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Letter from the Mayor

Residents and Friends:

I am honored to author my first Labor Day letter to our community as the Mayor of Hoisington. This is truly an exciting time to be in Hoisington. A lot of things have taken place since last year's Labor Day celebration. Our downtown has welcomed some new businesses and McKenna Meadow's has brought in some much needed new housing. The school system continues to make investments in our community and enrollment continues to grow. Our City staff has taken strides to revive our Pole Art and update our signature Christmas Stars. Our cemetery has begun a major improvement project and our fire department will soon be governed by Barton County's second fire district. The past year has been extraordinary. I am proud to be a part of our community's leadership and I am proud of our community's trajectory.

No year in Hoisington is complete without an amazing Labor Day celebration. This year's celebration will be the 122nd Labor Day Celebration. The tradition started when the railroad was strong in our community and the railroad helped to organize an annual celebration that has evolved into something incredible. Over time, the daunting task of organizing this event fell onto the Hoisington Chamber of Commerce and an army of volunteers. The result has been remarkable.

Every Labor Day weekend, Hoisington showcases what makes it magical. This year's theme of Home Sweet Hoisington is fitting and the events surrounding it make me proud to be the mayor of this outstanding community. The weekend has something for everyone. The weekend kicks off with the community barbecue and beer garden followed by a home football game against our rivals from Pratt. After the game, there will be live music on Main Street. Saturday will feature some amazing activities for young people at the Activity Center including the legendary Turtle Races, Kids Races and Touch A Truck. This year's kids' activities will also feature a new attraction. Two of our local business owners will lead the kids in creating two craft projects at 11:00 on Saturday. The Activity Center parking lot will be filled with amazing equipment, a portable fishing pond, a 72-foot potato, a mobile dairy, and so much more.

After the kid's events, the downtown will fill up with vendors and the annual carnival. Fireworks will light up the sky in the evening and class reunions will dominate the night on Saturday. Some of the highlights from Sunday are the 35th Annual Kansas State Demolition Derby, the street dance and, of course, the carnival. Monday will feature the Labor Day 5K/10K and the state's largest Labor Day parade. There are tons of other events and happenings taking place over the weekend. I failed to mention the monster truck rides, the USD 431 Foundation golf tournament, the big bike ride or the dodge ball tournament. There are so many things going on this weekend that it is impossible for me to mention them all.

There is no question that Hoisington is a happening place during Labor Day weekend. I am proud to say that there is no place like Home Sweet Hoisington. I hope that all of you will invite your family and friends to join me in Hoisington on Labor Day weekend. It is a great place to call home.

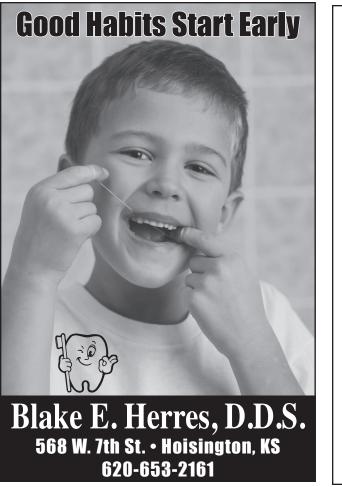
Thank you for helping to showcase Hoisington. Sincerely,

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GRAND MARSHALS

2018 Dr. Dave McMillon 2017 Darlene Stoss 2016 Ruby and Larry Manweiler 2015 Jim Sekavek 2014 Hoisington Food bank Volunteers 2013 Troy Bressler (posthumously) 2012 Ronald Stricker 2011 Brent Rensch 2010 Dr. Robin Durrett 2009 Randy Willis 2008 Hoisington Volunteer Fire Department 2007 Alfred Thorne 2006 Luke Brown 2005 Billie McAlexander 2004 Nina Nicholson 2003 Inez Guthrie (Gold Star Mother) 2002 Dolores Deutsch 2001 Tornado Volunteers 2000 Gwen Christy 1999 Jim Turnbull 1998 Sarah & Shane Reif (Kans for Kids) 1997 Jessica Kaiser 1996 Grant Lane 1995 Buster Bear/Karen Reno

1994 Leroy Smith 1993 Roh Ehrlich 1992 Hugo Meyers/I.C. Walter 1991 Harold Tarlton 1990 Vernon Skolaut 1989 A.H. Baker 1988 Mabel Welton 1987 John Jason Meyer 1986 Karl Sette 1985 Dr. Robert Moore 1984 Raymond Deutsch 1982 Harold Tarlton 1981 Renee Searls 1980 Robert Vohs 1979 Maude Miller 1978 Ray Smith 1977 Barbara Becklemeyer/Doug Dodds 1976 Rep. Keith Sebelius 1975 Gov. Robert Bennett 1974 Sen. Robert Dole 1973 Lt. Col. Ramon Horinek 1972 Rep. Keith Sebelius 1971 Gov. Robert Docking 1970 Gen. Elizabeth Hoisington 1969 Sen. Robert Dole/Rep. Keith Sebelius





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