



NEWSLETTER

April 2024

Chamber Board outlines goals for year

The Chamber in Hays, Kansas, has announced its 2024 Board of Director's goals, marking a strategic roadmap for enhancing the Ellis County business community. Updated every two to three years, these objectives drive The Chamber's efforts towards fostering economic growth and prosperity in the region.

The three key goals outlined for the year ahead include:

Catalyze Recruitment, Development, and Retention of Workforce: Recognizing the pivotal role of a skilled workforce in driving economic success, The Chamber aims to intensify efforts in attracting, developing, and retaining talent. Collaborative initiatives with educational institutions and targeted workforce development programs will be prioritized to meet the evolving needs of local businesses.

Advocate for Policies Supporting Business Growth and Quality of Life for Ellis County Residents: Advocacy remains a cornerstone of The Chamber's mission, with a focus on championing policies that promote business growth and enhance the quality of life for Ellis County residents. From advocating for infrastructure enhancements, to supporting initiatives for community well-being, The Chamber is committed to advocating for policies that foster a thriving business environment.



Maximize Ease of Accessibility to All Stakeholders for Chamber Events, Offerings, and Programs: Ensuring accessibility to chamber events, offerings, and programs for all stakeholders is paramount. Leveraging technology, differentiation of offerings, and streamlining communication channels, The Chamber seeks to maximize accessibility, enabling seamless participation and engagement for members, partners, and community members alike.

These goals underscore The Chamber's dedication to driving progress and prosperity in Ellis County.

Through collaborative efforts and a focus on strategic initiatives, The Chamber is poised to make significant strides towards a stronger and more vibrant business community in 2024.

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Scheduling Membership Visits



As we embrace the spirit of connection and collaboration within our vibrant community, connecting with our chamber member investors through annual membership visits is always such a rewarding, educational, and mission focused experience.

At The Chamber, fostering meaningful relationships with each of our members is paramount to our mission of accelerating business connections and advocating community advancement.

Throughout the year, our team is dedicated to scheduling membership visits, where we have the invaluable

opportunity to engage directly with you, our esteemed members. These visits serve as a platform for us to listen attentively to your feedback, understand your evolving needs, and explore ways in which we can better serve you.

Your insights are not only instrumental in shaping the future direction of The Chamber, but they also strengthen the fabric of our local business community.

During these visits, our passionate staff members will share with you the myriad of benefits and resources that come with your chamber membership.

From networking events and educational workshops, to marketing opportunities and advocacy initiatives, we are committed to ensuring that you can fully leverage your membership to propel your business forward. Whether you are a longstanding member or a recent addition

to our family, there is always something new to discover and capitalize on within The Chamber's network.

We understand that your time is valuable, which is why we are eager to work with you to schedule these visits at your convenience.

Whether you prefer a face-to-face meeting, a virtual discussion, or a phone call, we are flexible and accommodating to your preferences. Simply reach out to our team, and we will coordinate a time that works best for you.

As we embark on this journey of connection and collaboration, I encourage each of you to seize this opportunity to engage with us. The best ideas always come from you!

Your active participation not only enriches your chamber experience but also contributes to the collective prosperity of our community.

MISSION | Accelerating business connections and advocating community advancement

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Final 2024 Legislative Coffee scheduled



As we approach the final installment of our 2024 Legislative Coffee Series on April 6, we extend a warm invitation to join us for what promises to be an enlightening and engaging event. This is your chance to stay informed and connected with our area's legislators while voicing your questions and concerns.

Hosted at the Hays Public

Library, this event would not be possible without the generous support of our premier sponsors, Midwest Energy and *The Hays Daily News*. We are immensely grateful for their ongoing commitment to fostering civic engagement within our community.

We are honored to welcome the following esteemed legislators to our panel:

- Rebecca Swender, Deputy District Director for U.S. Senator Roger Marshall's office
- Kansas Senator Rick Billinger
- Kansas Representative Ken Rahjes
- Kansas Representative Barb Wasinger

Their presence ensures a diverse range of perspectives and insights, offering valuable updates on legislative matters affecting our region.

Attendees will have the invaluable opportunity to address questions directly to the legislators, either to individuals or to the panel as a whole.

For those who wish to submit questions in advance, we encourage you to email your inquiries to hayscc@hayschamber.com. Please note that the deadline for advance questions is noon the Thursday before the event.

