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](http://www.getruralkansas.com/Hoisington)

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**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 MetalBanners 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

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**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 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).

“**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)

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