

# Brown County

## Maples grace Hiawatha

Hiawatha, "City of Beautiful Maples," is in its glory in autumn.

During the Maple Leaf Festival and Heritage Day, people will enjoy the beauty of Hiawatha's maples combined with a celebration of its agricultural heritage, including vendor booths and old-time demonstrations.

Summerfest, held June 28, includes a car-truck-motorcycle show, booth vendors, musical entertainment, garden and pedal-powered tractor pulls, Ag Museum activities and antique tractors, is scheduled in Hiawatha for the last Saturday in June. It features free shuttles to and from the historic Brown County Courthouse Square and the Brown County Historical Society Ag Museum.

The Halloween Frolic features the oldest annual Halloween parade in the nation, on Oct. 31.

Hiawatha City Lake, a mile south of town on U.S. 73, has picnic shelters and playground areas, barbecue grills, sand volleyball courts, and fishing.

The Hiawatha Aquatic Park features a 140-foot water slide, zero-depth entry, a toddler area with a frog slide, raindrop fountains, a one-meter diving board, six competition lanes, and a concession stand.

Hiawatha is the boyhood home of children's author Bill Martin Jr., recognized for such books as "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" and "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?," and

his brother, Bernard Martin, a wildlife illustrator.

Sabetha will hold a community garage sale on June 13 and 14. The city residents will also join in with the U.S. 36 Garage Sale on Sept. 19 and 20. A rodeo will be held on July 18-20 at the Saddle Club Rodeo Grounds. Albany Days is held in Sabetha on Sept. 6 and 7 at Old Albany.

### Davis Memorial at Hiawatha

John Milburn Davis moved to Brown County in 1878. He met and married Sarah and they settled on 260 acres north of Hiawatha. They were hard-working, frugal and childless.

When Sarah died in 1930 Davis suddenly became a big spender. He removed the simple headstone from her grave and began to erect a massive memorial to his wife.

The cost of the memorial was staggering in a small town during the Depression. Within a few years, 11 marble or granite sculptures were put beneath the canopy or surrounding it. What is not as widely known is that he secretly gave tens of thousands of dollars to the needy, a few hundred dollars at a time.

### Visitor Information

Hiawatha is located within 20 miles of three area casinos and numerous other northeast Kansas attractions.

The Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau can be reached at (785) 742-7136.



The Brown County Courthouse stands as a proud symbol of the area.

## Events Calendar

- April 12: Spring -city-wide garage sale.
- May 1-4: Sparks and White Cloud Flea Markets.
- May 10: Motorcycle ride to support Fallen Soldiers.
- May 27: L. Frank Baum Royal Historian of Oz
- June 9 & 16: Jazz Band, courthouse lawn, 7 p.m.
- June 20: Ice cream social, Ag Museum, 5 p.m.
- June 20: Relay for Life, Hiawatha High School, 7 p.m.
- June 21: Chamber Fundraising Golf Tournament.
- June 21: Republican candidate forum/ice cream social.
- June 28: 9-4, Summer Fest - Car, truck, motorcycle and antique tractor show.
- July 15-18: Brown County Fair, Horton.
- Aug. 7: Calamity Jane, 7 p.m., Ag Museum.
- Aug. 28-31: Sparks/White Cloud Flea Market.
- Sept. 19-21: U.S.36 Treasure Hunt.
- Oct. 4: Maple Leaf Festival and Heritage Days, 9-4.

# Nemaha County

## Visitors can enjoy myriad of activities



Whether you like to play golf or prefer to shop and just look around there's plenty of thing to do and see in Seneca. There's plenty of places to eat and to play for both visitors and residents.

Nestled in the Nemaha River Valley along U.S. 36 in Nemaha County, Seneca offers a wide variety of activities for all to enjoy. Golfing, fishing, hunting, history and shopping – you'll find it all when you come to Seneca.

Relive a part of the Old West with a trip to the Pony Express Museum; get a glimpse into early American fire-fighting by touring the Fire House Museum, complete with a refurbished 1922 Stutz Fire Engine; or learn about the history of Nemaha County and the Seneca area by touring the Nemaha County Historical Museum.

Special attractions include a 1950s-style marquee at Seneca Twin Theaters, where movies are shown nightly; a hand-dug well in the city park; St. Mary's Catholic Church at St. Benedict, listed on both the Kansas and National historical registers; and a modern public library, complete

with an extensive genealogy department, attached to a stone Universalist church built by pioneers in 1867.

Seneca offers a wide range of retail stores, service providers and professional offices.

For fishing and boating enthusiasts, Seneca is between Centralia City Lake and Pony Creek Lake at Sabetha. Just south of Seneca on K-63 is the Old Lake Nemaha Conservation Area. Seneca is surrounded by 14,000 acres of walk-in hunting ground where pheasant, quail and dove abound.

Golfers will love our 18-hole link-style public course. At Spring Creek Golf Course, you'll enjoy all the amenities of a professional-grade par 71 course. The course features nine-hole and 18-hole games, motorized cart rentals, a practice green, driving range and snack shop.

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