



*It's about family fun  
on the most famous road  
in America - Route 66*

**Saturday,  
May 5, 2018  
from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Sponsored by the 13 communities which make up the 90-mile linear museum from Joliet to Towanda, the annual festival invites everyone to experience the good life in the slow lane.

Each community will produce its own events. From full-blown festivals to antique and craft sales, art sales, car and motorcycle shows, and live entertainment, everyone is sure to discover something unique.

Food, snacks and treats will be in abundance, and there are plenty of historic sites, outstanding free museums and unique mom and pop businesses to help create a nostalgic journey for all to enjoy. Visitors can simply enjoy the drive, or stop and get out of the car to have their picture taken with Elvis, or do a little shopping in any of the great stores along the Mother Road.



**Saturday, May 5, 2018**  
*Come take a ride on the Red Carpet  
on Historic Route 66*  
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# Come experience and explore, the Red Carpet Corridor!

## Joliet

Joliet Area Historical Museum, 204 N. Ottawa St.. Free admission - Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pick up 2018 commemorative giveaway here and throughout the year. Visit the original intersection of Route 66 and Lincoln Highway at Cass & Chicago Streets with family friendly activities throughout downtown. Visit the Museum Pop-Up Store at the Old Joliet Prison Park, 1125 N. Collins St. and learn more about plans for the site. Race Your Ride at the Route 66 Raceway 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Enter Gate 11, from Route 53 (Historic Route 66). More info contact 815-723-5201.

## Elwood

Saturday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Elwood Village Hall, 401 E. Mississippi Ave. Historic information and welcome center - Antique tractors, quaint downtown, Douglas Street Wayside Exhibit featuring Rosie the Riveter and Arsenal Worker statues. Original Route 66 pavement. Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. You may pick up a commemorative giveaway at the Elwood Village Hall. More info contact: 815-423-5011

## Wilmingon

Locate Chamber tent at north end of downtown vendors for commemorative giveaway. Large flea market until 4 p.m., entertainment starting at 11 a.m., laughing baby contest, children Hula contest, hound dog contest, dance performance, food and more. Remaining collectible available at Nelly's Restaurant while supplies last. More info contact: 815-922-7966

## Braidwood

Visit the Braidwood Area Historical Society Museum, 111 N. Center St. On Route 66, live music from noon-3 p.m. welcoming back Silverstrings Acoustic Trio! Enjoy delicious BBQ with Brother George's BBQ, baked goods and craft display. Polk-a-Dot will also have a car show.

## Godley

Visit the Route 66 Mining Museum to pick up 2018 commemorative giveaway. Wagging Tails Pet Rescue, Jammie 'Johnny' DJ. More info contact 815-458-2222 or 815-405-1906

## Braceville

Village Office parking lot, (corner of Mitchell & Rt. 53) for commemorative giveaway - Baked goods sold by the United Methodist Church, Junk-in-the-Trunk sale, Historical display by Alice Creech, lunch at the Wicked Cricket on Rt. 53. For more information, 815-237-8655.

## Gardner

Meet & Greet with the Mayor at Two-Cell Jail for commemorative giveaway. Gardner Lions serving root beer floats in the Diner Car. Gardner Archives open at the Village Hall, Scapagoats Car Show 8-5 Depot Street parking lot, Church of Hope Rock-a-thon at the Gazebo, Spencer's Antiques & Resale open on Liberty Street. Every Buddies Pub & Grub on Depot Street serving the special of the day. More info contact: 815.237.2592 Remaining collectibles available at the Village Hall during normal business hours

## Dwight

The 7th annual Rte 66 Smoke Out BBQ contest and Springfest on Friday and Saturday at GABR Park. Over 40 teams competing in Kansas City BBQ Society sanctioned event. Food, entertainment, and fun for the kids. The Rt. 66 Historic Gas Station open, meet "Texaco Man". Maps & brochures available to tour Barn Quilts, Dogs on Parade and historic sites. All Town Garage sales May 4-6. Get commemorative giveaway at Texaco Welcome Center, 417 W. Waupansie St. More info contact: 815-584-1830

The 2018 commemorative giveaway from each town available while supply lasts

## Odell

Historic 1932 Standard Oil Gas Station on Rt. 66. Historic Subway, Souvenirs, Soda, Nostalgia for Sale. Pour Farmers Pub, 815-998-2556 Rentz's Tap & Dining (reservations 815-998-2383 More info contact: 815-998-2133

## Pontiac

Visit the Pontiac Community Art Center, 209 W. Madison St., to pick up commemorative giveaway. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Trunkin Treasure Sale in downtown Pontiac and four fabulous Museums, Saturday 7 p.m. – *Bells in Motion* Concert at the Eagle Theater, 319 N Plum Street, \$10 individual, \$20 family. Special pricing for RCC attendees who collect all 13, 2018 collectibles - \$6 per person or \$12 for family. For more info: 815-844-5847

## Chenoa

Cruise-in sponsored by Midwest Real Street Machines, a semi-show, flea market, inflatables for children, food, and live music. The Chenoa Women's Club has town-wide garage sales on Friday and Saturday. Pick up commemorative giveaway at the booth in front of the vendor tent on the street. Any leftovers will be available at the Chenoa Pharmacy.

## Lexington

Lexington's activities will be located on Main St., downtown Lexington. Live music, family activities, vendors, food and vintage car/truck display. More info contact: 309-365-3331

## Towanda

Rt. 66 car show and DJ noon - 4 p.m., Pinup contest 2 p.m., vendor market along old 66 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tour the Historic Duncan Manor and enjoy local vendors, live music, food and a cash bar 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Commemorative giveaway will be available at the RCC booth on Rt. 66. Pickup at Kicks on 66 Bar & Grill after the festival. More info contact: 309-340-4491



Come on out and catch some great memories!

