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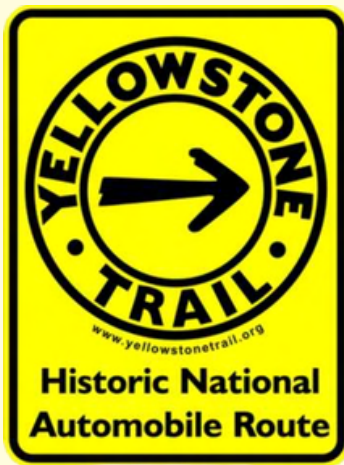
THE ARROW

The national newsletter of the Yellowstone Trail Association



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Summer's celebrations arrive

Greetings Yellowstone Trail members,

This edition of The Arrow arrives in the wake of the internment of John Ridge's ashes, which also coincided with the kickoff of this season's Yellowstone Trail summer celebrations.

All week, my thoughts have been with John and Alice. If all went as planned, Alice arranged for her beloved John to be laid to rest in Wausau, WI, on June 6—the 66th anniversary of their marriage.

The launch of Trail Days on June 7 is a poignant contrast: grief and celebration, loss and legacy. In honoring John, we carry both sorrow and gratitude. We remember not only what we lost, but what we gained by his life and legacy, which we now set out to preserve along the YT's story.

The YTA is proud to share our 62nd Arrow. Special thanks to trail leaders in Theresa, WI, and Renville County, MN, whose efforts are highlighted in this issue and reside at the heart of what drives our association.

Looking ahead, I keep returning to one question: how do we honor the lives of individuals like John Ridge—how do we sign their names into the Trail in a way that endures?

How do we ensure their spirit and contributions are never lost? If there's a will, the YT certainly holds a way. Keep an eye out for any arrows.

-Scott Tedrick

YTA President & Editor of the Arrow

Editor's note: The following pages feature various notes we received in appreciation for John. In light of those, a few words from Alice...

I wish to thank our members and friends of the YTA for their sympathy messages, remembering John. He apparently touched many lives.

Of all of the messages of condolence that I received, the most thoughtful came from Yellowstone Trail Association compatriots. Long-time member Dorothy Olson, from her ranch near Columbus, Montana, wrote about her memories of our past visits with her, recalling parking our trailer in her yard while we researched the Trail. Former YTA Board member, Julie Brink of Wauseon, Ohio, recalled collaborating with John and his "wealth of knowledge and expertise."

Amy and Dave of historic Waterville (WA) Hotel were grateful for his "time and support to keep our history alive."

Mention of John's unwavering commitment to the Yellowstone Trail came from the Yellowstone Historical Society, Billings, and from the St. Croix County Yellowstone Trail Committee.

Patti See, journalist from Wisconsin, had interviewed us at length recently. She recalled John and my "many adventures together on the Trail." Member Patty Malloy gave me a book, *Coping With Loss*.

These messages and others made me think that John's past 30 years with the Trail were not spent in vane. Thank you.

Alice Ridge

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JOHN WM RIDGE

Editor's note: Readers were invited to share words and photos in honor of John following his death. Thank you to all who reached out. Many of those comments follow.

Hi Kathy

I am so sorry to read about John's Passing. I started my journey on the Yellowstone Trail back in 2022 and finally



got to meet John & Alice in person last year as I drove the WI section in my 1953 Land Rover Srs1.



I am planning to drive the complete Trail in 2026 in the Land Rover. (It was planned for this year but a serious medical incident caused its delay.)

Regards,
Steve Owen
Keep Calm & Carry On!
Oshkosh, WI

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To whom it may concern:

I was saddened today to learn of the passing of John Ridge (Arrow #61).

Unlike many of you, I never had the pleasure of meeting John personally.

I am guessing that we had been in correspondence with each other for almost twenty years, as together we worked to solve the mysteries of the Yellowstone Trail route across Indiana and Ohio.

John was an encouragement to me as he saw fit to include some of my research in both his newsletters and his opus of a book (none like it anywhere).

He was also an inspiration, for without him, there would be no Yellowstone Trail signs in places like Winona Lake, Indiana and Wauseon, Ohio.

