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Safety & Sanitation
- Wear Your Helmet at all times when riding
- Obey all traffic laws
- Ride single file when traffic approaches
- Communicate your intentions to other riders
- Be courteous to other traffic
- When stopping be sure to pull completely off the highway especially at SAG stops
- Consider walking over railroad tracks or, at minimum, crossing perpendicular to the rails
- Prevent the spread of germs and viruses—USE HAND SANITIZER FREQUENTLY, especially before reaching for food at SAG stops

Use of Schools & Overnight Facilities
Schools, which provide BAK’s overnight accommodations, are alcohol, tobacco, and firearms free environments. We request that all persons traveling with BAK follow the same while on school property. Absolutely NO firearms or alcoholic beverages on school property—it’s against the law.
- BICYCLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON GYM FLOORS or INSIDE SCHOOL FACILITIES.
- COTS or CHAIRS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON GYM FLOORS.
- Clean up all trash before leaving in the morning.
- Consideration and respect of others is mandatory. If others are sleeping, please be quiet.
- No smoking in unauthorized areas.
- Remember – please check in and out each day.
Introductory Meetings in Johnson City at High School

First-timer meeting on Friday at 7:30 pm Central Time.

All-participant welcome meeting on Friday at 8:00 pm Central Time.

All-participant meetings
8:00 pm on Saturday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the overnight stop school. Exact locations to be posted at the BAK information desk. Mixers and BAK-entertainment at 8:00 pm on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday on the lawn of our overnight stop school. Exact locations and more details will be posted at the BAK information desk.

SAG Support
SAGs are provided by and staffed by volunteers. SAGs will support from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm (until 11:00 am on June 13). If you need support earlier or later, you must make your own arrangements with your private vehicle.

If you find yourself getting far behind, consider spending less time looking, talking and eating until you catch up. SAG vehicles will begin sweeping the route at 3 pm for those requesting to be sagged in.
Baggage Truck
You are responsible for loading your own luggage. DO NOT PILE YOUR LUGGAGE OUTSIDE OF THE TRUCK AND EXPECT SOMEONE ELSE TO LOAD IT FOR YOU. Please load as far forward and as high as possible (high and tight). The truck will depart daily at 9:00 am and arrive at approximately 12:00 pm at the overnight stop each afternoon. Please help unload the truck when you arrive.

Text Messaging System
BAK is using a text messaging system to alert you about route changes, meal information, special events, weather concerns, etc. Please DO NOT reply stop to the messages, as this would block timely or urgent messages from BAK.

Rider Services
Bicycle Mechanic: Available at overnight stops during afternoon/evening hours Friday, June 5, 4 pm, through June 12.

Massage Therapists: Available at overnight stops during afternoon and evening hours Saturday, June 6, through Friday, June 12.

BAK Information Desk: From 2:00 to 5:00 pm daily, the BAK information desk will be staffed by a volunteer at each overnight stop. The information desk will include information on food and events; BAK products for purchase (Sunday through Friday), guest tickets for end-of-the-ride picnic ($10 each through Wednesday); and a digital display with the weather report, route issues, entertainment, photos, and more.
Biking Across Kansas Photography Project
We are excited to introduce the BAK Photo Project with a friendly competition! Our theme is “The Spirit of BAK.”

As you make your way across Kansas, keep an eye out for people and things that showcase the spirit of BAK. Then, using your camera, smart phone, video device, whatever you have, capture those moments and share them with everyone through social media, email, texts or direct download. As possible, we will share photos throughout the week via social media. At the end of the week, we will pull the top photos which showcase The Spirit of BAK and include them in a video recap of the week. (Hint: the more faces, the better!) This video will be shared online after we have all returned from BAK.

Whether it is the riders, the SAGs, the road kill, or the public we meet along the way, let’s capture and share what makes BAK so special and such a great community.

Here’s how you can participate:
- Email: photos2015@BAK.org
- Twitter or Instagram: Tag your photos with #BAK15 or #BAK2015
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/bakphotos/ (Join the page and upload directly to the page)

Be sure to include: Your name, the location of the photo, names of people in photo, and any interesting details about the photo. There is no limit to the number of entries.

Use proper etiquette when photographing on private property and in businesses / museums. Be certain you understand all local photography rules, i.e., some museums allow photography but not flash. When in doubt, ask.

Usage: All photos are subject to the BAK’s Use of Name/Likeness policy, which you signed/agreed to at the time of BAK registration.
Today’s Destination City: Johnson City

Overnight Lodging at: High School (200 W. Weaver Ave.)

Total Mileage: 16

Directions: Begin at Kansas/Colorado border on county road W. Road 12—head east to Johnson City. Turn right on Main St. to Weaver Ave. Right turn to Stanton County High School.
Johnson City Food Options

SUPPER Friday June 5
Spaghetti supper 5:30pm @ High School cafeteria. Rotary Club & Chamber Board

Pies & desserts (cake, cinnamon rolls); 5:30pm @ High School cafeteria. Beverly Haney

Sloppy Joes 5:30pm @ Johnson City Catholic Church, 105 N. Chestnut (one block east of main)

Ice Cream Bar; 7:30pm – 9:00pm in front of High School. First National Bank

BREAKFAST Saturday June 6
Vegan oatmeal, granola bars, yogurt; 5:30am @ High School cafeteria. 4-H Club

Breakfast burritos; 5:30am @ High School cafeteria. Relay for Life Team

Breakfast Bierocks, juice & fruit; 5:30am @ High School cafeteria. County Fare.
History Notes: June 5

Stanton County:
Established in 1887, the county was named for Abraham Lincoln’s Secretary of War, Edward M. Stanton.

