



CONCORDIA, KANSAS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2-3, 2026

EVENTS

Listed by start time

Friday, October 2, 2026

5 PM -

Happy Hour and Brisket

Warehouse 315 - 315 W 5th St

9 PM

Relaxed event space that will have Happy Hour Drinks and Brisket Dinners available throughout the evening. There's a hang-out-and-chat atmosphere, so come for dinner and/or drinks after.

6 PM -

American Legion Post 76 Steak Night

506 Washington St

8:30 PM

The folks at the Concordia American Legion will be cooking up steak, burgers, and chicken. There will be a salad bar and more. Watch for the "Special" of the night which will be shared before the event. Accepts Cards.

6:30 PM

Evening Nature Walk with Audubon of Kansas

Airport Park - Adjacent to US-81 on south edge of the city
Our friends from Audubon of Kansas will host an evening nature walk to highlight native plants, animals, and birds in the Concordia area. Look for their wrapped truck for starting location in the park.

7:30 PM

Salute to America Concert

Brown Grand Theatre - 310 W 6th St

Celebrate the Spirit of America with an evening of vibrant music featuring the bold sounds of the Salina Symphony Brass Quintet alongside the dynamic energy of the McPherson College Jazz Band. General Admission tickets available online and at the door.

OPEN TO

The Break Pad Late Night - Make and Take with Tours

137 E 7th St

9 PM

This retro gas station isn't fueling cars anymore - it's fueling creativity. Owners Sarah and Lucas Chavey will offer tours and a free giveaway in addition to their plant bar and painting projects available late evening. Open Saturday hours as well.

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Saturday, October 3, 2026

8 AM -

Concordia Lutheran Church Breakfast - 325 E 8th St

Enjoy a breakfast of casseroles, cinnamon rolls, and coffee to start of your BKRT day. Meal is free-will donation as a fundraiser for youth programs.

10:30 AM

8 AM -

Fire Department Pancake Feed - 701 Washington St

ESupport the Concordia Fire Department and gobble up some pancakes for a free will donation. Raffles will be available at the event.

1 PM

8:30 AM

Morning Nature Walk with Audubon of Kansas

Airport Park - Adjacent to US-81 on south edge of the city
Join friends from Audubon of Kansas who will host a morning nature walk.

10 AM

Kickoff Celebration - With Cake! - Broadway Plaza

Begin the day connecting with fellow explorers, hearing introductions and event updates, and playing some trivia. There will be cupcakes to celebrate many birthdays. *Cake provided by Simple Seed Station.*
Bring your own lawn chair.

PARADE

AT 1 PM

Cloud County Toy Run Service Project

Toy drop offs at Broadway Plaza and Warehouse 315

Parade on 6th St at 1:00pm

Give back in a big way by bringing new toys to share with this local Toy Drive. You can drop off toys any time on Saturday at Broadway Plaza and Warehouse 315. Watch the motorcycle parade beginning at 1:00pm downtown.

9 AM &

1 PM

Historic Tours of the Brown Grand Theatre - 310 W 6th St

Tour the magnificent Brown Grand Theatre and learn more of the history of this special building. Donations are welcome and theatre merchandise will be available.

9 AM -

3 PM

Artist Demonstration and Author Signing

Frank Carlson Library - 702 Broadway

Local author Lindsey Metcalf will speak and hold book signings from 11am-3pm.

Local artist Gena Kearn will share two presentations, "The Wonder of Stained Glass" at 1:00pm and "Colored Pencil Celtic Art 2:00pm.

9 AM -

11 AM

Zion Lutheran Church Open - 117 W 8th St

The inside of the church will be open to view their historic altar. And, find the Pete Felten Sculpture just outside the back door any time.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

SATURDAY EVENTS Listed by start time

- 10 AM - 4 PM**

Anna Laura Hill Hat Making and Period Card Games
National Orphan Train Complex - 300 Washington St
Join in some classic creativity and fun by making an Anna Laura Hill Hat and playing turn-of-the-Century card games while visiting the National Orphan Train Complex.
- 10 AM - 2 PM**