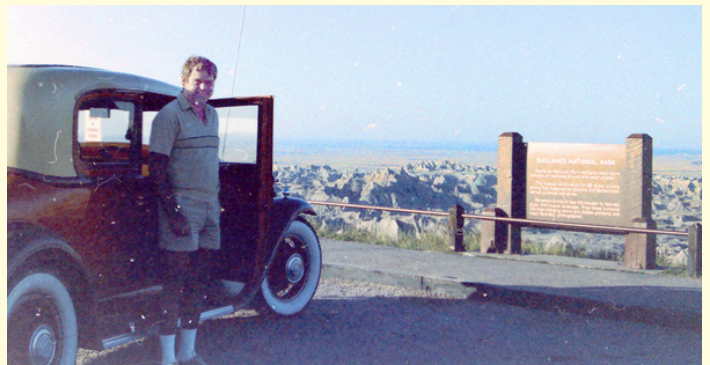
May he rest in peace.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Buettner
Lima, OH

Gratitude & Condolences

“The heart of the Yellowstone Trail has stopped, leaving a huge vacancy. The best Tribute all of us can make it to carry on with John's enduring love of the Trail.”

– Greg Childs, Laurel, MT

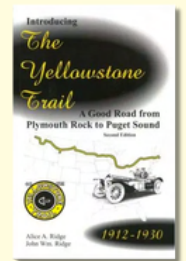


Fellow motorheads and automobile guys,

Dr. John Ridge died in March. If you do not know of him, you should. He is largely responsible for keeping the story of the first northern US highway alive with history and stories. I think you should join if you are not a member to help fund the continuing story of the road.

Also, a 1913 Oakland, forerunner of the Pontiac, was one of the first automobiles to navigate the trail from Minnesota to Yellowstone Park.

If you join, you must get one of their first books. I promise you will not be able to put it down until you finish it and wish it was longer than 90 pages.



I drove the road first in 1984 in a 1931 Buick from Wausau, Wisconsin to Seattle, Washington. Then again in 1995 the same route in another 1931 Buick. The last time was 2003 to and from Flint, Michigan in the same 1931 Buick. The trip was far more fun to travel because Dr. Ridge's book gave me the historical aspect of the "Good Road" as I traveled it.



See pics from 1984 and '95.

It is a shame John has passed but thank goodness for the historical legacy he left for us all to enjoy.

God Bless you, John.

Gary Cummings,
Seattle, WA

→ Gratitude & Condolences ←

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Dear Kathy and YTA the board, I am so very sorry to hear this news, especially after meeting him briefly earlier this year at your board meeting. John will be missed very much, and I'm sorry I didn't get the chance to get know him better. I'm sure I will learn more about him in time, but it's just not the same.

Please extend my condolences to him and his family,
Cece Otto
St. Paul, MN

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God bless the memory of John Ridge, and for all of his work. He was a kind and wise gentleman through and through. His passion for history and particularly for the Yellowstone Trail was laudable. I send my sincere condolences to Alice and to John's family and many friends."

Rest in peace, my friend,
Paul Warshauer
Sleepy Eye, MN



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Kathy,
I am saddened to read this news of Dr. Ridge's passing. While I never met John, brother Mark spoke often and very highly of him. They both worked so hard to keep the Yellowstone Trail alive in our memories. I hope he and Mark are meeting again in that big trail in the sky!
Bill Mowbray, Fon du Lac, WI

Kathy,
I'm so sorry to hear of John's death. He will be greatly missed.

Wendy Petersen Biorn
Waconia, MN

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Kathy.....really sorry for all the sad news in the latest edition. Tough to see our cornerstones getting older and passing on. We lost one of our older members yesterday. We had just celebrated his birthday and made him an honorary member. A lot of our guys are on their 80's and most are at least in their 70's. We can only hope to live a productive and happy life and hopefully long, healthy one both physically and mentally and pass on a legacy to our families. Take care...God bless.

Jeff Pettis
Eau Claire WI

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YELLOWSTONE TRAIL DAY

Slinger, Theresa, Lomira, and Byron collaborate to hold YT Day in Wisconsin

Editor's note: This story is reprinted from the Washington County Insider and may be accessed via the web at washingtoncountyinsider.com/travel-the-yellowstone-trail.

The Theresa Historical Society is encouraging local adventurers to take part in Yellowstone Trail Day on Saturday, June 7, 2025.

“Many are not aware of the Yellowstone Trail which was established in Wisconsin in 1915 after being started in South Dakota in 1912,” said Jim Rodell, president of the Theresa Historical Society.

“The purpose of the event is to increase awareness of the Yellowstone Trail and encourage people to explore the route bringing attention to local historical societies and the history of those who traveled before us.”

