

# Jewell County



A HANDMADE WOODEN TRAIN entices children and adults to play in the park in Mankato.

## Town shows heritage

Mankato, the county seat of Jewell County, has an attractive downtown just north of U.S. 36. It's worth a few minutes, or more, for a tour.

Turn-of-the-century buildings line Commercial Street. Notice the ornate brick bank.

The Ute Theatre has been refurbished and is showing movies again. The Mankato Library is in a handsome building originally built as a YMCA.

The old stone jail, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is being restored. It's a perfect expression of the optimism that led earlier Kansans to build such fancy and permanent public works.

The old jail is now one of several buildings that make up the Jewell County Historical Society Museum.

The county was organized in 1870 and named in honor of Lt. Col. Lewis R. Jewell, 6th Kansas Cavalry, who died Nov. 30, 1862, of wounds received in the battle of Cane Hill, Ark.

William G. Cutler's "History of Kansas," first published in 1883, tells about early Jewell County.

The Special Collections of the library at Wichita State University contain historical images of Mankato, Jewell, Burr Oak, Ionia and Esbon.

The Kansas State Historical Society has more historical data for Jewell County on-line, including a rich bibliography and lists of cemeteries, post offices, and newspapers.

Here are some statistics about Jewell County towns:

## Schedule

With a population of a little under 1,000, Mankato offers restaurants, churches, organizations, entertainment and special events.

Upcoming events in Mankato include:

- Jewell County Junior Miss Pageant - April



THE OLD STONE JAIL (above) is part of the Jewell County Historical Society Museum. The jail, which is being restored, is on the National Register of Historic Places and the courthouse (below) is made of native stone. — Photos by Cynthia Haynes

- Lovewell Reservoir, in a hilly section of northern Jewell County, is one of the prettiest lakes in the state. There is also a state park there.

- The Ute Theater in downtown Mankato has been refurbished and is showing movies again.

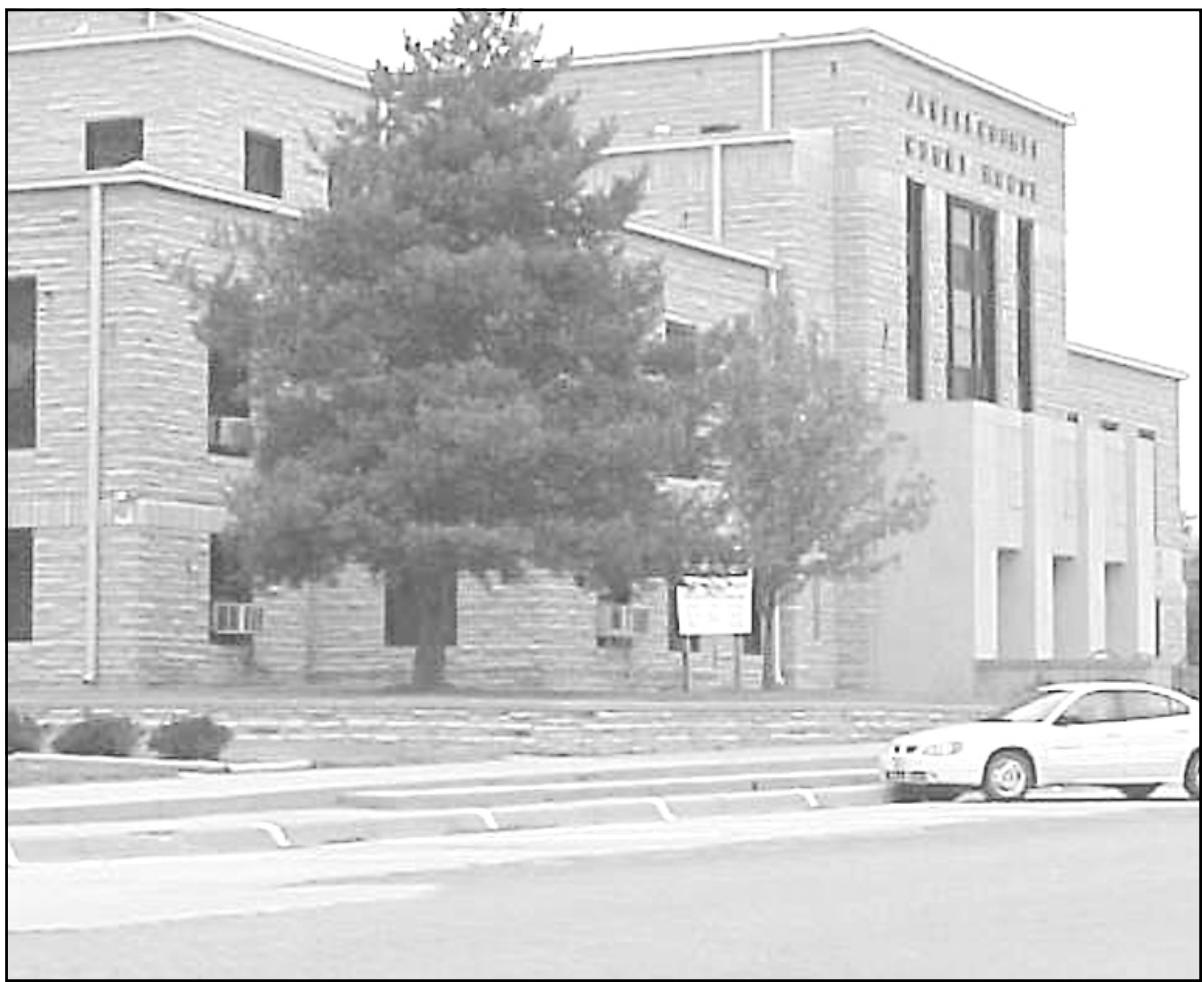
- The Jewell County Historical Society in Mankato has two large store buildings on Commercial Street crammed full of exhibits and artifacts.

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### MUSEUMS

- Palmer Printing Museum, 104 S. Washington, Jewell.

- Jewell County Historical Museum, Mankato.



- Threshing Bee and Antique Engine Show - 3rd weekend in July

- Jewell County Fair - last week in July

- Old Settlers Celebration - Summer months

- Farmer's Market - 3rd weekend in October