Manna House of Prayer Open House - 323 E 5th St
Visit the site of the original motherhouse and first hospital for the Sisters of St. Joseph. The sisters will have quilts that they have made for sale.
- 10 AM - 2 PM**

Nazareth Convent Open House - 1300 Washington St
Tour the historic Nazareth Convent, home to the Sisters of St. Joseph, at your own pace. Guides will be stationed around the building to share information and stories with visitors.
- 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

Whole Wall Mural Tours
Cloud County Tourism - 130 E 6th St
Find out more about the making of the Whole Wall Mural that decorates the east wall of the Cloud County Tourism Office.
- 11 AM - 1 PM**

"Bobbie and Dot's" Chili Recipe Lunch
Nazareth Convent - 1300 Washington St
Enjoy the locally beloved "Bobbie and Dot's" recipe chili lunch with a side of cinnamon rolls at the beautiful Nazareth Convent.
- 11 AM & 3 PM**

Ghost Tours of the Brown Grand Theatre - 310 W 6th St
These two tour times will highlight any ghostly presences with live investigation demonstrations. Donations are welcome and theatre merchandise will be available.
- 11 AM - 3:30 PM**

Blosser Municipal Airport Tours - 3015 Blosser Cir
Learn more about the Airport and its operations with a static aircraft display (weather permitting), and tours of the airport, fuel system, and box hangar.
- 11 AM & 2 PM**

German WWII POW Camp Concordia Tours - 1557 Union Rd
From 1943 to 1945, land just north of Concordia was used to house 4,027 German POW's in 304 buildings. See one of the remaining buildings and learn more about this important history.
- 11 AM - 3:30 PM**

Bankers Loan and Trust Building Open House
109 E 6th St
Get a behind-the-scenes look around this gem of a building in downtown Concordia.
- 11 AM - 2 PM**

CrossPoint Church Dessert Fundraiser 803 Valley St
Pick up a sweet treat from this dessert fundraiser. Check out where the church meets in the old Lincoln Elementary School. Peanut free zone.
- 11 AM - 3:30 PM**

Spilling the Tea in Concordia - 124 W 6th St
Inspired by the gossip column - I mean news column - published monthly by the mysterious Lady Shirley of Concordia, choose from a menu board of local storeis at this storytelling stop. Simple Seed Station will have a pop-up shop here too.
- 11 AM, 11:30 AM & NOON**

Talking Tombstones of the Civil War Veterans
Pleasant Hill Cemetery - 480 W 18th St
Step into the stories etched in stone as Nathan Edson DAR Chapter members welcome visitors to discover the lives, service, and local history of Civil War veterans.
- 11 AM - 3:30 PM**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Open House
307 E 5th St
The congregation will have the doors open and a table with historical information set-up during this time. Mass is available at 5:00pm.
- 1 PM - 3 PM**

The Inn at 210 Cookies in the Courtyard - 210 W 7th St
Enjoy cookies in a relaxed courtyard while visiting with fellow explorers and locals. Cookies provided by local bakers and businesses. Free Will Donation appreciated.
- 2 PM**

Tour of Cloud Ceramics - 1716 Quail Rd
There will be a one-time tour of the factory which is an 8 Wonder of Kansas Commerce finalist. Tour limited to the first 20 RSVP's received by the Cloud County Tourism Office by calling 785.243.4303.
- 3 PM**

CCCC Drone Show and Open House - 2221 Campus Dr
Learn about the Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS/Drones) program offered by Cloud County Community College. A drone demonstration will be the highlight during this time on campus.
- 4 PM**

Closing Party - Broadway Plaza
Bring your lawn chairs back to the Plaza to celebrate the day and share your favorite finds with explorers and locals! Enjoy s'mores together. Prizes will be awarded for visits to storytelling stops around town.
- 4:30 PM - 8 PM**

American Legion Fried Chicken Dinner
506 Washington St
Wrap up your time in Concordia with this Fried Chicken Buffet Dinner. Meal includes a salad bar, mashed potatoes & gravy, and a veggie. Cost is \$13. Cards Accepted
- 6 PM**

Ticketed Ghost Tour of the Brown Grand Theatre
310 W 6th St
Live investigation of the Theatre led by Tonya Merrill. You won't want to miss this exclusive! Tickets are required and limited to the first 40 people. Call the theatre at 785.243.2553 for ticketing information.



