

2015 Labor Day Princess Candidates

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 @ 11 A.M.

High School Auditorium



Rylie Tarayn Adams-Jennifer Wilson

Not Pictured Kaylynn Renea Keenan - Byron Clawson & Karla Keenan



Melody Arlene Braddy-Aaron and Devon Braddy



Marly Jean Brewer-Molly and Darin Brewer



Presley Renee Brungardt-Bob and Christie Brungardt



Alana Grace Grillot-Tina and Jared Grillot



Taigen Nevaeh Huff-Danielle McNutt



Maycee Raelyn Parr-Eric and Reagan Parr



Paige Lee Trendel-Travis and Lanie Trendel

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Durrett named Hoisington Citizen of Year

By **MIKE GILMORE**, News Director, *Hi, Neighbor!* Newspapers
 Robin Durrett, D.O., was named as 2014 Citizen of the Year in February's Hoisington annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. His son Johnathan accepted the award for his father, who is battling serious illness. Traditionally, the Hoisington community honors its Citizens of the Year during the Labor Day Parade; however, Dr. Durrett will not personally participate this year.

Dr. Durrett was chosen as Grand Marshal of the Labor Day Parade in 2010.

Dr. Durrett made the decision to close his longtime medical practice in Hoisington in December 2014, to focus on his health.

Born and raised in the deserts of southern New Mexico, Dr. Durrett spent his early adulthood working in the potash mines of Carlsbad. Attending New Mexico State University and later Eastern New Mexico University, he obtained bachelor's and master's degree's in

biology from ENMU. During that time, he met and married the woman of his dreams, Sharla.

They traveled to Kansas City, Mo., where Durrett received his D.O. degree from the University of Health Sciences (KCUMB).

Their first son, Jonathan, was born during a year of internship in Jefferson City, Mo. Returning to KCUMB, he completed a four-year residency in general surgery, during which his second son, Jacob, was born.

Having grown up in a rural area, Dr. Durrett was drawn to Barton County through friendship with his former teacher and mentor, Dr. Dan Witt.

During his early days in Hoisington spent living in the garage apartment of John Schmidt, Dr. Durrett was gradually introduced to the community through his surgical practice and local hunting and fishing outings.

As his boys grew, Dr. Durrett became associated with kids' federated football and MAYB basketball,

serving as team doctor for Hoisington High School and Middle School sports teams, as well as community service organizations.

He is a current member of the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts and has served as EMS director for both Barton and Russell Counties.

A lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, Dr. Durrett continues to act through the maxim that "through Christ, all things are possible."

Johnathan graduated from HHS and later obtained his bachelor's degree in business administration from Kansas State University.

After obtaining his master's degree in Health Services Administration from the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Johnathan returned to his hometown of Hoisington to serve as administrative project manager at Clara Barton Hospital.

Son Jacob is at KSU working toward a bachelor's degree in business administration.



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