

Sekavec named Grand Marshal of 119th annual parade

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After 45 years as a first-responder for the community, Jim Sekavec moves to the front of the 119th annual Hoisington Labor Day Parade. Hoisington's Chamber of Commerce and Labor Day Committees an-

nounced Sekavec's selection as Grand Marshal on Tuesday, Aug. 25. Sekavec announced his retirement after 25 years as chief and nearly 45 years of service in the Hoisington Fire Department in May. He continues to serve on the Hoisington City Council and Hoisington

Land Bank Board, has been involved with Hoisington EMS and volunteers his time to provide public transportation to those of his community. As his retirement was announced, Sekavec was recognized by his peers for his service since October 1970. Sekavec was one of the original nine charter

members of the Barton County Association of Fire Chiefs as he began his 25 years as chief of the Hoisington department. Sekavec counts one of his most memorable experiences serving as commander-in-chief of the April 2001 tornado that destroyed 200 homes and injured 28 residents,

with one fatality. After the tornado, the accumulation of house, business and grass fires in the area "sort of runs together," Sekavec said. While he still maintains his civic positions with the city, Sekavec plans to dedicate more time to his passion of restoring Caterpillar tractors. He currently

has eight, with seven running. The eighth will take a little more work, he said. He won't be traveling in a tractor come Labor Day Monday, though. Sekavec will be discharging his Grand Marshal duties from the back seat of his 1978 Camaro, with his daughter Alyssa McCandless at the wheel.

CLASS REUNIONS

The Class of 1975 will be celebrating their 40th year Class Reunion over Labor Day weekend! Plans are to meet Friday evening at the Tap Room, then move up to "The Duck Blind" to listen to the Ochs boys band (Rob, Dan, Dalton, Jason and maybe Neil) For the classmates attending the home football game, let them know at the gate that you are with the Class of 75! (free admission and they "recognize" the class!) On Saturday we'll meet at 555 S. Main at 6:30pm to have dinner and visit all evening, then watch the fireworks the city displays. Sunday, get together

er for more visiting and hamburger/brat cook-out at 5:30pm And Monday, watch for our class in the parade!

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- HHS Class of 1965
- HHS Class of 1970
- HHS Class of 1975
- HHS Class of 1980
- HHS Class of 2005

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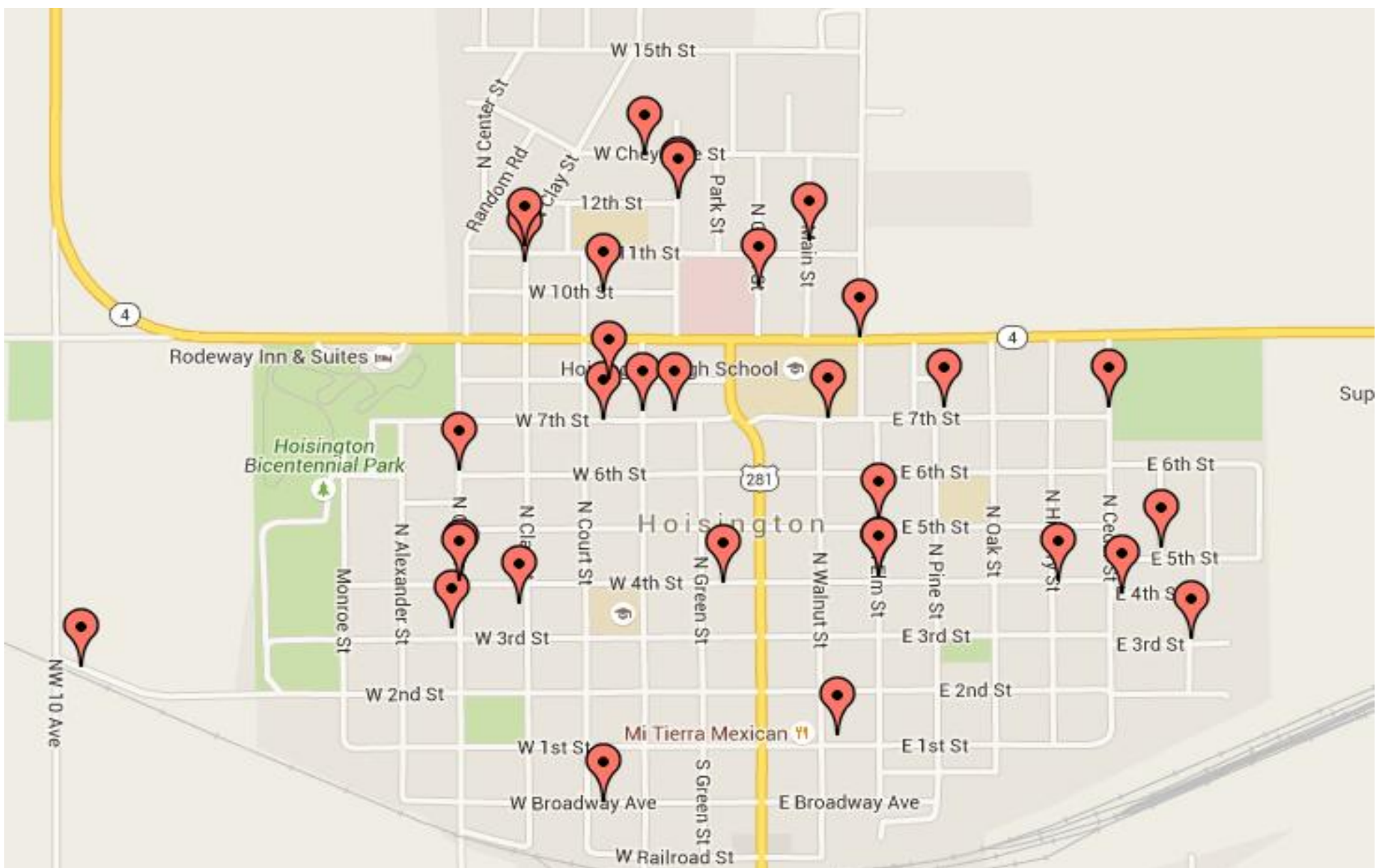


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