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One of 16 Illinois Lincoln Highway Gazebos has been installed in Fulton, Illinois. The Fulton gazebo is located at the corner of 3rd Street and 10th Avenue, just two short blocks from the windmill and Windmill Cultural Center. The gazebos are part of an interpretive marketing plan showcasing the history of the Illinois Lincoln Highway. Each gazebo includes four panels that give the history of the Lincoln Highway and explain how the highway impacted each of the communities

Local historian Nancy Kolk and Tourism Director Heather Bennett assisted with research and photos for Fulton's community panel. The panel includes information about Fulton's rich Dutch heritage, businesses along the Lincoln Highway, and location near the Mississippi River. The Lyons Fulton Bridge was credited as the "official crossing" over the Mississippi River for travelers heading west. Unique photos captured on the Fulton panel include the Lyons Fulton Bridge, a tourist campground, and a car repair shop which is still in existence today and now known as Wendel Repair.

Next spring, Americana bunting and landscaping will be added to Fulton's gazebo. The interpretive gazebo project was partially funded through a National Scenic Byway Grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), with support from the City of Fulton. The project was coordinated by the Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition, the management agency for the Illinois Lincoln Highway National Scenic Byway. Grant funds were provided to tell the history of the Lincoln Highway in Illinois and stories of our corridor communities. For more information about the Illinois Lincoln Highway visit <http://www.drivelincolnhighway.com/>.