

County

Schedule of Events

May 3 - Atwood Rotary Auctioneer
 May 16, 17, 18 - Atwood Rod Run
 May 17 - City-Wide Garage Sale
 May 18 - RCHS Graduation
 May 23, 24, 25 - RCHS Alumni Weekend
 May 25 - Alumni Golf Tournament
 June 7 - Bike Across Kansas
 July 4 - Lake Atwood Days
 July 20 - 10 Mile Run
 July 22-24 - Rawlins County Fair
 September 9-11 - Highway 36 Treasure Hunt
 September 27 - Smokin' on the Beaver
 October 4 - Lions Fall Drags
 October TBA - Moonlight Monster Madness/Oktobefest
 November 28 - Christmas Opening, Santa Land 6-8

Ride the U.S. 36 wind

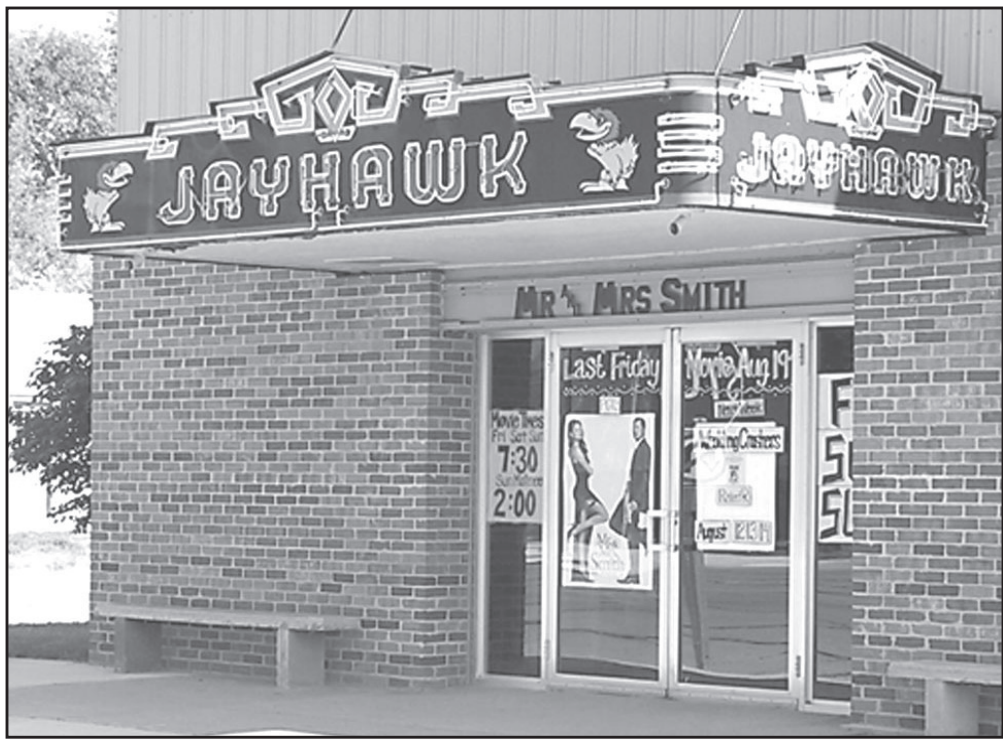
The Highway 36 Association invites tourists and travelers to "Discover Kansas' Best from East to West" by following a path of windmills.

McDonald Area Development has its windmill, a symbol that distinguishes the town as a proud member of the association.

"Ride the Wind on U.S. 36—The

Route of the Windmills," may sound like something from the Wizard of Oz, but it is solely designed to pull people from the interstate and dare to discover all Kansas offers via Highway 36.

The Highway 36 Association hopes that motorists will learn the rich history, see the beautiful scenery and of course, spend money in Rawlins County.



Theatre boasts a colorful history

The Jayhawk Theatre, with its classic neon marquee, is a gracious link to the days of silent movies when a local orchestra provided mood music. Even after talkies, an orchestra often played a short concert before the show began.

It was a showplace in a time when people dressed up to go to movies, a place where the magic and glamour of Hollywood came to the prairie. First prices were a dime for a seat, later a quarter for a couple and even now, it only costs \$5 to see new releases. The wonderful essence

of popping corn remains the same.

This year, the Jayhawk was chosen as one of four theatres in Kansas for the premier showing of "Bloody Dawn," a film about Lawrence in the Civil War.

Today, renovations continue with the latest being comfortable new seating. The theatre, which is owned by the city, also has a stage for plays and is the venue for many musical productions. Much of the restoration has been financed by benefits and private donations.

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The Atwood Early Rod Run will celebrate its 26th year May 16-18. Last year, almost 350 classic cars were on display in downtown Atwood. The event, which is the first of its kind in Northwest Kansas, features drag races at the airport, a barbeque and dance, as well as new attractions every year.

Chrome-lined streets, good eats draw crowds

The Atwood Early Rod Run invites visitors to experience the excitement of all things of yesteryear with its classic car show May 16-18.

The public event kicks off Friday night with good, old-fashioned, bumper-to-bumper main street cruising.

Saturday morning the sparkling clean cars are on display downtown. Several city blocks are roped off, allowing visitors to ignore the sidewalks and head for the streets for an up-close view of the restored grandpas and grandmas of the automotive world.

Wanna-be race enthusiasts can also take part in soapbox derby, remote

control car races or the popular simulator activities, which test the participant's racing reaction time. Food and festivities are around every corner.

In the warmest part of the afternoon the cars begin to forget their age and opt for the sun, instead of the shade.

The popular drag race, which draws around 3,000 spectators, allows the restored engines to roar down the airport runway for bragging rights every year.

The weekend event also features dances with live bands enticing crowds to boogie to the music of the 50s and 60s — just another way visitors are likely to forget their age.

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