Detailed route instructions with pictures from the Yellowstone Trail era to guide participants from one historical society site to the next can be found here:

The event is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Depending on where you start may want to begin in Slinger, and then travel to Theresa, Lomira, and Byron, or if they are coming from perhaps Fond du Lac, they would start in Byron, and then proceed south to Lomira, Theresa, and Slinger.

One of the hotspots on the tour is the Theresa Historical Society. It is home to an original Yellowstone Trail tourist cabin which has been restored and furnished.

“Beck’s tourist cabin is the last survivor of four which were located on the south end of the village and rented to early automobile tourists as an early form of “motel,” said Rodell.



Beck's Tourist Cabin was one of four cabins built in Theresa to accommodate tourists traveling along the Yellowstone Trail, an early transcontinental highway system. Restored and furnished by the Theresa Historical Society, the cabins offer a glimpse into early 20th-century travel accommodations.

JOIN US FOR

YELLOWSTONE TRAIL DAY

Learn more about local history and the Yellowstone Trail on Yellowstone Trail Day!

The Yellowstone Trail began in 1912 when a group of South Dakota businessmen worked to establish a route from Boston to Seattle for early automobile tourists to travel cross country and visit Yellowstone National Park. In southeast Wisconsin, the Yellowstone Trail followed the route of Hwy. 175 in Washington, Dodge and Fond du Lac counties. Many businesses catering to the influx of automobile tourists sprung up along the trail. The Yellowstone Trail Association provided maps, marked the trail with signs and painted yellow arrows, and promoted the route until the 1930's. The YTA again promotes the Yellowstone Trail as a fun and historical auto route today.

**SATURDAY
JUNE
7TH
9AM-3PM**

Start at any of the locations and get your free Yellowstone Trail tour guide to begin your time travel experience and see landmarks from the era still here today! Visit multiple historical societies in one day! Enjoy a fun day on the road with other vehicles, old and new, celebrating the history of "A Good Road from Plymouth Rock to Puget Sound".

Byron Historical Society Byron Town Hall N3097 Highway 175 Byron, Wisconsin	Lomira Historical Society Silver Leaf School at Steer Park Pleasant Hill Ave. Lomira, Wisconsin	Slinger Historical Museum Slinger Train Depot 414 Kettle Moraine Dr. S Slinger, Wisconsin	Theresa Historical Society Solomon Juneau House 201 S. Milwaukee St. Theresa, Wisconsin
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Byron, Lomira, Slinger and Theresa historical societies will be open to welcome visitors
Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SEE YOU THERE!
For more information, contact Jim at 262-224-9734

The second annual Yellowstone Trail Day is Saturday, June 7.

Rodell said those who want to head further south on the Yellowstone Trail will find some historic buildings at Gumm’s Corner on CTH P and Sherman Road, just south of Jackson, WI.

“There’s the existing garage building that’s in business and across the street is Gumm’s Garage,” said Rodell. “Those are symbols of the past from when the Yellowstone Trail came through there.

“The trail then veered west to Ackerville and from there it followed STH 175 to Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac.” Rodell said it was after 1924 when the Yellowstone Trail came out of Menomonee Falls, passed through the hamlet of Meeker, WI, and went up through Richfield and then into Ackerville.

“In old Addison Center, the road is actually called Yellowstone Trial; it veers north off Highway 33 after you get through Allenton but not quite to STH 175,” said Rodell.

Rodell is encouraging people to spend a Saturday, exploring the old Yellowstone Trail and spotting some buildings and architecture from the past. The Slinger Historical Society, Lomira Historical Society, and Byron Historical Society will also be taking part in the day.

2025 SUMMER EVENTS

Celebrating the Yellowstone Trail



June
7

Theresa, Byron, Lomira, and Slinger, Wisconsin

Yellowstone Trail Days

Experience the charm of history at the second annual Yellowstone Trail Day coming Saturday, June 7, 2025, across the Wisconsin towns of Theresa, Byron, Lomira, and Slinger. Individuals are invited to celebrate the historic YT with a hop-on, hop-off adventure from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Explore historical exhibits, visit landmarks, and enjoy free tour guides at each community's historical societies. Mark the date and take a drive up or down Wisconsin Highway 175 to visit participating historical campuses to learn more about America's premier highway.