Johnson City: (pop. 1,495)
Johnson city was founded in 1885 by Civil War veterans. The town was originally called Veteran and was renamed in 1886 in honor of a railroad official A.S. Johnson.

Evening Tour of Local Architecture:
6:00 pm Friday: Stanton County Museum will be offering a bike tour of Johnson’s unique architectural structures. From homes made of dirt to million bushel grain bins, participants will see a wide variety of styles including Lustron, re-purposed Japanese internment camp barracks, Craftsman, Santa Fe Railroad, and several more styles that reflect the unique design and heritage of their builders. The tour will meet in front of the high school parking lot, on the grass median by the sign, at 6:00pm and end at the museum (seven historic structures on site) with pie, cake, and ice cream provided by the Historical Society Board of Directors. (Will take an hour to visit all of the homes.)

Johnson City Restaurants
Grandma’s Kitchen Café – north end of Main Street
County Fare
El Torito
The Old Store
The Wooden Horse
Lucero’s Bakery

Stanton County Museum: 104 E. Highland Ave.
Seven historic buildings house the Stanton County Museum. Some of the buildings date back to the 1920s while others have a longer history, including the town’s first Santa Fe depot and first city jail, dating back to 1887.
Today’s Destination City: Lakin

Overnight Lodging at: Middle/High School (1003 W. Kingman)

Lunch Stop: Ulysses

Total Mileage: 49

**Directions:** Leave Johnson City heading east on US 160 to Ulysses. Turn left onto Colorado St. (K-25). Continue to Lakin. Left turn onto Kingman Ave. Continue to Campbell St. to Lakin Middle School and High School.
# Point-to-Point Mileage

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Saturday, June 6

Ulysses: Grant County
Adobe Museum
300 E Highway 160
9 am – 5 pm

Restaurant and fast food options available in Ulysses.
**Lakin Food Options**

Water & Gatorade – Saturday Afternoon.

**LUNCH Saturday June 6**
Grilled Hamburger / Hotdog, chips, cookie, water $7 @ 11:30am-? Lakin Assembly of God Youth Group

Sloppy Joes - $5 @ 12pm-2pm
Salads for Vegetarians – individually priced. Cross Country

Pulled pork meal, baked beans, potato salad, Cole slaw, chips, water $7 @ 4pm-? 40 veggie burgers, potato salad, Cole slaw, baked beans & water. Served at Middle School commons area west of high school parking lot. Lakin Gun Club “The best meal to cross your lips this side of the Red River.”

**SUPPER Saturday June 6**
Pies & desserts 5pm-? Cross Country Team.

Spaghetti (All-You-Can-Eat), Garlic Bread, Drink; $8 @ 5pm-? Boy Scouts.

**BREAKFAST Sunday June 7**
Biscuits & Gravy, Bacon, Drink; $5 @ 5:30am-? Boy Scouts

**Worship Opportunities**

**Saturday, June 6 in Lakin**
St. Anthony Catholic Church
600 Souderberg St.
Mass at 6 pm

**Protestant worship service**
High School auditorium
6 pm

**Sunday, June 7**
In Lakin, Deerfield and Garden City multiple opportunities…information will be provided.
History Notes: June 6

Grant County:
With Ulysses as the county seat, it was named after the 18th President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant.

Ulysses: (pop. 6,161)
Founded in 1885, approximately two miles east of its present location, “Old Ulysses” was a booming town from 1885-1888 with 1,500 residents. The year of 1889 brought drought, and the population dwindled about 100 people by 1908. With debt from bonds issued for improvements never made, the town was left to pay exorbitant taxes. After one year, the citizens decided to take their belongings and move. The city fathers moved two miles west purchasing a quarter of land that was deeded to the New Ulysses Town Company. In February 1909, residents began moving the remains of the town to its current location. Over three months, skids were used to move the larger buildings and wagons to move smaller ones.

Grant County Courthouse (NRHP): 108 S. Glenn St.
Constructed in 1930, the Grant County Courthouse replaced a wood frame structure that had been used since 1888. It was nominated as part of the “Historic County Courthouses of Kansas Multiple Property Submission” for its architecture and its association with the history and development of Kansas county courthouses.

Grant County Adobe Museum: 300 E. Highway 160 (State Historical Register). The museum tells the story of story of human survival from the mid 1930s to the industrial boom, featuring exhibits from the dust bowl era to the gas exploration. Artifacts and exhibits demonstrate life on the High Plains, including artifacts from Old and New Ulysses as well as Indian artifacts and items found along the Santa Fe Trail. The museum also displays Native American Petroglyphs. This is recognized as “8 Wonders of Kansas History.”
History Notes: June 6

Lakin: (pop. 2,379)
Founded in 1873 by John O’Loughlin who, after the completion of the railroad, saw the need to service the pioneer spirit that was sweeping the nation. Imagine two large herds of buffalo (settlers estimating 3 million per herd) extending as far as the eye can see. By 1875, one herd was almost completely exterminated, giving rise to a large industry in Lakin as buffalo bones were gathered and shipped to the east.

Chouteau’s Island (Historical Marker): US 50 (1 mile west of Lakin). Name after Auguste P. Chouteau, who in the spring of 1816 was attacked by 200 Pawnee Indians while traveling along the Arkansas River. He retreated to what was once an island (located 5 miles SW) and was able to beat back and save his winter catch. In 1825, a government survey of the island listed it as a turning off place for the dangerous “Jornada” to the Cimarron. For a time, the river there was the Mexican boundary.

