-based drinks made to order, as well as traditionally brewed coffee, hot apple cider, loose-leaf hot tea, Chai tea, Italian cream soda, and smoothies in an old world atmosphere punctuated by antique cameras and vintage bicycles.

On the camera side, Joe Camera has expanded their printing services to include prints from digital and film, graphic design, copy work, photo restoration, and video transfer. They provide color and black and white film printing from all formats. Prints can be made from memory cards, cell phones, slides, negatives, and old glass plates. In addition, Joe Camera can digitize negatives, slides, prints, movie film, and video to CD or DVD. They also provide custom designed greeting cards, marketing handouts, namesakes, hand-stretched canvas gallery wrap prints, posters, and a plethora of printable art.

Joseph and Dusti, with their combined 32 years of professional experience, extend a warm welcome to all visitors. Whether you are in need of quality prints or simply desire a caffeine fix (or both!) 717 Main Street in downtown Alma is the place to be!

## FRAZIER'S CAFÉ—TECUMSEH, NE

474 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street Tecumseh, NE

Phone: 402-335-3321

Hours: 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. except Tuesdays

Larry and Wanda Frazier came to Tecumseh back in 2002 to semi-retire. They lived and worked for many years in Omaha, NE and were not strangers on how to prepare great food.

Wanda has worked in food service since she was 14 – she's 66 ~~~ do the math?? Frazier has been cooking for 58 years ---- you could say they love what they do!!!

It did not take long for people in the area to realize just how delicious their food was. On Sundays, after church there is standing room only and the parking lot is full of cars. Everything they serve is homemade -- from scratch.

Many truck drivers will walk the ¼ mile from the intersection of Highway 136 and Highway 50 to eat a meal at Frazier's. They used to park their trucks on the edge of the Highway until the local law enforcement were going to issue tickets. You could see several semi's at a time.

Their Chicken Fried Steak is super delicious and huge in size. It will fill the hungry appetite of most men and is too much for most women to eat at a single setting. Even people that don't like Chicken Fried Steak think their's is "out of this world."

The Breaded Fan Tail Shrimp is also a selection that you would be surprised to find in a restaurant in a town the size of Tecumseh.

They have daily specials that range from Beef & Noodles to Steaks. Other items include Liver & Onions, Swiss Steak, Pork Chops & Dressing, Roast Beef, Reuben Burger and much more. They serve various homemade soups and chili, daily. Be sure to try their "Wanda Burger." You have to see the Special Boneless Pork Chop Dinner to believe it.

BuT --- the one item "to really die for" is their ONION RINGS (see picture). Even the small order is huge and can be put up against an order in a large restaurant in a large city.

Anytime you are near Tecumseh, plan to eat a delicious breakfast and/or dinner at Frazier's Café.



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## BYWAY HISTORY

In 1999, then governor Mike Johanns named several Byways in Nebraska to promote Tourism. Highway 136 from Brownville to Edison was named as one of the byways. The Highway 136 name Heritage Highway was retained.

Our mission statement is:

“To promote the Heritage Highway corridor by preserving and enhancing its cultural, historic and scenic resources, resulting in tourism and economic development opportunities and a better informed public.”

We are looking for ideas for our Trail of Authors and Trail of Photos events. If you have any ideas, please share with the organization. Thank you

Read about our big event called Trail Treasures below.

# TRAIL OF TREASURES—2016

Save the Dates—  
Sep. 30, Oct 1 & 2

Our fifth (5th) Trail of Treasures event will be on September 30, October 1 and 2 this year.

In a couple of months, the Shopper Guide can be reserved in advance from our website.

Many terrific purchases can be found at this event plus enjoying the scenery along the way.

We encourage shoppers to visit only those vendors with the official Trail of Treasures signs. They are the ones that make the event possible.

