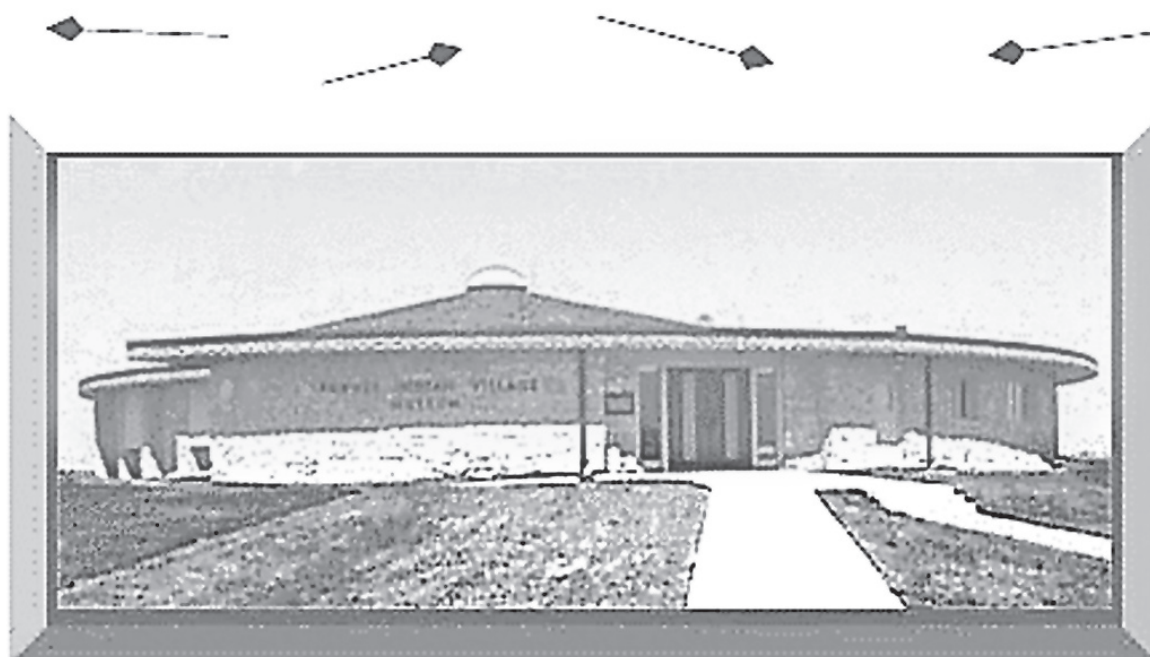


Republic County



Fun figures, like the one above, can be found at the Boyer Museum of Animated Carvings in Belleville. A historical must-see is the Pawnee Village near the town of Republic.



PAWNEE INDIAN VILLAGE STATE HISTORIC SITE

History, excitement, fun get together

Republic County is packed with things to do, places to see, good food to eat and unique items to buy.

The Pawnee Indian Village located near the community of Republic is a stop you won't want to miss. The site features thousands of artifacts that tell the story of the Pawnee Nation. It is a Kansas State Historic Site and was one of the 24 finalists in the Eight Wonders of Kansas contest. Call 785-361-2255 for information.

The Boyer Museum of Animated Carvings is located in Belleville. This popular and mystifying attraction is open Wednesday through Saturday from 1-5 p.m., May through September and other times by appointment. The phone number is 785-527-5884. Boyer Museum is filled with amazing animated carvings created by Paul Boyer and it is a must see.

Belleville, at the crossroads of U.S. 36 and four-lane U.S. 81, is the county seat. The downtown features an art deco style courthouse on a beautiful town square. Belleville offers some unique shopping including antique stores, homemade fudge, a destination quilt shop, and a destination home décor store and coffee shop.

Belleville is dedicated to preserving history. The Republic County Historical Society Museum complex on U.S. 36 is well worth visiting. The High Banks Hall of Fame National Midget Auto Racing Museum was developed to honor the history of auto racing on the Belleville High Banks race track. The Belleville Public Library houses a WPA Museum Project Art Collection. WPA projects to view around town are the above mentioned Courthouse, the swimming pool, the band shell in the park, and the stone grandstand.

Of course, Belleville is most famous for the fastest half mile oval dirt track in the world. Belleville is home to the Midget Nationals races. Other racing events are held in the summer as well. The NCK Kansas Free Fair is the largest

and longest running free fair in the state. It has a combination of 4-H, FFA, open class and commercial exhibits and flea market, entertainment and activities all week.