June
13-15

Ipswich, South Dakota

Ipswich Trail Days

Celebrate history, horsepower, and hometown pride at Yellowstone Trail Days 2025, June 13-15 in Ipswich, South Dakota. This family-friendly festival, held annually on Father's Day weekend, honors the nation's first transcontinental automobile highway, as first envisioned by J.W. Parmley. Vintage cars, cheer at the rodeo, enjoy live music, and shop local at Arts in the Park. With food vendors, mutton busting for kids, and rich historical attractions like the Parmley Home and Memorial Arch, it's a weekend packed with small-town charm and big-time fun. Plan your visit at ipswichtraildays.com.

Aug.
9

Hudson and St. Croix County, Wisconsin

Yellowstone Trail Heritage Day

Celebrate Heritage Day in Hudson, Wisconsin, on Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at scenic Lakefront Park and downtown. As Wisconsin's western gateway to the historic Yellowstone Trail, Hudson brings auto history to life with vintage classics, Model A Fords, and British beauties from Britfest. Join the YT Poker Run and Sociability Drive through St. Croix County, explore history at the Octagon House Museum and Hudson Library. Car shows run from 10 am until noon and the Poker Run until 3 pm. Visit facebook.com/StCroixYellowstoneTrail for details.

Aug.
16-17

Starke County Fairgrounds in Hamlet, Indiana

Yellowstone Trail Fest

Step back in time at Yellowstone Trail Fest, August 16-17, at Starke County Fairgrounds in Hamlet, Indiana. Embrace the "History theme, celebrating the Yellowstone Trail, America's first transcontinental highway. Marvel at a car show with over 300 vintage vehicles, enjoy a Sunday parade, and be dazzled by Saturday's fireworks. Families can explore historic exhibits, kids' games, and a tractor pull, while savoring delicious food and live music on two stages. Hamlet's small-town charm welcomes all! Free admission ensures fun for everyone. Visit yellowstonetrailfest.com for details and join this historic celebration

Sept.
5-6

Cadott, Boyd, and eastern Lake Wisconsin

Yellowstone Art Trail

Discover the Yellowstone Art Trail 2025 on September 5-6, 2025, in Cadott, Boyd, and eastern Lake Wisconsin. This free, self-guided tour along America's first transcontinental highway showcases 30+ local artists at 11 stops. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., explore studios and businesses displaying unique paintings, pottery, jewelry, and more, set against Chippewa County's scenic rivers and farmland. Follow bright yellow signs and sunflowers, grab a map at yellowstonearttrail.blogspot.com, and enter artist giveaways.



Main Street Theresa in 1915.

Theresa's inspired efforts making noise along the YT in Wisconsin

As the second annual *Yellowstone Trail Day* rolls into Wisconsin on Saturday, June 7, four Wisconsin communities—Byron, Lomira, Slinger, and Theresa—are joining forces once again to celebrate their shared history along America's first transcontinental auto route. Among them, Theresa stands out not just for its location on the Yellowstone Trail (YT), but for its active and dynamic historical society, which has played a key role in supporting both local and regional efforts related to the trail. Nestled along what is now Wisconsin State Highway 175, the town offers a unique window into the state's role in early automotive travel and its own storied past.

A Trail-Rich History in Wisconsin

Wisconsin was central to the development of the YT, and Theresa's connection to the coast-to-coast route is both geographic and historic. Established in 1912, the YT followed what is now Hwy. 175—passing through Slinger, St. Lawrence, Nenno, Theresa, Byron, Addison Center, and well beyond.

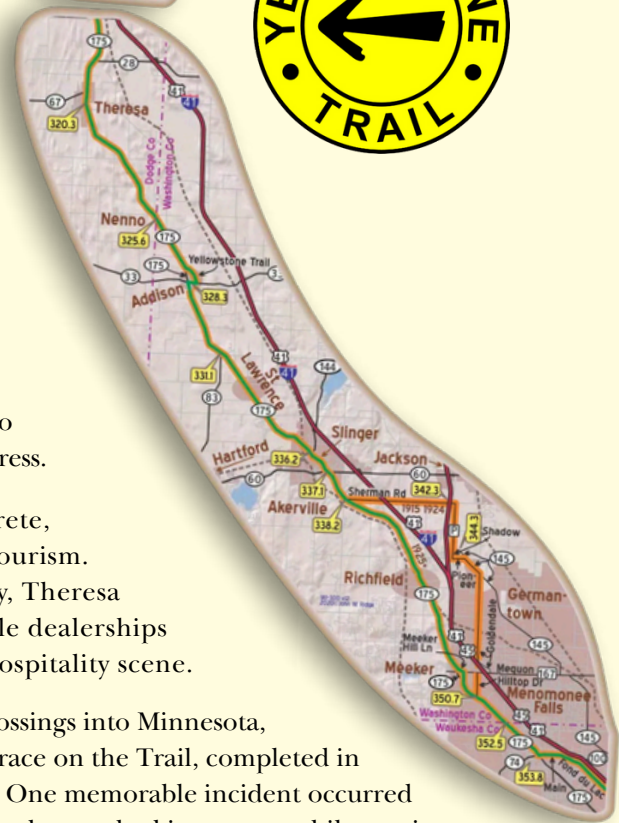
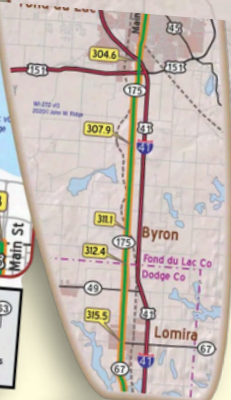