Kearny County Museum: 111 S. Buffalo St. Attractions dating from the 1872 on this 20,000 sq ft complex. Sites include a one room school house, the oldest house in Lakin, the A.T. & Santa Fe railroad depot, the Farm Machine Shed, and the round barn.

Lakin High School: 407 N. Campbell. Santa Fe Trail historical marker is located at the school.

The Santa Fe Trail Kearny County Segment 1 (Charlie’s Rut) (NRHP): 4 miles E of Lakin on US 50.
Looking east, up and over the bank of the ditch, a set of wagon ruts can be seen. Travel over this segment likely began in 1821 and ended with the arrival of the railroad around 1872. In the distance to the south are trees lining the banks of the Arkansas River. During the early years of the trail, this was the boundary between Mexico and the U.S.
Today’s Destination City: Jetmore

Overnight Lodging at: High School (500 Niederacher)

Lunch Stop: Kalvesta

Total Mileage: 80

Directions: Leaving the High School, head northeast on Kingman Ave to Main St. (K-25), turn left. At junction with US 50, turn right. Continue to Deerfield, right turn on 6th St. Continue to Main St., turn right. Continue to River Road, turn left. Continue to Holcomb. In Holcomb, turn right onto Jones Ave. Continue to Mary St., keep left. Stay on Mary St. through Garden City to junction with K-156. Left turn on K-156, continue to Jetmore. In Jetmore turn right onto Main St. Left turn onto Washington St. to school.
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Garden City food options:
Many restaurant and fast food options along Buffalo Jones Blvd. and Kansas Ave.
Kalvesta: BAK-provided meal. Location: just east of mile marker 33 on K-156 Highway. Serving begins at 10:30 am.
Jetmore

From Lakin

K-156

To Larned

Washington

High School

500 Niederacher
Biking Across Kansas 2015         Sunday, June 7

Jetmore Food Options

Light snacks/cold water, etc. - 4-H Club
Snow cones & ice cream - on Main Street

SUPPER Sunday June 7
Pie & Ice Cream on Courthouse Square; 4:00pm-6:30pm.
Jetmore Lions Club.

Hamburgers, Brats, Beans & Chips on the Courthouse Square; 4:00pm-7:30pm. The Friends of Horse Thief.

BREAKFAST Monday June 8
Breakfast burritos, yogurt, fruit, coffee & juice; 5:30am @ High School cafeteria
Vegan option – Peanut butter & whole wheat tortilla roll-ups with cranberries & nuts
HS Students saving for international trip.

History Notes: June 7

Deerfield: (pop. 700)
Named for deer that grazed nearby, it was first settled in 1885. Development followed closely to that of Lakin. The Mountain Branch of the Santa Fe Trail followed north of the river in Kearny County and snaked through present day Deerfield.

Holcomb: (pop. 2,094)
In 1878, the Sante Fe railroad established a flag station where Holcomb now exists. Originally named Sherlock, after the director of the railroad. In 1909, the town of Holcomb was officially plotted and named in honor of D.C. Holcomb, a local rancher.

On a mid-November night in 1959, the brutal murders of four members of the Clutter family took place in a rural farm house in Holcomb. The case and house, became infamous after well-known writer Truman Capote wrote the bestselling, non-fiction crime novel. His book “In Cold Blood” was turned into a major motion picture in 1967.
Garden City: (pop. 26,658)
Founded in February 1878, locals first called it “Fulton Town.” Legend offers that the current name was suggested by a passerby. One day a gentleman jumped from the train and asked Mrs. Fulton the name of the town. Mrs. Fulton wasn’t fond of the name, “Fulton Town,” so the gentleman, noticing the flowers she was watering at the time, politely suggested, “why don’t you call it Garden City?”

The “Big Pool”: 403 S. 4th in Finnup Park. The “Big Dipper” as it was once called, was dug in 1922, most of it by hand. The swimming pool is bigger than a football field and is big enough to accommodate water skiing.

Finney County Historical Museum: 403 S. 4th. Exhibits depict the “spirit of the plains.” On the grounds is the Pleasant Valley one-room schoolhouse, the Fulton House (built in 1884), and three flower and herb gardens.

Beersheba (Historical Marker): rest area west junction of K-23 and K-156. Named for the ancient city of Beersheba, this was the first Jewish agricultural colony in Kansas.

Kalvesta: (unincorporated)
Named after the Greeks words Kalos, meaning beautiful, and Vesta, the Roman Goddess of Health and Home.

Jetmore: (pop. 867)
In 1882, T.S. Haun surveyed and plotted the town of Jetmore on his original claimed land, designating sites for a courthouse, school, and two churches.

Haun House (NRHP): 421 Main St. Built in 1879 by lawyer T.S. Haun, this was the first house in Jetmore. The upstairs office helped establish the county’s first newspaper. Once Haun helped establish Jetmore as the county seat, the upstairs was leased out for courtrooms. The house is recognized for its contribution to Jetmore and its connection to T.S. Haun.

Hodgeman County Courthouse (NRHP): 500 Main St. Built in 1929 in the center of the public square, it is recognized for its reflection of the second Renaissance Revival style and for the growth and development of the county.
Today’s Destination City: Larned

Gym Lodging at: Larned Middle School, 904 Corse Ave.

Food Stop: Burdett

Total Mileage: 45

Directions: Leave Jetmore heading east on K-156. Continue to Larned. Right turn onto Corse Ave. Continue to Larned Middle School.
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**Burdett**: The City of Burdett welcomes all riders. Burdett’s City Park on Locust Street has public restrooms. Super SAG, Burdett City Park, four blocks north at Locust and Michigan Ave.

