The Land of the Longhorns

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Second Annual Longhorn Festival

I am pleased to announce that on **Thursday, September 26**, from **5:30-8:30**, at the **High School Football Parking Lot** we will be holding the **Second Annual Longhorn Festival**. Last year’s inaugural event was a rousing success as we all came together to celebrate the greater educational community and the fact that we are ALL Longhorns pulling together for the common good. It really was neat to see Longhorns of all ages come out to the event to enjoy fun and games and to have a free hamburger/hotdog meal and drinks supplied by Wheatland Electric and Pepsi. (The Hamburger/Hotdog feed will run from **5:00-8:00**.) We want to build on last year’s event by having even more opportunities for everybody to enjoy. But, if nothing else, this event allows everybody a chance to come together to sit and relax and enjoy a tasty meal with their friends and neighbors in a relaxed environment where the kids have a chance to have a little bit of un-plugged fun. ☺

While I really enjoy all of the different activities and options that will be made available to everyone – face painting, bouncy houses, carnival games, cotton candy, the Homecoming Bon Fire – to name a few of those things, the part I REALLY appreciate the most about the Longhorn Festival is the fact so many people will come out to this event just to contribute to the Food Drive that is associate with the event (“Cram the Van”) and to reconnect with others in the community. As I have said on many occasions, ours is a special community where people are made to feel welcome. I am barely into my second year here in Holcomb, and honestly I feel as if I have been here for years. I KNOW this is due to the fact the people of our community are so welcoming and friendly. Unfortunately, those two qualities do NOT exist everywhere, but they are alive and well right here in Holcomb, Kansas. This sort of reality truly adds to the fabric of our great country, and I couldn’t be prouder to be a part of all of this.

Of special merit surrounding the Longhorn Festival, it is important to provide some information about the food drive associated with this event. Our friends at **Wheatland Electric**, along with generously providing the hamburger/hotdog feed for the event, are once again sponsoring the **“Cram the Van”** food-drive competition in our schools. The school building that donates the greatest weight of food throughout the week-long food drive being held during the week of September 30 will receive $500 as a prize. Along with that money, last year the district matched that cash prize for the winning school, bringing the total award to $1,000, and I plan on doing so again this year. Last year Wiley Elementary School won the $1,000 to use for a variety of projects in their school building, but in reality the ENTIRE community was a winner as we were then able to take all of the food that was donated and provide a food bank for those in our community in need! So as to get things rolling regarding the food drive, I invite and encourage you to bring along a food donation or make a good will donation as you get your tasty food that is being provided.

As the Second Annual Longhorn Festival draws nearer, please reach out to me if you have any questions about what is taking place. I would love to have a conversation with you about what is getting ready to take place as this REALLY is a celebration of who we are here in the Land of the Longhorns!