## Exelon's Fishing for a Cure

Saturday,  
May 12, 2018

### Kid's Fishing Derby

Godley Park District pond • Children 12 & under  
Registration kids 12 & under starts 9 a.m. (\$5 fee)  
competition 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. • Lunch included

### Bass Tournament

Braidwood Cooling Lake (south ramp), 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
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On May 5th, Route 66 Raceway will give fans a variety of opportunities to check out the first true stadium of drag racing. Fans will have the opportunity to take photos at the facility, tour the facility or for those who want to take a pass down the drag strip, register for the Race Your Ride event and be a part of history. More information can be found at [www.route66raceway.com](http://www.route66raceway.com).

Drive through the awe-inspiring Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery just South of Elwood. Look for the bronze statue of our 16th President.

Visit Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie's Welcome Center and Iron Bridge Trailhead for a special button, natural resources expo and explore the prairie. Watch for bison!

A side trip worth making is to the Braidwood Area Historical Society Museum, 111 N. Center St. This historic train depot was moved from Rt. 66.

See the 100-year-old horse-drawn streetcar that once served as a diner in the 1930s. Located next to historic two-cell jail in Gardner.

A can't miss stop is the Texaco Welcome Center in Dwight.

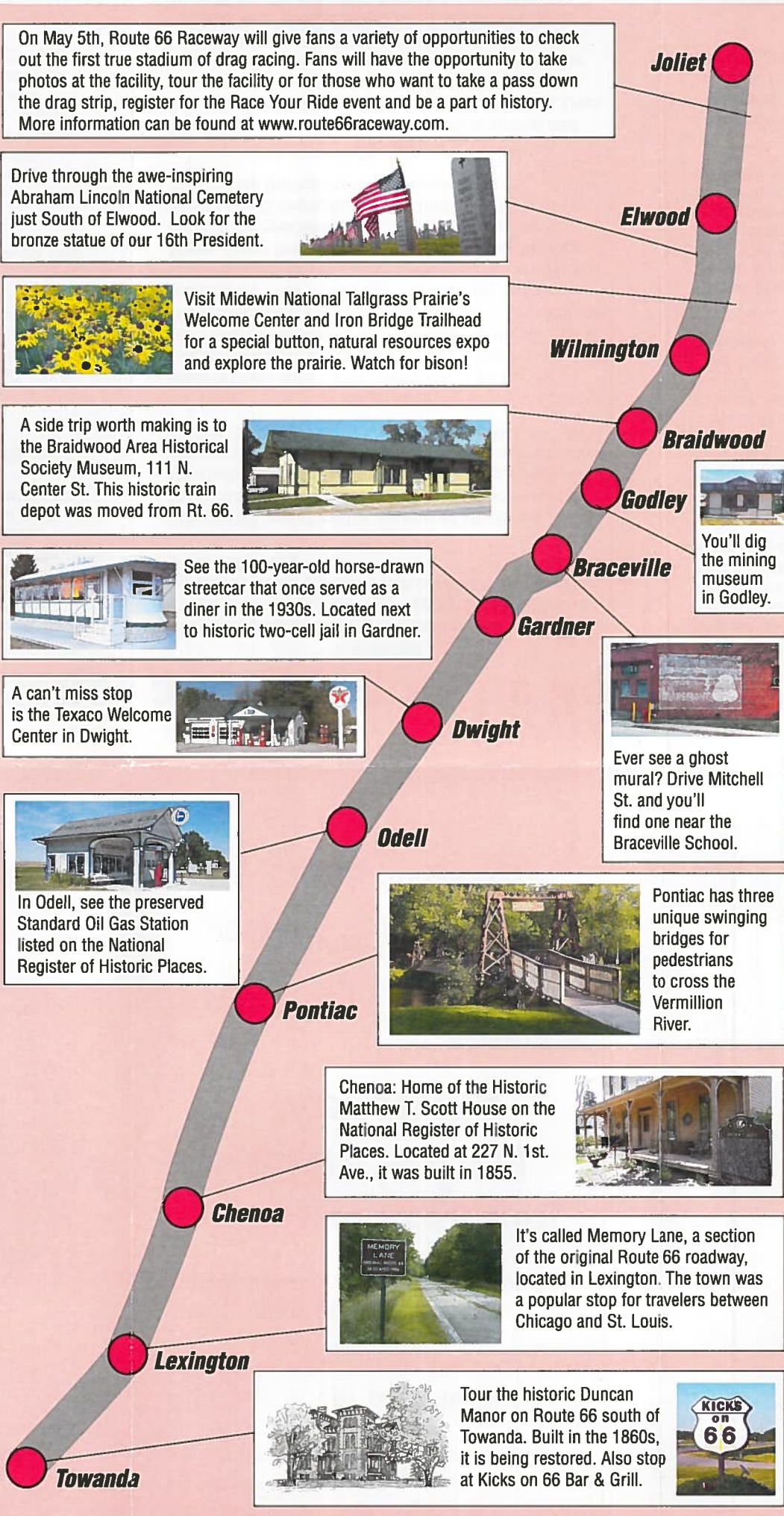
In Odell, see the preserved Standard Oil Gas Station listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Pontiac has three unique swinging bridges for pedestrians to cross the Vermillion River.

Chenoa: Home of the Historic Matthew T. Scott House on the National Register of Historic Places. Located at 227 N. 1st Ave., it was built in 1855.

It's called Memory Lane, a section of the original Route 66 roadway, located in Lexington. The town was a popular stop for travelers between Chicago and St. Louis.

Tour the historic Duncan Manor on Route 66 south of Towanda. Built in the 1860s, it is being restored. Also stop at Kicks on 66 Bar & Grill.



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