**Burdett**: Food vendor, south side of Broadway just west of Delaney Implement. Breakfast burritos, coffee, cold drinks, and funnel cakes.

Moosette’s Café, 204 Broadway (on K-156 Highway). Opens at 7 am.
Larned Food Options

LUNCH Monday June 8, 11:30-1:30pm
Sloppy Joes, Chips, Pasta Salad, Cookie & Drink; $7.00 @ LMS Cafeteria. LHS Cheerleading

Hamburgers, Veggie Burger, Chips, Pop & Water; $6.00 @ Hwy 156 & Corse Ave. Fort Larned Lions Club

Baked Potato Bar & Ice Cream Sundaes @ LHS Cafeteria. Sacred Heart Church.

Salad Bar, Paninis, Potato Bar, Soup & Dessert; $5-$8 SCRAPS @ 612 Broadway
SUPPER Monday June 8
Pulled pork sandwich, veggie burger, baked potato, green beans, cookie, water & tea; $9 @ LMS Cafeteria; 5pm-7pm. Fort Larned Lions Club

Taco Bar @ LHS Cafeteria; 5pm-7pm. American Legion.

Spaghetti, Bread & Brownie; $7 @ United Methodist Church, 701 Main St.; 5pm-7pm. Methodist Women

Salad Bar by Weight @ LMS Commons; 5pm-7pm. Assembly of God

BREAKFAST Tuesday June 9
Pancakes, sausage, tang & coffee $6.50 @ LMS Cafeteria; 5:30am. Fort Larned Lions Club

Biscuits & Gravy @ United Methodist Church, 701 Main St.; 6am-7:30am. Methodist Women.

Breakfast buffet w/ sausage, eggs, French toast, hash browns, fresh fruit & granola @ LHS Cafeteria; 5:30am. Sacred Heart Church

Breakfast Burritos @ LMS Commons; 5:30am. Assembly of God
Larned Nursing Home Visit
Country Place Senior Living
714 W. 9th St., 2:00 to 4:00 pm

USD 495 plans to provide drinks to the riders as they roll into town at LMS.

Bus Service: USD 495 will also be providing a bus that will leave every hour starting at 1 pm to go out to the Fort and the Trail Center.

Larned State Hospital will be providing Bus Tours of their facilities starting at 1:30pm and running every hour.

Free Movie: Larned Area Chamber of Commerce is planning to show the movie “You, Me and Dupree” at 3pm at the Larned State Theatre. Tickets are free, but riders must stop by any downtown business to pick up a ticket.

History Notes: June 8

Hanston: (pop. 206)
Originally plotted in 1878 as Marena, the town was renamed Hanston in 1902, taking its name from the local Hann family.

Pawnee County: Established in 1872, it was named for the Pawnee Indians.

Burdett: (pop. 247)
Established in 1887, the town was a station on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway that ran from Larned to Jetmore. The community was named for the American humorist writer Robert Jones Burdette. It is believed that the final “E” from his name was dropped due to a clerical error by the U.S. Post Office.

Discoverer of Pluto (Historical Marker): K-156 (west edge of Burdett). Burdett is the boyhood home of Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, who discovered Pluto.
Rozel: (pop. 157) Rozel was named in honor of Roseila, the daughter of a local businessman. Rozel has survived two disastrous fires, a tornado and numerous floods.

Larned: (pop. 4,054) Established in 1873, the town drew its name from the nearby, Fort Larned, which operated from 1859 to 1878.

Central States Scout Museum: 815 Broadway. One of the best collections of both boy and girl scout memorabilia. Collection dates back to 1920s.

Fort Larned (NRHP): 6 miles W of Larned on K-156. Built in 1859 three miles east of its current location, the fort was originally named “Camp Alert.” Troops stationed there guarded the Santa Fe Trail and took part in many campaigns against the plains tribes. In 1860, the camp was moved and named Fort Larned after Col. Benjamin F. Larned. There it then served as agency of the Indian Bureau, and distributing amenities, food, clothing, etc. to the Cheyenne, Apaches, Kiowas, and Comanches tribes.

Santa Fe Trails Center Museum & Research Center Three miles west of Larned on K-156. Collections contain over 35,000 historical, archival, and archaeological artifacts related to the Santa Fe Trail era, early Pawnee County, and settlement in the early 1900s.
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**Directions:** Leave Larned Middle School, south on Corse St. to 7th St. Continue to Broadway, turn right. CAUTION: Rough RR crossing—walk your bike. Continue south to Jct of K-19 east. Left turn onto K-19. Continue east to junction with NE 40th (Hudson Road). Continue to NE 100th. Left turn to Hudson. BAK Lunch in Community Hall, 403 S. Main. Leave Hudson heading east on NE 100th to NE 80th, turn left. Continue to NE 140th, turn right. Continue to junction with K-14. Turn left onto K-14 to Sterling. Right turn on Washington Ave. to Sterling High School.
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Stafford County Flour Mill Tour, 108 South Church St. in Hudson. Tours available for BAK at 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30 am.

