

THURSDAY - EVENTS

ELLSWORTH COUNTY					
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Ellsworth	10am-12pm	County Museum & Hodgden House Open House	The museum complex is on the two-block site of the original commercial district. It features the 1878 Victorian Hodgden House and the 1886 livery stable—both constructed with Dakota sandstone. Come in and look around for no charge during this open house. (NRHP)	104 W South Main	785.472.3059
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Ellsworth	9-10am	Documentary & Author Talk with Mildred Schindler Janzen	As a teenager, Mildred Schindler Janzen escaped both Nazi Germany and the invading Russian troops. A 20-minute documentary based on her memoir, <i>Surviving Hitler, Evading Stalin</i> , will be shown and Mildred will be available to answer questions. Event takes place at the Ellsworth Library basement.	219 N Lincoln	785.531.0509
Ellsworth	See Description	Longhorn Roundup - Scavenger Hunt	Scavenger hunters will visit designated businesses to find longhorn cattle. Turn completed maps into the library to enter a drawing for prizes. Thu-Fri 10am - 6pm; Sat 10am - 2pm	Ellsworth	785.472.3969
Holyrood	12-5pm	Fire Department Tour	Rural Fire Departments depend upon cooperation and volunteers to cover a wide territory. Visit with some of this department's 18 volunteers and chief of 35+ years, Mark Breford. See vehicles up close and hear the stories of how communities work together when danger looms.	102 S County Rd	785.252.7133
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Kanopolis	2-3pm	Horse Thief Canyon Ranger Chat	Meet KDWP Ranger Wendy Bowles at the Kanopolis Lake office (GPS location: 200 Horsethief Road) and all will travel to Horse Thief Canyon. The group will view the Native American petroglyphs and the splendor of nature's rock formations and canyon walls.	200 Horsethief Rd	785.546.2565
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Wilson	5-5:30pm	Voices from the Grave	Listen to local historian Cherilee Ward make history come alive in this cemetery. Freewill donations will go towards the purchase of a small stone for the disgraced city marshal, Jesse Tillman.	Wilson Cemetery, Corner of 2nd Rd & 31st St	785.531.9096

LINCOLN COUNTY - THURSDAY					
Lincoln	8-10pm	Dark Sky Viewing	Kansas has some of the best night sky viewing in the country. Join astronomers in looking at constellations and observing planets and other astronomical features through telescopes. From Lincoln, drive west on K-18 for 2 miles to 170th Rd. Turn south for approximately 4 miles to trail head sign.	950 N 170th Rd	785.537.4385
Lincoln	7-8pm	Gravel Bike Ride with Locals	The local mountain biking club will take you on an easy ride to see some of Lincoln County's landscape. Ride will take approximately 30 minutes to an hour. Bring your own bike that can handle both paved and gravel roads.	Football practice field on N 1st St and E North St	785.820.1453
Lincoln	3-5pm	Pie on the Porch at the Marshall-Yohe House	Enjoy a piece of locally made MarCon Pie on the porch of the Marshall-Yohe House, a National Register of Historic Places site. Donations appreciated.	316 S 2nd St	785.524.9997
Lincoln	See Description	Post Rock Scavenger Hunt	Learn about the history behind Post Rocks in Lincoln! Scavenger hunt answers will all be within walking distance in downtown Lincoln. Pick up your info sheet at the Lincoln Health Mart Pharmacy, 204 W. Lincoln Ave, Thu-Fri 9am-6pm (closed 12:30-1:30pm) and Sat 9am-12pm. Scavenger Hunt will take approximately 45 minutes to complete around downtown Lincoln. Return your form for a free prize.	204 W Lincoln Ave	785.826.1583
Vesper	4-6pm	Farmers & Makers Market	This "From the Land of Kansas" farmers market sells local seasonal produce along with homemade baked goods, canned foods, jams, jellies, infused honey products, and locally produced crafts.	1247 N 120th Rd	785.615.1048