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

ATTRACTIONS

11 AM -

3:30 PM

Bankers Loan and Trust Building - 109 E 6th

With its graceful archways, wrap-around stairs, and distinctive oriel window, this stunning 1888 Queen Ann brick beauty is a showpiece of craftsmanship and character at the heart of Concordia's downtown.

7 AM -

7 PM

Big Chair - 835 Broadway

Bring your friends (up to 8!) and take a seat in the "Largest Chair in North Central Kansas." Climb up -- easy-access steps make it simple -- and snap the perfect photo.

7 AM -

7 PM

Boston Corbett Dugout Site - 7 miles S and 3.5 miles east

Boston Corbett, the man who allegedly shot John Wilkes Booth, Lincoln's assassin, homesteaded here. Stone steps lead you through a gate to an informative plaque on a stone pillar. To see the slight indentation that remains from his dugout, pass through another turnstile.

7 AM -

7 PM

Broadway Plaza - Corner of Broadway and 6th St

A splash pad, public restrooms, and a place for outdoor entertainment borders the main thoroughfare.

TOURS

Brown Grand Theatre - 310 W 6th

Restored to its 1907 glory, this 650-seat theatre features gold decorative molding and lights around the proscenium arch, brass rails in front of the box seats, and forest green curtains behind them. Open for various tour times.

8 AM -

2 PM

Cloud County Historical Museum - 835 Broadway

A 1928 Lincoln-Page biplane, a Boston Corbett exhibit, a replica letter from Martha Washington, agricultural displays, and WWII POW Camp memorabilia, are just a few reasons to visit this museum housed in a 1908 Carnegie library.

11 AM &

2 PM

Cloud County Historical Museum Annex & Cloud County Tourism and Whole Wall Mural - 130 E 6th

Just look for the Whole Wall Mural and then go inside to find clean restrooms, a gift shop filled with Kansas items and friendly staff to help you know what there is to see and do in the area. There are also exhibits on display from the Cloud County Historical Museum.

7 AM -

7 PM

Fairview Cemetery - 2.5 miles west and 4 miles northwest

A more-than-fair view, a sundial, sidewalks that date to the early 1900s, a stepping stone into family sections, and many French (surname) gravestones make this an interesting stop. William J. French deeded the tract of land for the cemetery in 1879.

9 AM -

3 PM

Frank Carlson Library - 702 Broadway

A room in the public library honors Frank Carlson, former Kansas governor, U.S. congressman, and U.S. senator. Political cartoons, mementos, stained glass windows, and information provide a snapshot of Carlson's life during the 1950s and 1960s, and his elephant collection is a reminder of his Republican Party affiliation.

TOURS

German WWII POW Camp Concordia - 1557 Union Rd

Inside the tin-clad former camp warehouse you'll learn about the 304 buildings that once stood here, including housing for 4,000 German POWs, a hospital, and the administration buildings for 880 American soldiers.

7 AM -

7 PM

Giant Sphere - Corner of 8th and Washington

In front of the courthouse, powerful jets of water keep a massive 1,800-pound granite sphere gently floating and spinning atop a fountain pedestal — a striking sight that seems almost impossible until you see it in motion.

10 AM -

4 PM

National Orphan Train Complex - 300 Washington St

The story of orphan trains that ran from 1854 to 1929 is told through compelling photos, interpretive signage, and outstanding artifacts including a ledger with names of actual riders at this immersive museum.

TOURS

+ LUNCH

Nazareth Motherhouse, Lourdes Park & Grotto

1300 Washington St

The Sisters of St. Joseph arrived in Concordia in 1884. They built this awe inspiring Gothic style motherhouse to use as a retirement home, where they still reside today.

7 AM -

7 PM

Orphan Train Statue Stroll - Throughout Town

Each statue honors the life of a real Orphan Train Rider including a plaque with their unique story paired with every statue.

7 AM -

7 PM

Pete Felten Sculpture - 117 W 8th

Find this small carved statue by renowned Hays, KS artist Pete Felten tucked into a garden near the rear door of the Zion Lutheran Church building.