Les Beck displays a YT sign next to a Theresa, WI, road sign. From the Jim Widmer Photograph Collection, 1984.

Wisconsin's early adoption of the statewide highway system in 1915, including the route from Milwaukee via Theresa to Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, and Appleton as State Highway 15, helped solidify the Trail's standing while it also advanced International Highway System progress.

By 1921, Highway 15 was paved with concrete, enabling year-round travel and boosting tourism. Towns along the trail thrived; in its heyday, Theresa boasted nine gas stations, three automobile dealerships and was also able to boast of its thriving hospitality scene.

Communities like Hudson played key roles; the Hudson Toll Bridge enabled crossings into Minnesota, highlighting the state's strategic importance. The 1915 Chicago-to-Seattle relay race on the Trail, completed in a best time of 97 hours, further showcased Wisconsin's place in the route's lore. One memorable incident occurred in Eau Claire, where George Murphy—driving his Mitchell 6 at a “reckless” 26 mph—crashed into a tree while coming downhill around a corner. Though shaken, Murphy completed his leg of the relay to Menomonie using a backup vehicle.



CONT. FROM PG. 7 →
A tale of Theresa on the Yellowstone Trail

Theresa's history dates back thousands of years, shaped by Native American trails along the Rock River. It entered a new era in 1833, when Solomon Juneau—a French-Canadian fur trader and founder of Milwaukee—established a trading post here.



Solomon Juneau, founder of Milwaukee and Theresa, Wisconsin.

In 1844, he purchased 350 acres, built a summer home in the late 1840s, and later became a permanent resident. He named the town after his mother, Theresa. His homestead, preserved by the Theresa Historical Society, now anchors its historical campus downtown.



Josette Juneau

Juneau's wife, Josette, of Menominee and Potawatomi descent, was essential to his success. Fluent in three languages, she played a vital role in bridging cultures and facilitating trade with Native American communities. In the 1840s, Juneau was joined by business partners Morgan Martin and Jahiel Cass. The area's cheap land—just \$1.25 per acre—attracted New England farmers and German-speaking immigrants from regions like Pomerania, Brandenburg, Bavaria, and Saxony, creating a vibrant, diverse community.

An introduction to the Theresa Historical Society

Today, Juneau's legacy lives on at the Theresa Historical Society Campus, the first organization of its kind to be formally recognized in Dodge County when established in 1956. Perched atop the town's iconic limestone wall on Highway 175, the campus features the Solomon Juneau Homestead, the historic Beck Tourist Cabin (an early Yellowstone Trail motel), the Reklau Log Cabin, and the Schiefer House.



Reklau Log Cabin



Schiefer House

Thanks to the dedication of its members, the society has made several key improvements: restoring the Beck Cabin, renovating the Juneau and Schiefer houses, and replacing the boardwalk with antique brick pavers. Its new bi-monthly newsletter, "The Bridge," helps share these updates. These accomplishments are particularly timely as Theresa prepares to celebrate two major milestones: the 70th anniversary of the Theresa Historical Society and the 250th anniversary of the United States.