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Lucas	1-3pm	Limestone Rock Break Demonstration	Jon Pancost, stone mason and owner of Bluestem Quarry & Stone Works will demonstrate the breaking of limestone using "feathers and wedges" and answer questions about this unique geological feature and its use by settlers in the area. Come and go. Sponsored by the Post Rock Limestone Coalition.	207 S Main	785.639.4636
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Ellsworth	9:30am-12pm	Cattle Branding at the Bar J Ranch	Watch cowboys brand calves, rope cattle, learn about how they take care of their livestock, and ask questions about beef cattle production. In case of rain, event will be cancelled. Directions: From Hwy 156 and Hwy 14 intersection, travel 6 miles south on Hwy 14 to Ave Q. At Ave Q turn right. Travel 1 mile west on Ave Q. At the intersection of Avenue Q and 15th Road turn left. Travel 1.5 miles south on 15th Road until you reach the ranch. (The address listed will not work if Google mapped. Please use written directions.)	1506 Ave R 785.531.1833
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Ellsworth	11am-12pm	Mushroom State Park Ranger Chat	Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Ranger Wendy Bowles will describe the unique stone structures of Mushroom Rock State Park. This is a great photo op. Located on the Prairie Trail Scenic Byway northwest of Marquette about 5 miles north of Kanopolis Reservoir and State Park, 3 miles west of K-141 on Avenue K, a county road or south of K-140 from Carneiro on 25th Road. Mushroom Rock State Park is one of the top 8 Wonders of Kansas - Geography.	Mushroom State Park, Ave K 785.546.2565
Ellsworth	8pm-1am	Nuclear Missile Silo Evening Celebration with Bonfire, Music and Libations	Enjoy a celestial celebration at this nuclear missile with a bonfire, music, and adult beverages. \$50 per person, includes coffee mug and unlimited beers, wines, sodas, and waters. Bring your own snacks and food. From Ellsworth go east for 10 miles on J Road (becomes K-140) and turn north on either 23rd Road or 25th Road. Follow the signs. (Overnight Camping Available-see bigkansasroadtrip.com/lodging)	2432 Ave I 785.201.9726
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Holyrood	See Description	Old Time Bingo & Sandwich Supper	Try your luck winning a prize at the American Legion's come-and-go bingo game from 3-5pm. Purchase beverages during the games or enjoy a sandwich supper (freewill donation) from 5 - 6:30pm. Bingo cards \$0.50/ game. Event located at the American Legion Community Center.	416 N Main 785.252.7258
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Kanopolis	1-3pm	Fort Harker Open House	Tour the Commanding Officers Quarters, the Junior Officers Quarters, the Kanopolis Depot (displays include Independent Salt, the Acme Brick Plant and Kanopolis High School) and the Fort Harker Guardhouse. The Guardhouse tour will include historical information relating to the Civil War and the trails westward. Admission free.	309 W Ohio	785.472.5733
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Wilson	12-4pm	From Historic to Modern... Welcome to CoWork Space!	View this new addition to Wilson! 2711 Co Working is operated by Wilson Tourism Hub Inc. and features a Native American artifacts gallery.	2711 Ave E	785.658.2284
Wilson	11am-4pm	Kansas Originals Meet & Greet	Meet the Kansas artists, craftsmen, food producers and authors who belong to the Post Rock Opportunities Foundation. You'll have fun learning about and seeing their products when you visit Kansas Originals store near Wilson. Free food samples to try and kolaches for sale.	233 Hwy 232	785.658.5593
Wilson	12-4pm	Kevin Lundy at The Midland Mercantile & Art Gallery	View the work of Kevin Lundy and meet this exceptional local artist at the Midland Mercantile and Art Gallery.	2711 Ave E	785.658.2284
Wilson	8:30-10am	Morning Social at the Senior Center	The Wilson Senior Center invites you to enjoy coffee and breakfast pastries during their weekly morning social on Friday from 8:30-10:00 am. Free will donations are accepted.	511 25th St	785.658.2388
