



# The 2020 Branson Eagle Bus Rally



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Fort Scott, Kansas, is a relatively small town in southeast Kansas. Much larger than Alton, where I grew up, but for a town of less than 8,000, it has a lot to offer. The quaint businesses downtown are busy, with little local stores of many varieties.

It has antique stores that fill many small-town main streets, but local entrepreneurs have upped the ante with a real potpourri of merchandise.

There are used book stores and coffee shops, clothing stores, and a place to buy many flavors of coffee beans and even a grinder to make your morning brew. We ate lunch at Nu Grille Cafe, where a two-piece chicken tender meal was way more than enough for me!

In the afternoon, we went to a unique museum celebrating *Unsung Heroes* <https://www.lowell-milkcenter.org/museum>, many of whom were new to us. What began as a high school class project to find Unsung Heroes, turned into a real history lesson and a trip to Poland for two girls who found and recorded the deeds of Irena Sendler, a Polish Catholic social worker during World War II.

Her brave, undercover actions saved the lives of 2,500 Jewish children in the Warsaw ghetto. The girls wrote a play that was presented in schools so that children everywhere would know that part of world history. Several of us bought the book, *Life in a Jar*. I'm looking forward to reading it.

After the museum, everyone took a trolley ride around Fort Scott to see all the historical mansions and the National Cemetery. It took about an hour and was well worth the ride, even on hard wooden trolley benches.

Dinner that evening was at Luther's, a really good barbecue place with one of my favorites, burnt ends, which they advertise as "meat flavored marshmallows" because they are so tender and almost as sweet. If you haven't tasted burnt ends, get with the program! They are delicious pieces of smoked meat cut from the pointed end of a brisket and oh, so good!

We all went to visit Big Brutus in West Mineral, Kansas. Big Brutus was the largest electric shovel in the world at 16 stories tall at 160 feet and weighs 11 million pounds. The boom is 150 feet long and can scoop up 90 cu. Yards (150

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