

THURSDAY EVENTS - MAY 4

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	Republic	Splichal Hardware Tour	201 S Main	Munden	785.527.1619	For those interested in historic buildings, travel to Munden to see the restored Splichal Hardware store that now houses gas pumps, signs and Splichal Hardware items. Open Thursday only, 1-3 p.m. Tour should last about 20 minutes.	1:00pm	3:00pm

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	Smith	Blacksmithing Demonstrations - Spirit Sculpture Gardens	116 N Main	Smith Center	785.639.5356	Blacksmithing demonstrations by local artisans making a variety of functional items, artistic items, and much more! This is an inclusive demonstration on how items are made using both modern and older techniques. The items being made will be available for sale, but artists will also take any commissions. Come and go as you please. The event runs from 1-5 p.m. or until the forge dies out.	See Description	
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	Jewell	Historic Home Tour & Pie on the Porch	242 E South St	Burr Oak	785.545.5757	The story goes that an early-1900s coffee shop wagger started a contest on who could build the fanciest and biggest house. Locals claim that the winner was the O.W. Francis home, 2264 KS-128 and the 1909 Wellman House, 242 South, was a viable competitor. Although additional contestants are no longer known, other large, decorative turn-of-the-century homes in the area might well have been contenders. Here's a rare chance to tour one of those historic contest homes, 242 South, and enjoy a piece of pie on the porch. Make sure to put this on your BKRT schedule of things to do! Abby Elkins is your host.	2:00pm	3:00pm
	Jewell	TRIVIA At Sam's Place	511 Grand Ave	Esbon	785.725.3008	Teams need to preregister at Sam's Place by 7:15pm. Event starts at 7:30pm. Fee is \$5.00 per person. Up to 4-5 people per team recommended.	7:30pm	9:30pm
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	Republic	Munden Community Art Show	206 S Main St	Munden	785.527.1619	Come to the Munden Community Center on May 5-6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to see the work of these local artists: Ines Dejmal, Blanche Horak, Gerald Moore, Rose M. Splichal, Frantiska Palacek and others. Stop in the post office to see the famous Palacek Painting. Coffee and kolaches will be available to purchase from the Coffee Club.	10:00am	2:00pm
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	Republic	Decorate a Dala Horse Cookie	City Library, 318 4th St	Scandia	785.527.0941	Scandia is a town with a Scandinavian heritage so it's the perfect place to decorate your very own Swedish Dala Horse sugar cookie. A Dala horse is a traditional carved, brightly-painted wooden statue of a horse originating in the Swedish province of Dalarna. The story of the Dala Horse dates back to 1716 when, during a cold, cruel winter, one soldier carved a horse in his spare time, painted it red, and presented it to the little girl where he was staying. Event takes place downtown at the Scandia City Library.	11:00am	1:00pm
	Smith	An Athol Home on the Range Celebration	715 Main St	Athol		The Home on the Range Women's Social Club has organized a fun event complete with a living history presentation by Dr. Brewster Higley, musical performances, a Christmas shop, history exhibit and artifacts, showing of the movie "Home on the Range" by Ken Sturgeon and a lunch stand featuring "great farm country food." On Friday the Christmas shop and exhibits will be open from 3-5:30pm. Saturday's activities include 9:30am-Dr Higley; 10:30am-Music; 11am-Athol history by the mayor/city commissioners; 12pm & 1pm-Music and 2-4pm-Home on the Range movie. Doors close on Saturday at 5:30pm.	See Description	
	Smith	Meet Brewster Higley	7032 90 Rd	Athol	785.476.5216	Standing in this peaceful setting beside the woods and Beaver Creek, it's easy to see how Brewster Higley was inspired to write the poem "My Western Home," known today as "Home on the Range." "Brewster Higley" will be available at the site to answer questions and give tips on a walking tour on Friday 10 a.m-5 p.m., Saturday 1-5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Find Dr. Higley at the Athol Community Building on Saturday at 9:30-11 a.m. From Athol, 3/4 mile west on U.S, 36, 8 miles north on K-8, then 1 mile west on 90. Follow the mile-long, narrow driveway to the 1872 cabin and former home of Brewster Higley.	See Description	
	Smith	Sunset at Lady Liberty	Hwy 281, South of Hwy 9	Harlan	785.282.4142	Join your friends to experience the magnificent view over the Harlan Valley and witness a Kansas sunset together. This would make a great photo op. Refreshments will be on site. Sunset is 8:34 p.m. (CDT). Get there a little early to enjoy the show! From the intersection of K-9 and K-281 east of Gaylord, travel 1 mile south on U.S. 281.	8:00pm	