Wilson	7:30-10pm	"Paper Moon" classic film showing	Join locals on the patio at The Historic Midland Railroad Hotel with an experience for the entire family! View the classic film of "Paper Moon" projected on the limestone of the hotel. Free popcorn will be provided.	414 26th St	785.658.2284
Wilson	10am-2pm	Ride the Nex-tech Express Train and Explore the Czech Eggs!	Take a short ride on the Nex-Tech train to explore all of the local Czech eggs downtown along with the Statute of Liberty.	255 Ave E	785.658.7516
Wilson	1-4pm	Wheat Weaving Display	The Immanuel Lutheran Church displays their wheat weaving each year during harvest and will be on display during the BKRT. Stop by and visit with church members and enjoy some refreshments.	2819 Ave F	785.531.9096

LINCOLN COUNTY - FRIDAY

Lincoln	3-3:30pm	Managing for Quail and other wildlife	Audubon of Kansas' Achterberg Wildlife-Friendly Demonstration Farm hosts two coveys of bobwhite quail. Executive Director Jackie Augustine, will talk about habitat improvements to remove woody species, making the area more suitable for the birds. From Lincoln, drive west on K-18 for 2 miles to 170th Rd. Turn south for approximately 4 miles to trail head sign.	950 N 170th Rd	785.537.4385
Lincoln	8-8:30am	Migration Bird Hike	May is the height of songbird migration through Kansas. Audubon of Kansas' Connie Achterberg Wildlife-Friendly Demonstration Farm has a mix of habitats that attracts a wide variety of birds. Executive Director Jackie Augustine will lead a short hike through the sanctuary and help you identify birds by both sight and sound. If you have them, bring binoculars. Tour will take approximately 30 minutes. From Lincoln, drive west on K-18 for 2 miles to 170th Rd. Turn south for approximately 4 miles to trail head sign.	950 N 170th Rd	785.537.4385

Lincoln	7am-9pm	Open Gym at Post Rock Fitness	Check out how a downtown building built in 1918 was transformed into a top-notch gym.	113 W Lincoln Ave	785.524.9009
Lincoln	8am-2pm	Open House at Lincoln's Free House	Two years ago, Lincoln's Free House went viral on social media with people from all over the country wanting to save the house. Now, the incredible transformation of the house has been featured as "The Big Green Monster" on "In with the Old," a show now streaming on HBO and Discovery+. During the BKRT you'll be able to tour the home and visit with the owners and learn about their amazing journey. Refreshments will be served with some food for sale. House tours will begin at 8am, 10am, and 12pm each day and last 30 minutes.	2137 E Hwy 18	913.325.9738
Lincoln	8-10pm	Owl Hike	The Connie Achterberg Wildlife-Friendly Demonstration Farm is home to both Barred and Great Horned owls. Audubon of Kansas Executive Director Jackie Augustine will lead participants in a hike through the sanctuary to listen for owls and learn how to identify owls by their calls. As owls are wild animals, viewing is not guaranteed, but there is a good chance to see them. From Lincoln, drive west on K-18 for 2 miles to 170th Rd. Turn south for approximately 4 miles to trail head sign.	950 N 170th Rd	785.537.4385
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Sylvan Grove	1-5pm	Peach Cobbler at the historic Evangelical Lutheran School	Enjoy a bowl of homemade peach cobbler, a specialty of the ladies of the Lutheran Church made for Lincoln County Fairgoers for decades, while imagining what school was like for children when the building was constructed in 1913.	308 N Indiana	785.526.7152
Sylvan Grove	See Description	Vonada Post Rock Quarry Demonstrations	Learn how Post Rock limestone got its name and built homes, farms, and communities across an 18-county region. Quarry is available for drive-by viewing anytime. Demonstrations of how settlers split the limestone using feathers and wedges Friday at 4pm and Saturday at 10am. From the junction of Hwys 181 and 18, drive 3 miles north on Hwy 181, then 2 1/4 miles west on Oak Drive. Vonada's Quarry was one of the top 8 Wonders of Kansas - Commerce.	E Oak Dr	785.658.5339