Hudson: BAK-provided meal. Hudson Community Hall, 403 S Main Serving begins at 10:00 am.
Sterling Food Options

SUPPER Tuesday June 9
Community Volunteers Community Cookout
Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Cole slaw, baked beans;
5:00pm @ Sterling Lake
Baked Potatoes for Vegetarians

BREAKFAST Wednesday June 10
Community Volunteers Egg/Sausage/
Cheese Breakfast Burritos, Yogurt, Juice,
Coffee, Water; 5:30am @ Sterling High School

Sterling Events/Points of Interest

11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Downtown Businesses Open
1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Open Swim
*Free to BAK participants (capacity limited)
4:00 p.m. Downtown Historic Building Tour
5:00 p.m. Community Cookout @ Sterling Lake
5:30 p.m. Mayor’s Welcome
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Live Band @ Sterling Lake Gazebo
**Stafford County:**
Organized in 1873, it was almost eliminated, when the Legislature of 1874 divided the territory between Pawnee, Barton, and Pratt Counties. It was believed that the county was wiped out; however it was discovered later that a 6-mile wide by 12-mile long strip remained. On April 25, 1875 the Supreme Court declared the divisions unconstitutional and the county was restored to its original boundaries. It is named in memory of Lewis Stafford, captain of Company E, First Kansas Infantry.

**Hudson: (pop. 129)**
Incorporated in 1908, the town has a history dating back to 1887 when it was first plotted by Daniel Updegraff, who migrated to the area from New York, where he was associated with the Hudson Bay Company.

**Stafford County Flour Mills: 108 S. Church St.** Established in 1904 by Gustav Krug, this is one of the last independent flour mills in the country. It continues to operate and make its famous baker’s flour.” It is recognized as one of the “8 Wonders of Kansas Commerce.”

**Quivira National Wildlife Refuge:** This “oasis of the Great Plains” is visited yearly by nearly 500,000 migrating birds. It was established in 1955 to provide and protect habitat for migrating waterfowl in the Central Flyway. This 22,135 acres of land features prairie grasses, salt water marshes, sand dunes, canals, and timber. It is recognized as an original “8 Wonders of Kansas” for its vital and international importance as a migrating stop for North American shore birds.

**Quivira National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Education:**
3/4 mile off 140th St./140 Ave junction.
**Reno County:** Named for Major-General Jesse Lee Reno who fought in the Civil War and died in the line of duty at the Battle of South Mountain in Maryland in 1862.

**Rice County:** Named for General Samuel A. Rice, who was killed at Jenkins Ferry, Arkansas, in the Civil War.

**Sterling: (pop. 2,300)**
Originally the town was called Peace when founded in 1872. The name was changed to Sterling after Sterling Rosan. In the 1890s Jonathan S. Dillon sold groceries at the general store. In 1913, he moved to Hutchinson and opened his first market, which became the Dillons supermarket chain.

The 1955 movie Picnic feature Sterling Lake in a sequence. The boathouse was built for the movie.
Today’s Destination City: Goessel

Overnight Lodging at: Goessel High School

Lunch Stop: Inman

Total Mileage: 54

**Directions:** Head north on 5th St. from Sterling High School to Cleveland St. Turn right. Continue east to Plum Rd. Turn left onto Plum and continue to Cherokee Rd. Turn right onto Cherokee Rd and continue to Inman. Leave Inman continuing east on Cherokee to 14th Ave. Turn right onto 14th Ave. and continue to Arrowhead Rd. Turn left onto Arrowhead and continue to 27th Ave. Turn left and continue to Cheyenne Rd. Turn right onto Cheyenne Rd. and continue to Goessel. High School is on the left.
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**Inman Lunch options:**

- “Food Court,” Inman Community Building, adjacent to Inman City Park, west of Main St. Serving 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Inman Senior Center: Pies and desserts.
- Country Cousins 4-H: Breakfast burritos.
- St. Peter’s United Church of Christ. Grilled chicken sandwiches, pasta salad, fruit, Gatorade and vegan option.
- Bethel Church. Walking tacos.
Goessel

Jr/Sr High School

From Sterling

Main St.

120th St.

To Council Grove

Nursing Home Visit
Bethesda Home
408-12 E. Main St.
2:00 to 4:00 pm
Goessel Food Options

LUNCH Wednesday June 10
Grilled sausage burgers. Keith @ Fire House
Pizza & deli sandwiches. Keith’s Grocery Store
Walking tacos, frozen fruit cups, chips, meat sticks and chocolate covered bananas @ Fire House. JH Youth
Burgers & Fries. Branding Iron Café

AFTERNOON SNACKS Wednesday June 10
Homemade ice cream and movies for kids all afternoon @ Library
Monster cookies and drinks @ High School. 4-H
Frozen lemonade, snow cones, funnel cakes and candy bars @ Fire House. JH Youth

SUPPER Wednesday June 10
Potato bar, Bierocks, Cherry Moos (cherry pudding) or brownies. (Vegetarian and Vegan Options available) @ High School cafeteria. Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum
Grilled chicken, salad bar, pie & homemade ice cream @ HS Ag. Shop. Mennonite Churches

BREAKFAST Thursday June 11
Scrambled eggs, diced ham & cheese, biscuits, Juice @ High School cafeteria. High School Clubs
Continental breakfast @ High School in FACS room. High School Clubs
Gourmet Coffee @ Bethesda Home entrance. Lincoln Perk Coffee House
History Notes: June 10

McPherson County: Named after a Civil War Union General James B. McPherson.

Inman: (pop. 1,377) Founded in 1887.

Kansas Sampler Foundation: 978 Arapaho Rd. Its mission is to preserve and sustain rural culture in Kansas. The Foundation has several projects: The Kansas Sampler Festival; The Kansas Explorers Club; ERV (Explorer, Research, Voyage); and the 8 Wonders of Kansas contests. The 216 entries of the contests have been made into “The 8 Wonders of Kansas Guidebook,” which BAK gives to our host cities along the route.

1957 Rock Island Caboose: Main and Center streets. Newly restored.

1893 Oddfellows Lodge: Main and Center streets. The limestone building at Main and Center was built in 1893 as the Oddfellows Lodge. Along with the group’s meetings, it was used for school functions. The building later housed an appliance store, restaurant, pool hall, hardware store, and doctor’s office. Today it’s the library.

