

**NATIONAL ROAD INTERPRETIVE CENTER
106 S. 5th Street
Vandalia, Illinois 62471**

PRESS RELEASE

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Vandalia, IL The National Road Interpretive Center is celebrating its first anniversary on Friday, February 12, 2010, from 4 to 6 P.M. at 106 S. Fifth Street. A number of new displays will greet the guests, the most outstanding being the Conestoga Wagon. This is not a wagon like any other. The Conestoga was the semi-trailer truck of the National Road. Please come and see the uniqueness of this wagon and our other new displays.

The National Road Association of Illinois has been working on a tour of some of the outstanding art and architecture along the National Road. One hundred pieces or sites have been chosen. Nine outstanding artworks or architecture site in the Vandalia area will be receiving a bronze plaque to be placed on or near each piece or site. The recognitions will go to the Old Stage Coach Stop east of Bluff City on the Historic National Road (U.S. Rt. 40), The Illinois Statehouse and Madonna of the Trail at 315 W. Gallatin St, The Fayette County Museum, 301 W. Main St., the mural at the Vandalia Post Office, The Little Brick House at 627 W. St.Clair Ave., State Finance Office (iron front building) 527 W. Gallatin St, Brosman residence, 628 W. Gallatin, and the "Dieckman Home" at 129 N. Kennedy Blvd. This presentation will take place at 5:00 p.m. at the Interpretive Center Open House. Pictures will be available to view the works.

All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.