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	Smith	Scratch Block Workshop - Spirit Sculpture Gardens	116 N Main	Smith Center	785.639.5356	Create your very own Cast Iron Tile! This workshop will allow participants to create a design in resin bonded sand that will be cast into iron during an Iron Pour event on Saturday, May 6. People who are interested in this event can opt to have their tile mailed to them at the cost of shipping or pick up the tile on Sunday, May 7 at 10 am. No pre-registration required, but tiles will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Fee is \$35 per tile, with the option of shipping if needed. Maximum number of participants is limited to 30.	8:00am	1:00pm
	Smith	Pie on The Porch at Ingleboro Mansion	319 N Main	Smith Center	910.233.3930	Join the Ingleboro Mansion owner, Jean, for Pie on the Porch, Thursday-Saturday from noon until dusk! This 1899 historic mansion, located in the heart of Smith Center, was named for a local bank founder's third wife whose maiden name was Ingalls. Change of ownership led to it becoming a hospital and most babies born in the area born between 1921 and 1951 were delivered in the upstairs bedroom. It eventually became a nursing home, a restaurant, and bed and breakfast, which it is today. Noon-dusk, May 4-6.	See Description	

SATURDAY EVENTS - MAY 6

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	Jewell	Sacred Heart Catholic Church Tour	1100-1198, KS-112	Esbon	785.545.8139	Visitors are invited to come in and see the 100 year-old stained glass in the 1914 Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Parishioners provided most of the labor from hauling rock and sand from local quarries to transporting lumber and brick from the railroad station. Dating back to 1878, this is the third church to serve the area. The large traditional altar was donated by parishioners and priests. A new bell was added to the bell tower in 1920. The church will be open 10:30 -11:00 a.m Saturday morning or Sunday during 8 a.m. church service. Located at the north end of Grand Avenue, off of K-112.	See Description	
	Jewell	Stained Glass Art Tour - Esbon	309 Depot St	Esbon		Start at 309 Depot St at the home of local artist Charlie Fischer and view his hand-crafted stained-glass windows, then stop at the Esbon Community Church, Henry and West St., from 9-9:30 a.m. to learn about its history and see the stained glass-windows crafted by Charlie. Then stop at the Village Café, 400 Grand, from 9-10:30 a.m. for cinnamon rolls, muffins and coffee, and see his flag stained-glass window there. You will find more of his work in the windows of the fire hall west across the street from the café. Don't forget to stop at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, less than 1/2 mile south of Esbon on Grand, (see separate listing under Events) to learn about its history and see their stained-glass windows from 10:30-11 a.m.	9:00am	10:30am
	Jewell	Formoso Skating Rink	201 Howe St	Formoso	402.879.5451	The Formoso Skating rink is run by volunteers and a bright spot for this small community. Normally the skating rink is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from October through April but amazing volunteers, Mike and Deb Worm, have agreed to open the rink on May 6 for a BKRT open skate night! Concessions will be available.	7:00pm	9:00pm
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	Jewell	Kayaking & Trailer Rides at Emerson Lake	305 W Pearl	Jewell		From K-14 and Pearl, less than 1/4 mile west on Pearl. Enjoy kayaking and trailer rides at this beautiful local attraction on Saturday afternoon, 1-3 p.m. A few kayaks will be available, but the public is invited to bring their own. Borrowed kayaks are limited to use between the hours of 1-3 p.m. Trailer rides around Emerson Lake will take about 10 minutes. The trailer will pick up passengers at 305 W. Pearl (by the shelter house at the lake). Free will donation. Sponsored by the Jewell Chamber of Commerce.	1:00pm	3:00pm
