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Ashley Hofmann looks at a monument in Sutton on Friday.

Hastings College student actively promoting Highway 6

Ashely Hofmann excited to see Sutton or Hastings get Tourist Association headquarters.

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Sutton, May 30 - A Hastings College student will spend her summer taking pictures and promoting Highway 6. Ashley Hofmann of Sutton wants the new headquarters for the Route 6 Tourist Association in either Sutton or Hastings. The decision is only in the discussion stages, but is something local Route 6 supports would like to see happen.

Even though Ashley Hofmann had made her way down Route 6 from Sutton to Hastings hundreds of times, she never realized its beauty until she did a report about its history. She is doing an internship with the U.S. route 6 Tourist Association and she has seen how the highway has grown from its cattle trail days to the 1937 Route 6 from New York to California.

"I think it is the roadway to adventure. It is amazing to be able to travel down the highway and see all of these plans that existed and what they have become," said Hofmann.

Ashley is not the only one who sees the historical beauty of Highway 6. Todd Mau took a business that was built in the 50's and he re-energized it.

"People like uh my folk's age stop in and tell stories of when they were in here as kids in the standard station," said Mau, of Todd's Feed Supply.

"Highway 6 is the lifeblood lifeline of the community," said Don Russell, owner of the Clay County News.

Ashley has found a number of favorite places along Route 6. While taking pictures of areas in Nebraska along the 3,652 mile highway, Ashley is glad to hear that Hastings and Sutton are both being considered as the national headquarters for the Route 6 Tourist Association. Ashley said even though it is a long way in the future, either city would be fine with her.

"I am very familiar with both communities. I love to see it go into either one. I think it could help tremendously," said Hofmann.

As Ashley looks into the future, she looks forward to showing others the beauty of Route 6.