

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, Dalton Popp

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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Friday, August 31st
Saturday, September 1st
Sunday, September 2nd
Monday, September 3rd
Kick-Off Community BBQ
Home Football Game vs. Pratt
5th Quarter Beer Garden
Bubba's 7th Annual BBQ Cook-off
Clara Barton Bottoms Up Bike Ride
Community Garage Sales
9th Annual USD 431 Foundation Come and Go - Golf Tournament
KID STOP - FUN ACTIVITIES CENTER
Touch-a-Truck & Face Painting
Monster Truck Rides
Kids Turtle Races
Kids Races
Kids Crafts
Donuts & Water
Downtown Street Market
Golden Belt Model Railroad Assoc.
DOWTA Helicopter Rides
Dodgeball Tournament
Hoisington Historical Society
Cates CarQuest - Thunder in the Wetlands Cruise Night
Wee Entertainment Carnival & Midway Food Concessions
Thunder in the Wetlands
DOWTA Helicopter Rides
34th Annual KS State Demolition Derby & Kids Power Wheels Derby
Playing with the Big Boys
LABOR DAY STREET DANCE
Downtown Hoisington!
DOWTA Helicopter Rides
Midway Food Concessions
Float Judging
Kids Parade Lineup
Kids Parade
122nd Annual Labor Day Parade
Hoisington High School - Tours Appt. Only
Wee Entertainment Carnival & Midway Food Concessions
Monster Truck Rides
LABOR DAY STREET DANCE
Downtown Hoisington!
DOWTA Helicopter Rides
Wee Entertainment Carnival & Midway Food Concessions
Barnard Tire & Auto Car Show