	Jewell	Market in the Park, Art Exhibit and Book Signing	Maag Memorial Park, 215 Delaware St	Jewell		A Farmer's Market and Craft Fair will be hosted in downtown Jewell's Maag City Park. You'll find local handmade items, homemade treats, homegrown eats and food vendors. A highlight will be the artwork of James (Jim) Nelson who has painted hundreds of classical-style paintings, including portraits, landscape paintings, and paintings of the Vietnam War. His paintings can be found in many private collections as well as museums in the U.S. and Canada. He is a resident of Jewell County. Visitors can meet author Rosie Bosse, born and raised on a farm in north central Kansas who began her writing career by delighting her grandchildren with tales of farm life through her children's books. Her love of history, the old west and ranching life has also inspired her to write historical western novels.	10:00am	3:00pm
	Jewell	Spinning & Weaving Demonstration	218 Delaware St	Jewell	785.531.9273	When you attend the Market in the Park (Maag Park) on Saturday in Jewell, be sure and step across the street to the Jewell Community Center. Inside you'll find artist, Karen Cook, putting on a spinning and weaving demonstration. She'll also have her beautiful woven scarves and Kansas related paintings for sale.	9:00am	12:00pm
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	Jewell	Mammoth Scavenger Hunt	Downtown Mankato	Mankato	785.378.8484	Learn about the history behind the Jewell County Mammoths! Scavenger hunt answers will all be within walking distance in downtown Mankato. Pick up your info sheet at Mahin Insurance, 105 N. Commercial on weekdays (9am-4pm), and Possibilities, 121 N. Commercial (8am-3pm) on Saturday. Scavenger Hunt will take approximately 45 minutes to complete around downtown Mankato. Return your form for a free prize.	See Description	
	Jewell	Mocktails, Mammoths and Trailer Rides	118 N Commercial	Mankato	785.955.9703	Have a Mocktail courtesy of the volunteers at the Jewell County Museum, then view the dynamic new Mammoth display. Later you can view the rest of the museum and take a trailer ride to see historic homes around town. Mocktails and Mammoths starts at 1 p.m. and ends at 2 p.m. At 2 p.m. the trailer rides will begin and depart about every 15 minutes from the museum and last about 30 minutes. Last trailer leaves at 3:30pm. The museum will be open during the BKRT from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.	See Description	
	Jewell	Music in the Park	McRoberts St & W Jefferson	Mankato	785.820.6917	The Good Sam Club Band features four guys that love making music together. They play events all over the state keeping their fans grooving to a repertoire of rock and roll tunes, country, blues, cowboy and gospel. See you at the Mankato City Park!	7:00pm	10:00pm
	Jewell	Rock Chalk Wine Walk	City Park, W Jefferson St	Mankato	785.820.6917	The Rock Chalk Wine Walk is a special local event that occurs annually. The proceeds of the event help with the Joey Zadina Memorial Scholarship. Participants will be given a wine glass and a list of residences that have wine for tasting. Preferably in small groups participants will go to each location, participate in a fun activity, and then return back to the Mankato City Park for results. Registration at 4:30 p.m. and Wine Walk begins at 5 p.m. Event will last about 2 hours. Fee is \$25. Pre-registration is encouraged. Check out the Facebook page @RockChalkWineWalk2023 for more information. Also occurring that evening in the city park will be live music by the Good Sam Club Band from 7-10 p.m. See that listing under Music in the Park.	5:00pm	7:00pm
	Jewell	Ute Theater	203 N Commercial	Mankato	785.378.3141	The American Indian with colorful headdress design forms an impressive historic marquee on the 1905 Ute Theater. Movies shown during the winter months. The theater will be open Saturday, May 6, from 1-3 p.m. for a video about the history of Mankato. Public bathroom is available.	1pm	3pm
	Republic	Baked Potato Bar Lunch	413 Railroad	Agenda	785.732.6595	The Methodist Church in Agenda welcome BKRT visitors to a Loaded Baked Potato Bar featuring all your favorite toppings. Look for this lunch event in downtown Agenda in the building next to Hope Floats.	11:00am	1:00pm
	Republic	Chalk it Up	1323 18th St	Belleville	785.527.5664	Sidewalk chalk drawing contest around the square in downtown Belleville. Open all hours of the day, to all ages and free to enter. Chalk can be found in front of businesses around the square. To enter, take a photo of your drawing and post it on your Facebook page. Use the hashtag #chalkitupbelleville. Sponsored by Belleville Chamber and Main Street. Winners will be contacted via Facebook.	See Description	