OTHER EVENTS / POINTS OF INTEREST

Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum: Learn the story of Mennonite immigrants who helped make Kansas the breadbasket of the nation through eight buildings in a village-like setting. From High School east 1/2 mile, left on Poplar. Open 10am-7pm. Admission: 13 and older, $4.00; 7-12 is $2.00.

Wheat Heritage Engine and Threshing Company: Come see working engines on display. North of the museum. Open 4-7pm. Free admission.

The Flannelbacks: Playing mostly blue grass and folk, instrumental and vocal; 6:30 outside High School, by donation.

The Book of Jeb: Bluegrass and folk, instrumental and vocal; 7:00 outside High School, by donation.
**Stan Herd Mural:** Across from the bank drive-up window on Main Street. The mural depicts Inman around 1910. Some buildings—the depot, the red mill and former Oddfellows Lodge—still stand today.

**Inman Museum:** 101 N. Main. Antique farming equipment and reminders of a time past are highlighted. Featured: an 8 x 12-foot replica of the historic Bethel Church built with adobe bricks and wood from the original church; a wheelwright shop; a one-room country school; a mercantile shop; and a barber shop—all built with 100-year-old materials.

**The Depot:** Main and Center streets. See a fully-equipped 1887 Rock Island depot.

**Moundridge: (pop. 1,737)** incorporated in 1887

**Cole House Museum:** 405 E. Cole. In 1875 Thornton C. J. Cole and his wife Drusilla built the first house in what became Descendants of the Coles owned the house for over 110 years. In 1985, it was donated to the City to become a museum. Most of the trees and flowers were planted by the Coles, and a 21 foot deep, hand-dug well was used by the family to cool their food and is still on the property.

**Marion County:** Organized in 1860 and named for Marion County, Ohio which was so-called in memory of General Francis Marion of revolutionary fame.

**Goessel: (pop. 539)**

First called Gnadenfeld in 1974 when settled by German Mennonites from Russia. In 1895 Dr. Peter Richert, who was forming a hospital in the area, learned of the heroic efforts of Captain Kurt von Goessel, who went down with his ship Elbe in the English Channel, and named the town Goessel. In 1898 the Bethesda Hospital Society, the first Mennonite hospital in North America, was established. Today it exists in the form of the Bethesda Home.

On June 6, 1906, at about 6 o’clock in the evening, a tornado passed down Main Street, destroying 75 percent of the town. This tornado became known as the “Four Sixes Tornado.” (Sixth month, sixth day of the month, year 1906, and at about 6 in the evening).
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Today's Destination City: Council Grove

Overnight Lodging at: Council Grove High School

Lunch Stop: Strong City

Total Mileage: 74

**Directions:** Leave Goessel headed east on Main St. Continue to Indigo Road. Turn left onto Indigo Rd. Continue to Hillsboro. Turn right onto D Street (Old US 56). Continue east through Marion to US 77. Turn left onto US 77 and continue to junction with K-150. Turn right onto K-150 and continue to junction US 50. **CAUTION** heavy traffic on US 50. Turn left onto US 50 and continue to Elmdale. Turn right onto Main St. and continue east to Cottonwood Falls. Turn left onto Broadway and cross the river on the old bridge. Continue to junction with K-177 and head north to Strong City. Continue north on K-177 to Council Grove.
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Route Guide

In Cottonwood Falls:
turn left on Broadway
continue over old bridge

LUNCH: Limited meal options available
in Strong City and Cottonwood Falls.
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Council Grove Food Options

**SUPPER : Thursday, June 11**
BBQ – brisket and pulled pork, Jonny V’s BBQ,
CGHS parking lot

Lasagna (meat and vegie), White Memorial Camp
CGHS parking lot

Taco Bar (taco salad or soft taco)
CGHS – FCCLA, CGHS parking lot

Homemade ice cream, Alta Vista Masonic Lodge
CGHS parking lot

**BREAKFAST: Friday, June 12**
Breakfast burritos, Cheer Girls
CGHS parking lot

Waffles, eggs and fruit, CGHS – FCCLA
CGHS parking lot

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Restaurants

- Dairy Queen Grill & Chill
- Hays House
- Historic Grounds
- La Hacienda Mexican
- Reads clubhouse
- Saddlerock Café
- Short Stop
- Trail Days Café
- The Station
- Lucky Star Asian
- Pizza Hut
- Sonic
- Subway
History Notes: June 11

Hillsboro: (pop. 2,993) Named after John Gillespie Hill who homesteaded in the area in 1871.

Mennonite Settlement Museum: 501 S. Ash. A guided tour at the Peter Paul Loewen House (NRHP), formerly the Adobe House and the last remaining Mennonite-style Russian clay-brick house-barn structure in North America, focuses on the early lifestyle of Russian and Polish Mennonites and their 1870s settlement in Kansas. Includes is a 1876 Jacob Friesen Dutch Windmill.

Marion: (pop. 1927) Nicknamed Stone City. It was named in honor of the Revolutionary War hero General Francis Marion, who was also known as the Swamp Fox.

Central Park: The centerpiece is the 1884 fountain and wooded walking path along Luta Creek. In the southeast corner, an 1860 historic spring is still running. It once was a watering site for passing pioneers.

Historic Elgin Hotel (NRHP): Third and Santa Fe. Now an apartment building, it once was known as one of the most elegant hotels in Kansas. Constructed of limestone in 1886, it remained a hotel until the 1950s.

