

## Community members attend U.S. Route 6 Tourist Association meeting

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**Marcia Kuiper, standing, provided information about the U.S. Route 6 Tourist Association to approximately 11 community members Monday. (Sheri Hink-Wagner | The Wauneta Breeze)**

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Marcia Kuiper, executive director of U.S. Route 6 Tourist Association, was in Wauneta Monday with the purpose of sharing about her organization with community members. Approximately 11 Waunetans attended the meeting.

U.S. Route 6 Tourist Association is a nonprofit organization that works to encourage traffic

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along the historic route of U.S. Highway 6.

During her presentation she informed Wauneta community members of the success the national U.S. Route 6 association has had in growing business and tourist activity along the historical route.

She said one expression those in the group use to describe working to grow interest in U.S. Route 6, in comparison to the nationally known Route 66 is, "Half the digits and twice the kicks on Route 6."

According to the national organization's website at [www.route6tour.com](http://www.route6tour.com), "The U.S. Route 6 Tourist Association is a not-for-profit IRS 501 (c) (3) charitable organization dedicated to the economic development and cultural preservation of inner-cities, small towns and rural communities located along all 3,652 miles of the Grand Old Highway, a.k.a. as the 'Grand Army of the Republic Highway.'"

The national organization is based in Port Orchard, Wash. However, they are in process of trying to set up state-level leadership in each of the 14 states U.S. Route 6 travels through.

Kuiper was appointed as Executive Director for the Nebraska initiative of the organization in October.

Kuiper explained the Nebraska division of the organization is currently looking for businesses and individuals to join the association and be a part of the grassroots of the organization.