

Hoisington, Kansas

A ByWay Community



Hoisington KS 67544

Hoisington, population 2797, is a town of survivors. The proof of that lies in what its residents have survived -- white blizzards, black blizzards, grasshoppers, floods, ice, green bugs, & hugely destructive tornados.

The town sits in the midst of the Cheyenne Bottoms Basin. The mystery & abundance of these giant wetlands is reflected in what is deeply valued here - community, family, faith, hard work, and respect for the natural world.

This peaceful little town persists. Its residents bring humor, optimism & determination to each rebuilding, each celebration, knowing how it feels to be held in the hands of nature.

Website: www.HoisingtonKansas.com
Newspaper: Hoisington Dispatch

"Many people feel this is the one time of year they can come home again and be with family and friends. It's like the return of the birds to the nest.."

Hoisington Labor Day - Celebrated for 115 Years
www.getruralkansas.com/Hoisington

Events & Attractions

- **Signature Festival: Labor Day Weekend**
Celebrating in a Big Way Since 1896
- **Things To See And Do**
 - Glimpse a Bald Eagle or a Whooping Crane
Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area/Nature Conservancy Preserve
 - Enjoy a Nature Break - Songbird Habitat
City-High School Project/Brick Trail/Gazebo/Feeders
 - See Preserve Hoisington: Entrance to Nature Conservancy
 - Explore the Marsh Annual Wetlanders Festival
 - Stroll Main Street Metal Banners Installed on 62 Poles
 - Visit the Dairy Queen & Cardinal Lanes
Destroyed & Rebuilt - 2001 Tornado
 - Hoist a Brew in The Tap Room Toast Hoisington!
 - Check the Time on the Sun Dial City Building
 - Tour Kansas Brick & Tile www.kansasbrick.com
 - Eat Lunch at the Local Grocery Store
Town & Country Supermarket/Rebuilt After Tornado
 - Appreciate Work of Depression Era Craftsmen
WPA High School & City Building/Post Office Mural
 - Dig Into Hoisington's History Museum & KofC Mural
 - TaeKwonDo or Hit the Treadmill Town Activity Center
- **Notable People**
 - Sarah & Shane Reif
At ages 11 & 8 founded Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer
 - Kari Wahlgren Successful Voice Actress for Movies & Cartoons

The people who carried me out of the rubble told me they couldn't believe I was still alive. I told them, "No, it's humanly impossible, but the Lord made a way."

~Calista Moore, 89
Hoisington Tornado Survivor
Rescued from beneath
15 feet of rubble after her
home was completely
destroyed in 2001 tornado.



"The day of the tornado, as I watched the lightning going horizontally across the sky instead of up and down, I remembered Grandma & Grandpa saying that is a sure sign of a tornado."

~Bonnie Schremmer, Hoisington Tornado Survivor

"When you grow up in Central Kansas, a piece of it stays with you forever...there is a heart and soul to the place that follows you wherever you go."

~Kari Wahlgren

Voice Actress
(Hoisington Born & Raised)
Disney's Bolt (Mindy)
Disney's Phineas & Ferb
(Little Suzy Johnson)

"The Tap Room was the Safe Room."

~Local 2001 Tornado Joke
Tap Room customers were enjoying their beer and had no idea a tornado had struck. They thought something **might** be wrong when they saw a kiddie pool from the Duckwall's blow by and heard "hail" (it wasn't hail, it was shingles from roofs all over town hitting the bar).