Marion Historical Museum: 501 E. Main, east of Central Park. This former 1887 church has an ornate wood ceiling and elaborate stained glass.

Chase County: Zebulon Pike led the Pike Expedition westward and followed the Cottonwood River through modern Chase County 1806. In 1859, Chase County was established within the Kansas Territory.

At one time 400,000 square miles of tallgrass prairie covered North America. Now less than 4% remains--most found in Chase County. The land has not been plowed under due to the limestone near the surface. This gray and white rock is exposed on the prairie and is seen dotting the hillsides. The stone is interlayered limestone and flint, also known as chert. Big and little bluestem, switchgrass, and Indian grass make up most of the tall grasses found here.
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Elmdale: (pop. 54) Founded in the 1870s, it was once a hub of commerce as a railroad town for the surrounding farming communities. It was built on the floodplain of the Cottonwood River so the city has been flooded many times--most recently in 1998. Many people of Elmdale came back to reclaim what they could but never returned to live here.

Cottonwood Falls: (pop. 903)

Chase County Courthouse (NRHP): 220 Broadway. The Chase County Courthouse is the oldest courthouse in the Midwest still in daily use. Completed in 1873, it is built from native limestone that was quarried and hand-cut in the Flint Hills. The limestone blocks, some weighing nearly seven tons, were brought to the courthouse by horse-drawn wagons. John Haskell, the main architect for the state capital, chose the Second Empire style for the courthouse.

Chase County Historical Museum (NRHP): 301 Broadway. The 1882 Chase County National Bank building is now the museum's home, which includes exhibits about the 1931 plane crash that killed eight people, including famed Notre Dame football coach, Knute Rockne.

Strong City: (pop. 485)

City was named in honor of William Barstow Strong, General Superintendent of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway.

Look for the 1900 limestone opera house on the corner of Fifth Street & Cottonwood Street.

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve: The mansion was built in 1881 for Stephen and Louisa Jones at a cost of $25,000. The massive, three-story barn cost $15,000 and was completed three years later. The property changed hands many times until 1994 when the National Park Trust purchased it. In 1996, the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve was created to protect The preserve protects the once vast tallgrass prairie ecosystem.

Morris County: Originally organized as Wise County in 1855, the county name was changed in 1859 to Morris after Thomas Morris, a U.S. Senator in 1832 from Ohio who was an opponent of slavery.
Council Grove: (pop. 2,114)
Named in 1825 after an agreement was made regarding the passage of wagon trains through the area on the Santa Fe Trail. U.S. Commissioners met with the chiefs of the Little and Great Osage Nations under a tree that became known as the “Council Oak.” The tree was destroyed in 1958 during a wind storm but the stump has been preserved.

Aldrich Apothecary: 115 W. Main St. 1920s soda fountain with marble counter, swivel stools, chrome spigots, and tile floor.

Farmers & Drovers Bank (NRHP): 201 W. Main St. Built in 1892. Note the Romanesque arches and a Byzantine dome and minarets.

Hays House Restaurant: 112 W. Main St. Built in 1857, it is the oldest continuously-operating restaurant west of the Mississippi River.

Kaw Mission State Historic Site and Museum: 500 N. Mission St. The Kaw Mission was built in 1851 as a school for boys from the Kaw (Kanza) tribe, for which the State of Kansas is named.

Seth Hays House (NRHP): 203 Wood St. Built in 1877 for Seth Hays, the first white settler who came to Council Grove on the Santa Fe Trail in the spring of 1847. Today it house is a museum operated by the Morris County Historical Society.

Terwillinger Home: 803 W. Main St. Inside is the Trail Days Café and Historical Museum. American Indian food along with Old World and Early American cuisine is served.

M-K-T Depot: 512 E. Main St. This Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway depot was built in 1894. It is only one of two KATY depots left in Kansas. (NRHP)

Neosho Riverwalk: Connects the Kaw Mission and the Guardian of the Grove statue. In the river, look for the natural rock bed, which was the place where the Santa Fe Trail crossed.

Custer Elm: George A. Custer and the companies of the 7th Cavalry camped beneath the towering elm while patrolling the Santa Fe Trail in 1867. The tree succumbed to Dutch Elm Disease in the mid-1970s. The stump is preserved at the site.
Today's Destination City: Baldwin City
Indoor Lodging at: Baldwin City Middle School
Lunch Stop: Osage City
Total Mileage: 82

**Directions:** Leave Council Grove heading east on US 56. Continue to junction with K-31. (Several lunch options in Osage City, turn right onto K-31 to Osage City).
Return to route heading north on K-31 to US 56. Continue through Burlingame, Scranton and Overbrook on US 56. Continue east to Baldwin City. Turn left onto Eisenhower St. to Middle School.
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Osage City Food Options

Poppy’s Warriors Relay for Life Benefit, Osage City Community Building, South K-170 Hwy and Stafford St. Restrooms available. Breakfast options, desserts, fruit, vegan and gluten-free offerings. Osage County Herald available for riders. Opens at 7 am.

Osage City High School Wrestling Club and PTA, High School Cafeteria, 515 Ellinwood. Variety, including vegan options.

Zion Lutheran Church of Vassar, Fruit, wraps, biscuits/gravy, dessert, snacks, homemade ice cream.

Barkin Dawgs BBQ & Catering, Market Street at 5th Street. Opens at 9 am.
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Route Guide

From Council Grove

Middle School

US 56 Hwy.