7 AM -

7 PM

Pleasant Hill Cemetery - Corner of W 18th and Cedar

The arched memorial to the Brown family of Brown Grand Theatre fame stands at the south end of the cemetery. Note the unusual epitaphs.

FILM

TIMES

VIP Majestic 4 Theater - 229 W 6th

With four screens, this local theater brings first run films into the center of Concordia. Check the website for show times.

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RESTAURANTS

11 AM -

Easy G Sports Grill - 101 W 6th

Easy G's Sports Grill brings the energy to downtown Concordia with a great-looking space, a variety of burgers, and wings worth the extra napkins.

2 AM

11 AM -

El Puerto Mexican restaurant - 219 W 6th

Find all the favorite Mexican dishes, with a daily special, that will satisfy the entire family.

10 PM

11 AM -

Gambino's Pizza - 130 W 6th

With unique pizza offerings like the Asian BBQ Pizza, the Jalapeno Popper Pizza, and the Taco Pizza, along with the classics, you'll enjoy a slice - or ten - from this locally loved Gambino's location.

10 PM

7 AM -

Jitters Coffee House - 221 W 6th

Jitter's may be the name, but calm is what you'll find once you step inside. Flavorful coffee, fresh-baked treats, crisp salads, and a light menu of sandwiches make it an easy favorite for a relaxing break.

2 PM

NOON

Little Miss B - 216 W 6th

If it's sweetness you're after, Little Miss B's delivers in every delicious form imaginable. From creamy hard-packed ice cream to irresistible cookies, handcrafted cakes, fresh-baked treats, and refreshing smoothies, there's something to satisfy every craving.

9:30 PM

4 PM -

Maverick's Steakhouse - 103 W 7th

Indoor and outdoor seating make this evening steakhouse great for anything from solo dining to a large party.

8 PM

6 AM -

Me & Ma's Bakery - 134 W 6th

Featuring Daylight Donuts, including donut holes, pop in for a sweet start to your Saturday at this bustling bakery.

10 AM

6 AM -

Mi Ranchito - 510 State

Serving breakfast and lunch all day, this Tex-Mex spot will be a family favorite.

10 AM

6 AM -

The Grind Coffee House - 128 E 6th

This shop honors the spirit of Concordia while providing space for connecting and conversations, all over a perfectly brewed cup of coffee.

10 AM

SHOP STOPS

10 AM -

6th Street Fashions & Footwear - 218 W 6th

Stay on top of the trends in both clothing, footwear, handbags, and KSU branded items.

5 PM

8:30 AM -

Britt's Gifts & Vintage Finds - 116 W 6th

Find the perfect gift for anyone on your list. There will be a special display of Kansas-made foods and gifts curated for the BKRT.

4 PM

10 AM -

Catholic Thrift Shop - 107 E 6th

With a mission to help the community by providing items at low cost to those with material needs, the proceeds of this shop also benefit the local community through monthly donations.

3 PM

11 AM -

Cloud County Tourism Gift Shop - 130 E 6th

In addition to having all the right answers about visiting Cloud County, the gift shop inside the tourism office is stocked with books, art, and gifts with Concordia and Kansas themes.

3:30 PM

10 AM -

Feldkamp's Furniture - 224 W 6th

Part of the Feldkamp Furniture family of businesses, this Concordia location sells furniture in classic to modern styles with exceptional customer service and affordable prices.

5 PM

9 AM -

Long Stem Gardens - 206 W 6th

Personal connections are a priority for this family owned flower shop that stocks fresh blooms and special gifts all year round.

NOON

8 AM -

Sherwin-Williams Paint Store - 114 E 6th

With trusted customer service and high quality paints, Sherwin-Williams has all of your painting supplies under one roof.

5 PM

10 AM -

The Break Pad - 137 E 7th

This retro gas station isn't fueling cars anymore — it's fueling creativity! Stop in to "fill up" your imagination with colorful, eye-catching succulent arrangements, or roll up your sleeves and design your own.

4 PM

9 AM -

The Flower Gallery - 125 W 6th

A homegrown family owned and operated florist that has been in business for more than twenty years, they have flower arrangements for all your special occasions.

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