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	Republic	North Central Kansas Experiment Field	1480 US 36	Belleville	785.706.8450	Kansas State University's Department of Agronomy hosts agronomic research of dryland crops and soils on this 40 acre site. Main crops are corn, sorghum, soybeans, wheat, and canola. Research trials and experimental treatments will be labeled. Visitors are welcome to drive through the farm on their own schedule or park and walk around. Please stay on grass driveways. No amenities on site. Contact Scott at 785.706.8450 with any questions.	8:00am	5:00pm
	Republic	The Stump	9th & O St	Belleville	620.937.2101	Meet at the High Banks racetrack (inside on the bleachers) and have 15-20 minutes of fun while Marci Penner asks Kansas questions and the audience answers. In the end, someone walks away with a prize. Merchandise will not be available at this Stump but will be in Jewell on Saturday at 10:30am. Remember, bring a lawn chair!	2:00pm	2:30pm
	Republic	Canal Driving Tour	414 Main St	Courtland	785.374.3511	Irrigation Ales is hosting a canal driving tour from Courtland to Lovewell Reservoir dam and back. You will drive your own vehicle on gravel or dirt (weather permitting) and make a few stops to learn about surface water irrigation in the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District between Republic and Jewell Counties. This trip should take 1.5 hours and can also be self guided if you miss this window Saturday. NOTE: For those with limited time, you can be a part of the tour for 15 minutes or longer if you wish. The tour will leave from Irrigation Ales in Courtland.	10:00am	
	Republic	Courtland History Trivia Game	403 Main St	Courtland	785.374.4260	The Courtland Community Library will be hosting Courtland history trivia. Pick up a trivia playing card between 1-3 p.m. on Saturday and walk around Courtland to different businesses for the answers. Return the completed card back to the library before 4 p.m. Saturday to be entered into a drawing for fun prizes.	1:00pm	3:00pm
	Republic	Eager Beavers 4-H Bake Sale	421 Main St	Courtland	785.335.3159	4-H'ers are known for their baking skills! While you are out and about, grab some baked goods from the Eager Beavers 4-H Club! Funds assist the Eager Beavers with scholarships for members to attend camp, provide community service to our towns, and more! Bake sale will start at 11 a.m. until supplies run out! Cash only.	11:00am	
	Republic	Gear Up to be a Firefighter	Liberty St and Main St	Courtland	785.955.0692	The Courtland Volunteer Fire Department invites you to be a firefighter. Come gear up, see the trucks, equipment, and shoot some water at some targets. This event is free and open to all ages and will be located on Main Street (kids receive a free helmet and gift bag while supplies last).	1:00pm	4:00pm
	Republic	How Does Irrigation Work?	Downtown Courtland	Courtland	785.454.1194	How does Irrigation work? Enjoy a photo and history tour. Look in the business windows in downtown Courtland, the Surface Irrigation Capital of Kansas, and you'll see pictures and irrigation parts to showcase how the Bostwick Irrigation District canals work and how the system has evolved over the years.	Daylight Hours	