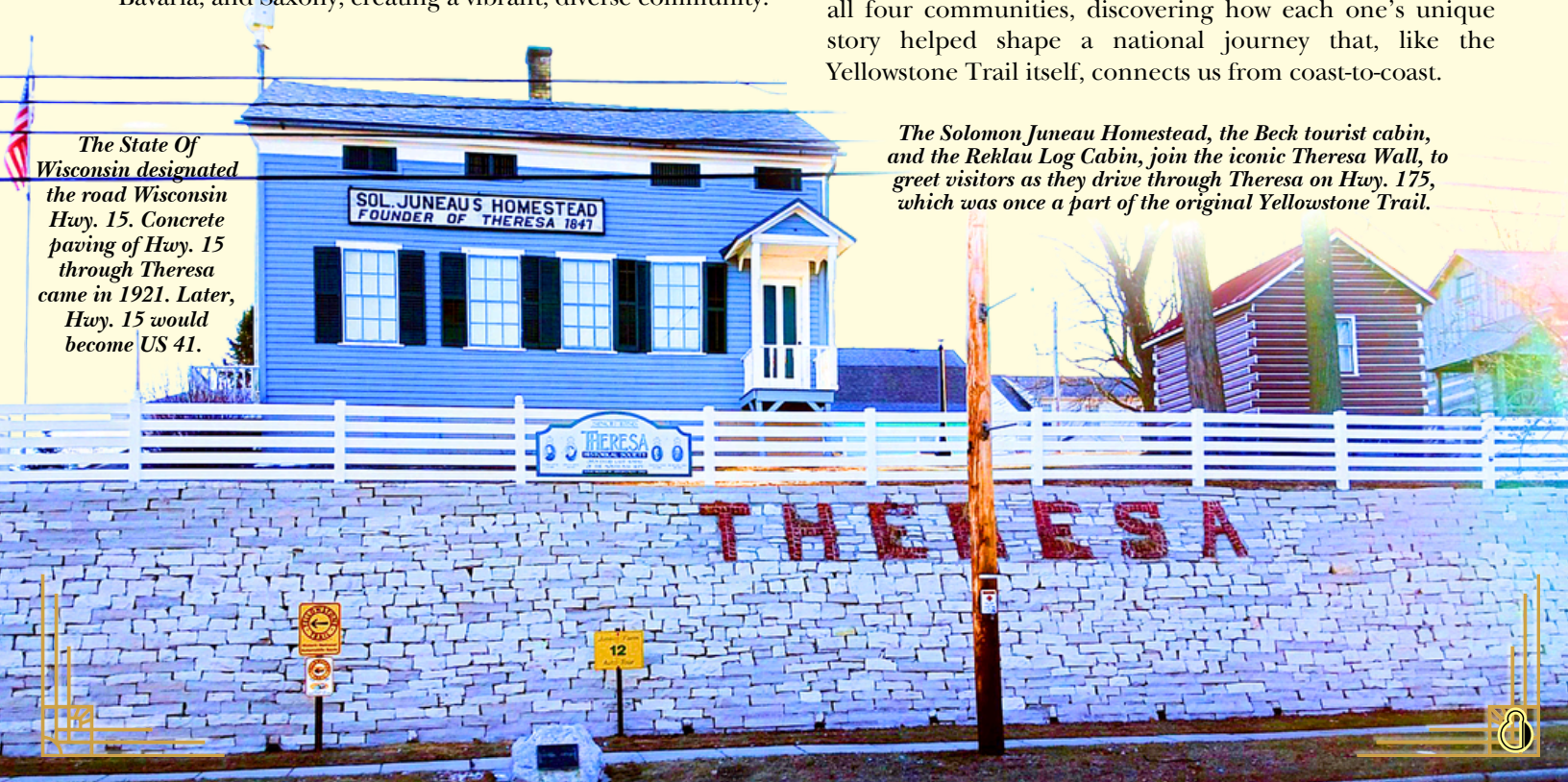
Future plans include enhancing museum exhibits, expanding the Koll Pavilion, and developing the second floor of the old Village Hall into a community exhibit and meeting space—ensuring history can be preserved and lived in.

Looking Ahead to Yellowstone Trail Day

On Saturday, June 7, the Theresa Historical Society will join Byron, Lomira, and Slinger in opening their museums for Yellowstone Trail Day. Visitors will have a chance to explore all four communities, discovering how each one's unique story helped shape a national journey that, like the Yellowstone Trail itself, connects us from coast-to-coast.

The State Of Wisconsin designated the road Wisconsin Hwy. 15. Concrete paving of Hwy. 15 through Theresa came in 1921. Later, Hwy. 15 would become US 41.

The Solomon Juneau Homestead, the Beck tourist cabin, and the Reklau Log Cabin, join the iconic Theresa Wall, to greet visitors as they drive through Theresa on Hwy. 175, which was once a part of the original Yellowstone Trail.