To Louisburg

Baldwin City

BAK Breakfast

Saturday, June 13

Chris Cakes serving at 5:30 am in the school.
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Baldwin City Food Options

**SUPPER Friday June 12**
Food and entertainment downtown. Transportation will be provided to downtown Baldwin City.
Homemade ice cream at the Jr. High School from an area vendor.

Baker University: Buffet style, multi selections with Some vegetarian/vegan ($10.00).

Baldwin 1st Church: Lasagna, (vegetarian lasagna also) salad, bread, homemade pies, and a drink ($15.00).

LAC: Hamburgers (Reg & Vegetarian) chips, cobblers, drinks.

Masonic Hall (OES): Chicken & Noodles, salad, vegetable, roll, dessert, and drinks ($15.00)

**BAK BREAKFAST Saturday June 13**
Chris Cakes starting at 5:30 am at the school.

History Notes: June 12

**Lyon County:** Named for General Nathaniel Lyon, who was killed at the Battle of Wilson’s Creek in the Civil War.

**Allen: (pop. 177)** Founded in 1854, it was a station along the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

**Admire: (pop. 156)** Founded in 1886 as a station along the Missouri Pacific Railroad and named after a local company’s president. The town hoped to be a major trading center, but it never materialized—primarily due to the lack of water. The town has always been pronounced “AD-mire.”

**Rapp School, District No. 50 (NRHP):** U.S. Route 56. One-room, eight-grade schoolhouse with original desk and textbooks. The first school on the site was a one-story, wooden building and was finished in 1871. The current building was built in 1929.
Osage City: (pop. 2,899) Incorporated in 1872 and was named for the Osage Nation. It began as a coal mining community.

Osage City Depot (NRHP): 5th and Market. This historic Santa Fe Railroad Depot has been restored and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Burlingame: (pop. 934) Originally named Council City and an important stop on the Santa Fe Trail. The name was changed in 1858 in after Anson Burlingame, who was involved in anti-slavery efforts. The underpass on the east edge of town is the first point where the “Santa Fe Railway crosses the Santa Fe Trail.”

Scranton: (pop. 724) Located on the Santa Fe Trail, this was once a busy mining town. It was named after the coal mining community of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Overbrook: (pop. 1,042) Founded in 1888 and named after Overbrook, Pennsylvania, the hometown of a railroad engineer.

Baldwin City: (pop. 4,540) The Santa Fe Trail passed through the city.


Midland Railroad Historical Association: 1515 High St. The association operates vintage trains which take passengers on a 20-mile round trip to Ottawa Junction and back. The trains operate on a line built in 1867.

Baker University: Founded in 1858, it is the oldest four-year college in Kansas. Two of the school’s buildings are on the NRHP: Parmenter Hall and Case Library.
Today's Destination: Missouri State Line

Celebration Dinner: Louisburg

Total Mileage: 43

Directions: Leave Baldwin City heading east on US 56 to Edgerton. In Edgerton, exit from US 56 onto 199th St. Continue east on 199th St. to stop light at US 169 in Spring Hill. USE CAUTION, heavy traffic on US 169. Cross US 169 and continue to Webster St. Continue to Hale St. and turn left. Continue to Frank St. and turn right. Continue south on Frank St., (which becomes Woodland Rd. at the Miami county line) and continue to 223rd St. Turn left on to 223rd St. and Continue to Lackman. Right turn onto Lackman and continue to 247th St. Left turn onto 247th St. and continue east to Missouri State Line. From Missouri line, head back west on 247th St. to Rockville Rd and turn left. Head south on Rockville to Louisburg. See directions to Celebration dinner at Louisburg High School on page 74.
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**Johnson County:** Named for Reverend Thomas Johnson, Johnson County was officially organized in September 1857.

**Edgerton: (pop. 1,700)** Founded in 1870 when the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway was extended to this point. The city was named after the chief engineer of the railroad.

**Gardner: (pop. 20,473)** Gardner was founded where California Trail, Santa Fe Trail, and Oregon Trail divided and is named after Massachusetts Governor Gardner.

**Spring Hill: (pop. 5,437)** Incorporated in 1857. Founded by James B. Hovey, who named the city after an Alabama town. Celia Ann Dayton, a physician from Vermont, became the first female doctor in Kansas when she moved to Spring Hill. The pro-confederate Quantrill’s Raiders looted businesses in 1863 and stole from local farmers with one person reportedly killed.
Miami County: Native American Indian tribes were the first to settle in the 1820s through the 1840s. When Kansas Territory was incorporated in 1854, Miami County and surrounding areas experienced violence between abolitionists and the “Border Ruffians” of Missouri.

Louisburg: (pop. 4,315) Around 1827, the Confederated Tribes of Wea, Peoria and Kaskaskia Indians lived in the area. Around 1854, the first pioneer John W. Chaudoins settled in what was called the Little St. Louis area. When the railroad came to town, the name was changed to Louisburg in the early 1870s to avoid confusion with “big” St. Louis, Missouri. There was a fair amount of disorder because Louisburg was a boom-town and also due to the conflicts between the Free-State Jayhawkers and the pro-slavery Missouri Raiders.

Louisburg Cider Mill: 14730 K68 Highway. In 1977 an old, 120-year old, neglected barn was renovated and the first jug of apple cider was made. Apples are pressed and made into cider and sold from the adjacent barn along with other local products.

Powell Observatory: 26000 Melrose St. Built in 1985 by members of the Astronomical Society of Kansas City with the help of a grant from the Powell family of Kansas City. The observatory is the home of the Ruisinger telescope, one of the largest telescopes available for public viewing in a five-state area.

Cedar Cove Feline Conservatory and Education Center: east of town on U.S. Route 68. Home to many large cats including tigers, cougars, and even wolves.