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	Republic	Live Music - Short Notice: Final Notice	428 Main St	Courtland		Come listen to live music by local band, "Short Notice: Final Notice," at the open area next to Adri's in downtown Courtland. Brought to you by Stateline Veterinary Services of Courtland.	2:00pm	4:00pm
	Republic	Make Your Own Kansas Clay Necklace	328 Main St	Courtland	785.527.3579	Two friends bonded over their love of coffee mugs and it took them to renovating a vintage gas station and moving their business from their basements to what is now a thriving handmade jewelry and ceramics boutique. Spend some time shopping and try your hand at making your own necklace from Kansas clay!	10:00am	5:00pm
	Republic	Photography Exhibit and Book Signing	421 Main St	Courtland	785.564.2119	"Nothing But The Dirt: Stories from an American Farm Town" was written by Kate Benz who embedded herself into Courtland's culture to learn about how agriculture and all its challenges impacted this community. An exhibit by book photographer, local Josey Hammer, enhances the content of the book. View the exhibit at the Courtland Arts Center 8 a .m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. Meet the author and photographer during the special open house times on Friday 2-4 p.m. and Saturday 1-4 p.m.	See Description	
	Republic	Yoga, Brunch, and Beer	428 Main St	Courtland	785.955.0670	The best things in life in one spot! Participate in group yoga sponsored by Pivotal Health & Wellness (bring a yoga mat or buy one from Soul Sisters Ceramics). Grab brunch with mimosas or Bloody Marys at Adri's. After yoga, enjoy an Irrigation Ales beer. \$5/person for yoga. Register online.	See Description	
	Republic	Blacksmith Demonstrations	320 Lynn	Cuba	785.527.0105	Union veteran John Davidson came to Cuba in 1884 and built a native limestone blacksmith shop, which he operated until 1892. Closed in 1970, the shop has been restored and demonstrations will be held at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. No demo on Sunday but blacksmith shop is open. Hosts will be available to answer any questions throughout the day on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. From Baird, 1/2 block west on Lynn.	See Description	
	Republic	Cuba Community Hall - Rock the Rockin' Chairs	216 Baird	Cuba	785.527.0105	Each March community boosters host a week-long Rock-a-Thon at Cuba's 1930 auditorium, Ceska-Narodin-Sin (Bohemian Hall). Two rocking chairs are kept rocking 24 hours a day for an entire week. You pay to rock, and proceeds go to community projects. The famous chairs will be set up in the basement level (handicap accessible) and available to BKRT visitors for rockin! Look for the display of black and white photos featured in National Geographic taken by Kansas photographer, Jim Richardson. Czech out the original Prague Square backdrop on the stage, too. Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	See Description	
	Republic	Free Roller Skating	216 Baird	Cuba	785.527.0105	One of two wooden-floor skating rinks along the BKRT, this one is located on the upstairs floor at the Cuba Community Hall. Rental for skates, but free to skate. Saturday 2-4 p.m.	2:00pm	4:00pm

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	Republic	Coffee & Kolaches with the Locals	106 S Main	Munden	785.527.1619	Come have coffee with the local farmers, retired business people and wives of the area. Kolaches for sale with the coffee. It's reported a huge number of problems are solved at these coffee times each week. 7:30-9:30 a.m. or until you fill up on coffee.	7:30am	9:30am
	Republic	Munden Community Art Show	206 S Main	Munden	785.527.1619	Come to the Munden Community Center on May 5-6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to see the work of these local artists: Ines Dejmal, Blanche Horak, Gerald Moore, Rose M. Splichal, Frantiska Palacek and others. Stop in the post office to see the famous Palacek Painting. Coffee and kolaches will be available to purchase from the Coffee Club.	10:00am	2:00pm
	Republic	St. George Catholic Church Tour - Munden	101 Murza St	Munden	785.527.1619	See the beautiful stained glass windows at St. George Catholic Church on Saturday from 2-4 p.m. Handout materials and a tour guide will be on hand. All are welcome to Saturday Mass at 4 p.m.	2:00pm	4:00pm
	Republic	Bingo Baskets	401 Pawnee Ave	Republic	785.527.2310	Stop by the Rae Hobson Memorial Library to play a round or two of bingo. Winners will be presented with baskets created by local volunteers and filled with books, beverages, and adult and children's goodies. Bingo begins at 11 a.m. and goes until all the baskets have been won. A free will donation will be accepted. The Rae Hobson Memorial Library was built in 1921 to memorialize Rae who die during World War I. The library is open Tuesday and Thursday 1-6:00 p.m. BKRT visitors are invited to stop by while exploring Republic County.	11:00am	
	Republic	Republic Fire Department Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser	421 Main St	Republic	785.527.0941	Meals are free will donation inside the fire department building and to-go containers will be available for road trippers.	8:00am	1:00pm
	Republic	C & C High Tunnel Farms Tour	317 4th St	Scandia	785.335.2611	C & C High Tunnel Farms is a small urban farm inside the city limits of Scandia. We raise vegetables and produce year round. We have a small retail store in downtown Scandia and deliver produce directly to your door through our Community Supported Agriculture Program, CSA. We would love to show you our farm this spring and will give 4 tours each day. Meet us at our Downtown Scandia Farmstore at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.. We will take you around the corner, show you our farm, and answer any questions you might have. Tours last approximately 30 minutes. RSVP by emailing us at candchightunnelfarms@gmail.com	See Description	
	Smith	An Athol Home on the Range Celebration	715 Main St	Athol		The Home on the Range Women's Social Club has organized a fun event complete with a living history presentation by Dr. Brewster Higley, musical performances, a Christmas shop, history exhibit and artifacts, showing of the movie "Home on the Range" by Ken Sturgeon and a lunch stand featuring "great farm country food." On Friday the Christmas shop and exhibits will be open from 3-5:30pm. Saturday's activities include 9:30am-Dr Higley; 10:30am-Music; 11am-Athol history by the mayor/city commissioners; 12pm & 1pm-Music and 2-4pm-Home on the Range movie. Doors will close on Saturday at 5:30pm.	See Description	