Trail-O-Grams

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BECAUSE SOME STORIES ARE BEST TOLD IN PRINT.

Yellowstone Trail featured in pages of Vintage Camper Trailer Magazine

Be sure to pick up the April or Issue #78 of Vintage Camper Trailers Magazine where individuals will find nice coverage of the Yellowstone Trail in association with article submissions by Tin Can Tourist and YTA member Dal Smilie.

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Little library in Boyd, WI, features YT signage



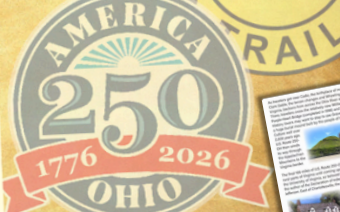
Marilyn and Jon Zmuda created this little library in Boyd, Wisconsin, and then branded it with Yellowstone Trail signage. The library box provides a resource for to borrow or lend books on one another's behalf. The construction of the box and the purchase of the sign are all great ways to spread the word.



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NORTHWEST OHIO'S OLDEST BYWAY

Traveling through history on scenic highway

U.S. ROUTE 250-OH

U.S. Route 250-OH is nearly a century old and stretches 614 miles through three states - Ohio, West Virginia and Virginia. A spur of US Route 50, today US Route 250-OH connects Lake Erie at Sandusky, Ohio to Richmond, Virginia. In between those 514 miles, it connects numerous communities with important ties to history and even the American Revolution 150 years before its existence.

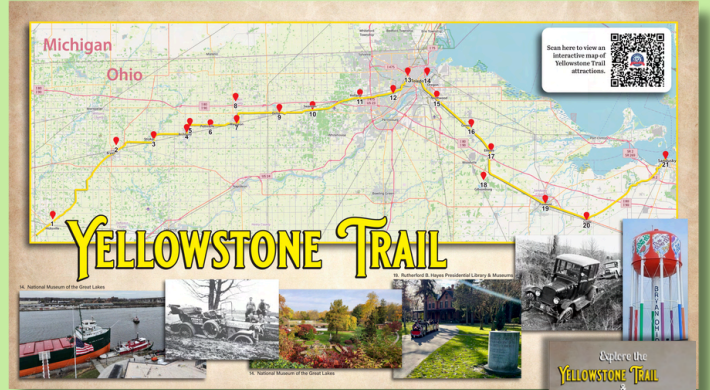


The northern tip of U.S. Route 250-OH connects the beautiful lakeside town of Sandusky where Cedar Point dominates the landscape and winds its way southeasterly through scenic rural areas and several county seats such as Norwalk where you can learn more about the story of how this part of Ohio connects to what become known as the "Triangle" because of what the British did to the town of Norwalk, Connecticut.



The America 250-Ohio brochure includes an intro to the Yellowstone Trail narrative in addition to notable historic and cultural assets featured in each community along the historic path.

As featured at right, the brochure folds out to reveal a over-sized map depicting the aggregate of Ohio YT communities.



Ohio Yellowstone Trail champs collaborate with US Route 250 and America 250 to release joint tourism brochure, promote 250 Stories initiative

The United States will turn 250 in 2026. In light of this, America 250-Ohio is inviting eight counties in Ohio to take part in the momentous occasion by providing opportunities to honor the Semiquincentennial. According to project visionary, Fulton County Visitor's Bureau Coordinator, Julie Brink, US-250 runs through Ohio, crossing the YT interestingly in Sandusky. The "250 Experiences on the NW Ohio-Yellowstone Trail and US 250 OH," has been introduced amongst eight counties. Grant funding via America 250-OH covered a significant portion of printing costs. The effort is expected to significantly advance the YT and its brand.



QR codes are used to provide easy links trail tourism organizations on the back of the brochure.

Cruising the Yellowstone Trail

AT THE RENVILLE COUNTY FAIR



Yellowstone Trail exhibit draws crowd

Sacred Heart Historical Society Director Sonja Thune organized a well-received exhibit, "Cruising the Yellowstone Trail," for the 2024 Renville County Fair. Taking place August 6-8 in 2025, last year's exhibit drew a high number of visitors with its engaging layout and content, including historic photos from seven YT communities, an informational video, and a hands-on craft project.