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Lucas	See Description	Geology Tour of Miller's Park	Join regional expert Von Rothenberger for a geology tour of Miller's Park. Von will provide a description of the rocks Roy and Clara Miller collected on their travels, tying in this lovely site to the geological history of the region and nation. The tour will begin shortly after "The Stump" ends at 11:45 am on Friday.	307 E 2nd St	785.760.0826
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Wilson	12-4pm	Betty “Kepka” Belton Museum Open House	Join us to view the great work of the late Betty Kepka featuring original artwork and hand-painted Czech Eggs. Local artist Christine Slechta will demonstrate the process of hand painting Czech Eggs!	2711 Ave E 785.658.2284
Wilson	7-10pm	Big Band Music & Swing Dancing	Kick back with a fun evening on the patio at The Historic Midland Railroad Hotel with Big Band music and swing dancing.	414 26th St 785.658.2284
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Wilson	10am-2pm	Ride the Nex-tech Express Train	Take a short ride on the Nex-Tech train to explore all of the local Czech eggs downtown along with the Statute of Liberty.	255 Ave E	785.658.7516
LINCOLN COUNTY - SATURDAY					
Denmark	9am-1pm	Open House at the Nielsen Farmstead	A rare opportunity to see an impressive post rock limestone house constructed in 1894 and barn in 1903. Niels Nielsen, a Danish immigrant and stone mason, established this farmstead for his family just west of Denmark in the mid-1870s. The farmstead is still occupied and managed by direct descendants of the original settlers. This is a private residence and only open to visitors on Saturday, May 4. (NHRP)	1125 E Pike Dr	785.658.6060
Denmark	9am-1pm	Velkommen to Historic Denmark	Visit many of Denmark's historic sites during open houses for the historic post rock limestone church, community hall, and commercial district buildings. All open houses are Saturday from 9am-1pm. Volunteers will be on-site to talk about the history of this Scandinavian-settled community. Refreshments will be served along with aebleskiver (Danish pancakes) demonstrations at the Community Hall.	Denmark	785.524.8954
Lincoln	See Description	Grave Witching at Lincoln Cemetery	Come learn the art of grave witching! Dowsing for water or metal – and even bodies – has been practiced for thousands of years. Genealogists use it to find lost graveyards of ancestors or gravesites where markers have disappeared or eroded. Try your hand at the practice and learn about notable burials in the cemetery. Located at the intersection of Highway 18 and Lincoln Ave, aka Main St. Saturday at 1pm and 2pm.	E Lincoln Ave	785.524.9997
Lincoln	8am-2pm	Open House at Lincoln's Free House	Two years ago, Lincoln's Free House went viral on social media with people from all over the country wanting to save the house. Now, the incredible transformation of the house has been featured as "The Big Green Monster" on "In with the Old," a show now streaming on HBO and Discovery+. During the BKRT you'll be able to tour the home and visit with the owners and learn about their amazing journey. Refreshments will be served with some food for sale. House tours will begin at 8am, 10am, and 12pm each day and last 30 minutes.	2137 E Hwy 18	913.325.9738
Lincoln	See Description	Post Rock Scavenger Hunt	Learn about the history behind Post Rocks in Lincoln! Scavenger hunt answers will all be within walking distance in downtown Lincoln. Pick up your info sheet at the Lincoln Health Mart Pharmacy, 204 W. Lincoln Ave, Thu-Fri 9am-6pm (closed 12:30-1:30pm) and Sat 9am-12pm. Scavenger Hunt will take approximately 45 minutes to complete around downtown Lincoln. Return your form for a free prize.	204 W Lincoln Ave	785.826.1583
Sylvan Grove	1-5pm	Meet & Greet with the Discoverer of Squalicorax deckeri	Lincoln limestone is a hidden gem for paleontologists, celebrated for its bountiful collection of well-preserved shark and reptile teeth. Meet Ramo Decker, founder of a new species of ancient shark named "Squalicorax deckeri", and see his display of numerous fossils found in and around Lincoln County and the Niobrara Chalk of Western Kansas.	129 S Main	785.545.6473