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	Smith	Meet Brewster Higley	7032 90 Rd	Athol	785.476.5216	Standing in this peaceful setting beside the woods and Beaver Creek, it's easy to see how Brewster Higley was inspired to write the poem "My Western Home," known today as "Home on the Range." "Brewster Higley" will be available at the site to answer questions and give tips on a walking tour on Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 1-5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Find Dr. Higley at the Athol Community Building on Saturday at 9:30-11 a.m. From Athol, 3/4 mile west on U.S, 36, 8 miles north on K-8, then 1 mile west on 90. Follow the mile-long, narrow driveway to the 1872 cabin and former home of Brewster Higley.	See Description	
	Smith	Bake Sale	309 Main	Lebanon		BKRTers, get baggies full of goodies from this freewill donation event for Family Community Education Movers and Shakers. Donations support a better way of life through fellowship and continued education. Bring cash, no change will be made. Thursday-Friday 3-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.	See Description	
	Smith	Breakfast at the Museum	519 N Monroe St	Smith Center	785.282.4142	Join members of the Smith County Historical Society at their first-of-the-month Saturday breakfast. Breakfast will be served in the main building. Free will donation.	8:00am	10:00am
	Smith	Iron Pour - Spirit Sculpture Gardens	116 N Main	Smith Center	785.639.5356	The Cast Iron Pour is a spectacle to behold! Watch sculptors from around the area and state play with liquid metal like you've never seen before. This is a come and go event but you don't want to miss the sight of red hot metal being poured into the scratch blocks our visitors made when the furnace goes full blast at 6pm. Set up starts at 10:30am. Stop by anytime to see the process.	10:30am / Full blast starts at 6pm	
	Smith	Kiwanis Kids Activity Stop	Kansas and Main St	Smith Center	785.282.4142	Kids will welcome this stop at the corner park in downtown Smith Center with kid activities organized by the local Kiwanis Club. There will be free water for all!	10:00am	4:00pm
	Smith	Pie on The Porch at Ingleboro Mansion	319 N Main	Smith Center	910.233.3930	Join the Ingleboro Mansion owner, Jean, for Pie on the Porch, Thursday-Saturday from noon until dusk! This 1899 historic mansion, located in the heart of Smith Center, was named for a local bank founder's third wife whose maiden name was Ingalls. Change of ownership led to it becoming a hospital and most babies born in the area born between 1921 and 1951 were delivered in the upstairs bedroom. It eventually became a nursing home, a restaurant, and bed and breakfast, which it is today. Noon-dusk, May 4-6.	See Description	
	Smith	The Vintage Wedding Shed	618 W US 36	Kensington	785.476.5600	See the personal collection of vintage wedding finery through the decades, from 1900 to 2000. Over 100 gowns displayed including dresses from the 1940s made out of parachute material, bridal nightgowns and dresses. In addition to the wedding dresses, there is one room featuring beaded dresses. For sale are antique dishes, powder jars, Hull pottery, lamps with handmade Victorian shades and antique pictures. Tours last 30 minutes. (Located at Bow Creek Kennels, just west of Kensington) Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Sunday 1-3 p.m.	See Description	

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	Jewell	Community Church Service	305 W Pearl	Jewell		The churches of Jewell are coming together for a joint community church service at beautiful Emerson Lake. A free will donation meal will follow the service.	10:30am	11:30am
	Jewell	Buffalo Hunt	305 W Pearl	Jewell		In 1869, W.M. "Billy" Street climbed a hill west of Jewell and for as far as he could see in all directions was a mass of moving buffalo. In honor of this magnificent animal, the town of Jewell has placed 15 statues throughout the community. Go into sleuth mode on this self-led tour of Jewell to look for them. Pick up a guide at the Lake Emerson shelter house (305 W. Pearl Street) in Jewell for a guided map of where each buffalo can be found. Take a selfie with one and post it on the BKRT website with the hashtag #bkrtbuffalo23.	Daylight Hours	
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