Team gratitude

Thune extended her thanks to exhibit volunteers Jim Knutson, Linda Balk, and Margie Flaata, as well as contributors Nicole Elzenga and the late John Ridge, former YT Association President, and his wife Alice. The Ridges created the YT video featured over the duration of the event, while Elzenga supplied video presentation equipment.



YT directional sign at the Sacred Heart Museum

Thanks to Wes Hanson, who purchased the Sacred Heart Telephone Company in 1973, this directional road sign is now preserved at the Sacred Heart Area Museum. His telephone crew unearthed the cast iron sign while digging a line east of the Arvid Hammre farm in Hawk Creek Township, Renville County.

Positioned along the Yellowstone Trail (Highway 12), the sign would have been mounted on a post. The directional arrows provided information to road users. Arrows indicated Minneapolis 123.3 miles east, Sacred Heart 2.4 miles east, Watertown (SD) 104.7 miles west, and Granite Falls 8.4 miles west.

Old Highway 12 was replaced with Highway 212 in 1933. The new route made it possible to travel from Granite Falls to Minneapolis on concrete, and without having to cross a single railroad tract.



The late Michael Prichard, grandson of YT champion Michael Dowling, stands behind the cast iron directional sign.

Dowling advises precaution

Recognizing the automobile as a vehicle of progressive times and that it was here to stay, M.J. Dowling suggested taking precautionary steps until animals adapted to this new form of transportation. He advised horse owners to tie their team with a stout rope or strap around each horse's neck for better control and to carry a lantern to be more visible so, upon seeing him, the auto driver would stop and give the horse or team the right-of-way. In the event that a team became afraid when hearing or seeing an automobile on the road, the state law stipulated that the horse owner signal by raising his hand, and in response, the automobile driver must stop.

-Renville Star Farmer, 29 April 1910



Yellowstone Trail road work between Hector and Bird Island.

– Submitted by Lance Sorenson



Main Street Bird in 1911.



Buffalo Lake auto attached to steeds.

– Submitted by Ken Hubin



Four men on an automobile which is upside down in water.

Cruising the Yellowstone Trail

The Automobile Day of 1918 was a Big Success

The attendance on Automobile Day in Sacred Heart was beyond all expectations. A fine, representative lot of farmers were on hand and they enjoyed the fun provided for them, met and swapped experiences as they should, and did a big lot of buying, while in boot.

Everybody connected with getting the affair under way was well pleased and it is believed that efforts will be made to repeat the experiment often as many farmers expressed themselves as highly pleased thought it is a good idea to break the monotony, and a fine way of bringing town and country into closer relations.

The weather was ideal and the crowd went home happy.

– Sacred Heart Journal, 15 June 1918

The old Yellowstone Trail going west out of Olivia had a dangerous railroad crossing.

– Submitted by Lance Sorenson





Yellowstone Trail Association MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To join the Yellowstone Trail Association or renew your membership, either go to yta.clubexpress.com to join online or print this form, fill it in, and mail with check as directed below.

FIRST

First, the really important information needed for us to correspond with you:

Your name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Email address: _____

An Email address is required to receive the Arrow newsletter or notifications. If you do not have an email address, let us know. Printed Arrows can be mailed at a reasonable cost.

Phone: _____

Optional, but required if you do not use email:

For business and organization memberships:

Organization name: _____

Your position: _____

*The Yellowstone Trail Association is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 association which depends on **tax deductible donations** for its long-range activities, such as roadside history kiosks, museum displays, other research or educational projects and grant matching. Please consider a generous donation now added to your dues payment.*

SECOND

Second, choose a membership level and length of 1 or 2 years.

1-Year Memberships:

Basic - \$25	(\$25 Dues)
Family - \$35	(+ \$10 Donation)
Supporter - \$50	(+ \$25 Donation)
Advocate - \$75	(+ \$50 Donation)
Champion - \$100	(+ \$75 Donation)
Patron - \$400	(+ \$375 Donation)

2-Year Memberships:

Basic - \$50	(\$50 dues)
Family - \$70	(+ \$20 donation)
Supporter - \$100	(+ \$50 Donation)
Advocate - \$150	(+ \$100 Donation)
Champion - \$200	(+ \$150 Donation)
Patron - \$800	(+ \$750 Donation)

Membership dues are for the year beginning when you join or on the anniversary of the date of joining.



THIRD

Check the box for 1 or 2 year membership and then indicate membership amount

MEMBERSHIP

1 year 2 year

\$ Amount: _____

And finally... enclose payment with form and mail to:

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