

Hoisington, Kansas

A Byway Community



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Hoisington is a town of survivors. The proof of that lies in what its residents have survived – blizzards, grasshoppers, floods, ice, green bugs, and destructive tornados.

The town sits in the midst of the Cheyenne Bottoms Basin. The mystery and 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, and determination to each rebuilding, each celebration, knowing how it feels to be held in the hands of nature.

Population: 2,685 (2013 Census)

Newspaper: Hoisington Dispatch

Website: www.hoisingtonks.org

“Many people feel this is the only 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 over 120 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 Whooping Crane

Cheyenne Bottoms /Nature Conservancy Preserve

See Preserve – Entrance to Nature Conservancy

Explore the Marsh – Bi-Annual Wetlands Festival

Stroll Main Street – Metal Pole Art Banners on 60 Poles

Visit Dairy Queen and Cardinal Lanes

Destroyed and Rebuilt – 2001 Tornado

Hoist a Brew in the Tap Room – Toast Hoisington

Check the Time on the Sun Dial – City Building

Tour Kansas Brick and 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 and KofC Mural

TaeKwonDo or Hit the Treadmill – Town Activity Center

- **Notable People**

Sarah and Shane Reif – Founded Kans for Kids

Kari Wahlgren – Cartoon Voice Actress

“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 the 2001 tornado.



“The day of the tornado, as I watched the lightning going horizontally across the sky instead of up and down, I remember grandma and 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 Native

Disney’s Phineas & Ferb

Disney’s Bolt

“The Tap Room was the Safe Room.”

-Local Tornado Joke

The customers were enjoying their beer and had no idea a tornado had struck. They thought something might be wrong when a kiddie pool from the Duckwall’s blew by and they heard “hail” (it was shingles from the roofs all over town hitting the bar).

