DEAR EDITOR:

The Van Wert Area Convention and Visitors Bureau would like to thank everyone who helped make the centennial celebration of the Lincoln Highway last week so successful.

The events were well organized by our committee members: Kirk Dougal, Warren Kramer, John Marshall, Adam Ries, Gary Showalter, Sarah Smith, Larry Webb and Jeanne Zeigler. The new informational kiosk in Fountain Park is the result of work done by Larry Webb, Adam Ries, Ty Coil and Greg Boley. The kiosk is a reality thanks, in part, to contributions from the Van Wert County Foundation, Eaton Corp and Iberdrola Renewables. Gary Showalter spent countless hours putting together a Lincoln Highway Tour Guide for Van Wert County, which will be available to the public in late July.

The Van Wert Historical Society prepared a picnic lunch for the official Lincoln Highway Association Centennial Tour, which arrived in town at noon on Wednesday. Jeanne Zeigler coordinated this project and thanks go to her, the Society and to the First United Methodist Church for allowing us to use their facility as rain threatened to put a damper on the day.

Despite early rain on Friday, the concert in Fountain Park by the Toledo Jazz Orchestra was great. Thanks to Paul Hoverman and the Van Wert County Foundation for making this concert possible. Warren Kramer and John Marshall deserve a big thanks for all the work they did on the Centennial Car Show held that night in conjunction with the concert.

On Saturday, a bus trip organized by the Van Wert Convention and Visitors Bureau and led by Larry Webb took a group of area residents on a nostalgic journey along the Lincoln Highway from Convoy to Bucyrus, making several stops along the way. We want to thank everyone who went along on this trip.

Larry Lee,

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