Sylvan Grove	1-5pm	Peach Cobbler at the historic Evangelical Lutheran School	Enjoy a bowl of homemade peach cobbler, a specialty of the ladies of the Lutheran Church made for Lincoln County Fairgoers for decades, while imagining what school was like for children when the building was constructed in 1913.	308 N Indiana	785.526.7152
Sylvan Grove	See Description	Vonada Post Rock Quarry Demonstrations	Learn how Post Rock limestone got its name and built homes, farms, and communities across an 18-county region. Quarry is available for drive-by viewing anytime. Demonstrations of how settlers split the limestone using feathers and wedges Friday at 4pm and Saturday at 10am. From the junction of Hwys 181 and 18, drive 3 miles north on Hwy 181, then 2 1/4 miles west on Oak Drive. Vonada's Quarry was one of the top 8 Wonders of Kansas - Commerce.	E Oak Dr	785.658.5339
Vesper	See Description	Bingo Night	It's Bingo Night in Vesper! This well-loved local tradition has been going on for 50 years. Goodies for sale include grilled burgers, popcorn, ice cream sundaes, root beer floats and other homemade snacks. Food - 5pm, Band - 6pm, Bingo 7pm	1247 N 120th Rd	785.615.1048
LUCAS - SATURDAY					
Lucas	6-8:30pm	Garden of Eden Open House	Attend an after-hours open house with Friends of S.P. Dinsmoor's Garden of Eden board of directors for guided tours and to learn about the history, architecture, and preservation of this grassroots art environment. Contribute to the legacy by bringing a strawberry plant, red vinca or yellow marigold plants for Dinsmoor's concrete flower planters. Donations appreciated.	305 E 2nd St	785.658.5917
Lucas	1-3pm	Limestone Rock Break Demonstration	Jon Pancost, stone mason and owner of Bluestem Quarry & Stone Works will demonstrate the breaking of limestone using "feathers and wedges" and answer questions about this unique geological feature and its use by settlers in the area. Come and go. Sponsored by the Post Rock Limestone Coalition.	207 S Main	785.639.4636
Lucas	9am-5pm	Themed Keychains	Purchase a starter keychain at the Lucas Public Library then travel through the town collecting charms to add from participating businesses/organizations. Proceeds will help fund the Lucas Public Library. \$10 per keychain.	135 S Main	785.658.6603

SUNDAY - EVENTS

ELLSWORTH COUNTY			
Ellsworth	See Description	Bourbon Tasting/ Education in an Underground Speakeasy	Discover and taste unique whiskeys and bourbon from around the world at a handcrafted bar in an underground speakeasy. This 1877 building was part of an underground network of tunnels. Reservations are recommended, call 785.201.9726. Enter in the alley behind 210 N. Douglas, Ellsworth. Cost \$35 (must be 21). Seatings every 30 minutes on the hour and half hour. Thu-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun 12-5pm
Wilson	See Description	Atlas Ad Astra - Missile Silo Tour	A one-hour tour takes visitors down 176 feet into a decommissioned Atlas F Missile Base. This site is currently operating as an adventure resort open for camping with hiking trails, campfires and stargazing. Call 785.499.3704 to book a tour. Admission per person is \$20. Tour times are Thu-Sun 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:30pm
Wilson	Daylight Hours	Czech Quest	Pick up a "Czech Quest" brochure for this scavenger hunt at the Kiosk next to the Wilson Visitor Center. See places of history and community highlights. See brochure for directions for returning the completed form.
Wilson	11am-4pm	Kansas Originals Meet & Greet	Meet the Kansas artists, craftsmen, food producers and authors who belong to the Post Rock Opportunities Foundation. You'll have fun learning about and seeing their products when you visit Kansas Originals store near Wilson. Free food samples to try and kolaches for sale.
LINCOLN COUNTY + LUCAS - No Sunday events			