Belleville Area Chamber hosts a Home & Garden show in the Spring every year and the Autumn Days festival which is a day of crafts, games, entertainment and food is held each October.

Belleville has a tourist information center which serves free coffee, gives friendly directions and has Kansas tourism pamphlets. Crafts and gifts are for sale and there is an area to walk dogs.

Belleville is proud to be the host of the Kansas Junior Miss scholarship program and it is held in March. The Historic Blair Theater has been renovated and will be reopening this year and will offer first run movies as well as capabilities for live performances on the reconstructed stage.

The community of Cuba has a rich Czechoslovakian heritage. You can buy ethnic Czech meats or stroll through the Cuba National Geographic Gallery to see 30 years of photos by Jim Richardson National Geographic photographer. The Gallery is part of an antique mall. Cuba hosts two festivals during the year. The Harvest Festival in July and the week long Cuba Rock-a-thon is in the spring. Also worth coming to see is a stone statue of an immigrant Czech family. For more information on Cuba call 785-729-3861 weekday mornings.

Close to Cuba is the community of Agenda where you will find a unique antique and gift store and also an old fashioned soda fountain. Be sure to stop in and see the courtyard with the new mural.

Narka Kansas has the annual Narka Dinner Theater always held in April. A group of "locals" team together to put on a production that always tickles the funny bone. This year it is "Right Bed, Wrong Husband."

The community of Munden has the privilege of hosting the Republic Co.

Czech Festival. There are two festivals, one in the spring and one in the fall.

The community of Scandia has a strong Scandinavian heritage. The Scandia museum helps preserve that heritage. There is an antique mall and a Scandinavian boutique and other unique shopping available. Scandia hosts the River Fest each summer. There is a historic bed and breakfast near Scandia.

On the way to Courtland you will find the Depot Market and Cider Mill which offers a variety of homegrown Kansas products and produce. The Courtland Arts Center features traveling art displays. Their website is courtlandarts.com. Courtland also hosts a popular summer event in July; Courtland Fun

Day. Near Courtland is the White Rock Buffalo Ranch which offers buffalo and wildflower tours. For more information on the Buffalo Ranch call 785-374-4390.

The Belleville Country Club and Buffalo Park at Scandia offer great golfing opportunities.

Rock Pond Park in Belleville has RV camp sites with all the hook-ups and needed facilities. Republic County boasts some of the best hunting in the nation; pheasant, quail, turkey, deer and dove availability.

In most of these communities you can also find some mighty fine dining.

For more information about Republic Co. contact the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce 785-527-5524.

Events Schedule

Northern Exposure Cattle Show, April 12-13, fairground, Belleville
 Republic County Czech Festival, April 13, Munden
 Ignite 2008 Music Festival, April 20, Belleville City Park Band Shell
 Narka Dinner Theater, April 24, 25 & 26, Narka
 Miss Republic Co. Scholarship Program, May 31, Republic Co. High School, Belleville
 O'Reilly NCRA 360 Sprint Series, June 15, Belleville High Banks
 Mid America Youth Basketball Tournament (MAYB), June 27-29, Republic Co. schools
 O'Reilly NCRA Late Models and Modifieds, July 4, Belleville High Banks
 Farmer's Market, Every Sat. morning July 5-Sept. 27, downtown Belleville
 River Fest, July 12, Scandia
 Cuba Harvest Festival, July 19, Cuba
 World of Outlaws Late Model, July 20, Belleville High Banks
 Courtland Fun Day, July 25-26, Courtland
 NCK Free Fair July 29-August 2, Fairgrounds Belleville
 Cruiser Cars, July 29, Belleville, High Banks
 O'Reilly All-Star Circuit of Champions, July 31, Belleville High Banks
 31st Annual Belleville Midget Nationals, August 1-2, Belleville High Banks
 Belleville Modified Nationals, August 11, Belleville High Banks
 O'Reilly NCRA & Tora Late Models with NCRA Modifieds, August 31, Belleville High Banks
 Great US Hwy 36 Treasure Hunt, September 19-21
 Autumn Days Festival, October 4, downtown Belleville
 Downtown Market, 1st & 3rd Saturdays October - June, downtown Belleville
 Republic County Fall Czech Festival, October 26, Munden
 Scare on the Square, October Date TBA, Downtown Belleville
 Touchstone Craft Fair, November 1, Belleville
 Veteran's Day Parade, November 11, downtown Belleville
 Christmas on the Square, November 28, downtown Belleville
 Cuba Hometown Christmas, November 29, Cuba
 Victorian Christmas Lighting Festival, November 30, Scandia
 Note: Belleville High Banks race dates are tentative—call prior to travel