We are pleased to feature coffee from Breathe Coffee House and delightful baked goods from Cathy's Breads.

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

These businesses recently made an important investment by joining The Chamber!



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Are you taking advantage of everything chamber membership has to offer?

As we embark on another exciting year together, we want to remind you of the multitude of benefits available to you as part of your chamber membership. Whether you're a seasoned member or new to our community, there are countless opportunities for growth, networking, and engagement that come with being a part of our chamber family.

One of the key advantages of chamber membership is the ability to connect with other businesses and professionals in our community. Depending on your membership level, you have access to various channels for networking, including social media

platforms, member-to-member communications, and even opportunities for newsletter inserts and press releases. These avenues provide invaluable opportunities to forge new partnerships, exchange ideas, and support one another's endeavors.

Social media has become an indispensable tool for business networking, and as a chamber member, you can leverage our platforms to expand your reach and visibility. Engage with fellow members, share your successes, and stay updated on the latest news and events within our vibrant business community.

Additionally, our member-

to-member communication channels offer a direct line of communication with other chamber members. Whether you're seeking referrals, collaborations, or simply want to share insights and best practices, these avenues facilitate meaningful connections that can lead to fruitful partnerships and business opportunities.

Furthermore, don't overlook the potential of newsletter inserts as a way to showcase your business to our membership base. Take advantage of this opportunity to promote your products, services, or upcoming events directly to your fellow chamber members.

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- STEM CELL THERAPY
- ORGAN DONATION
- METHICILLIN-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)
- MENTAL HEALTH



For more information, to donate prizes, or to schedule a blood donation, contact Brenda Orr, Nursing Instructor, 785-623-6161 or email borr@ncktc.edu

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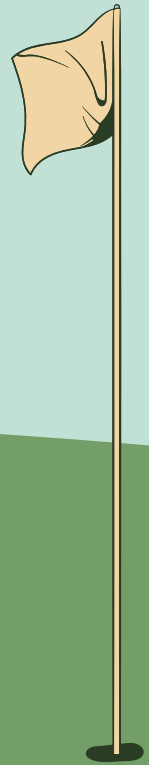
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FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024

SMOKY HILL COUNTRY CLUB

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\$125 PER GOLFER / \$500 PER TEAM

REGISTRATION: 8 A.M.

TEE OFF: 9 A.M.

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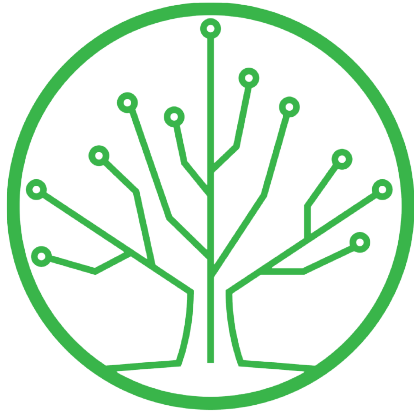
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TreeTop Security introduces new partner



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We are thrilled to announce Austin Wellbrock as the newest partner of TreeTop Security. In his role, Austin will be instrumental in guiding our strategic direction and keeping us on the cutting edge of innovation, while maintaining our high expectations for customer service. His deep understanding of the IT and cybersecurity industries, coupled with his proven track record of success, makes him an invaluable addition to our team.

Austin and his wife have lived in the Kansas City area for the past few years, however, he is no stranger to the Hays community or the TreeTop Security family. Austin is a FHSU graduate, and he also worked as a technician and engineer at Sicoir Computer Technologies from 2014 until its sale in 2016. Since then, he has assisted the TreeTop team on several projects and even designed the highly recognizable company logo. Austin was also one of the leads on TreeTop's extremely popular cybersecurity awareness training materials, which were publicly released in 2019 and have since been downloaded by users all around the world. "I've witnessed former employees go on to do great things in the tech industry and beyond, but this is the first time a former employee has been invited back in a key leadership role", stated Dallas Haselhorst, founder of TreeTop Security. "I have zero doubt Austin will be a stalwart in our mission to bring affordable and comprehensive cybersecurity services to those in our region, in Kansas, and beyond."

Cathy's Breads offers training



Cathy's Breads, a home-based, micro-bakery operating in Hays since 2013, will be offering a Micro-Bakery Training

Program starting in June. Owner Cathy Drabkin, who plans on retiring in 3-5 years, hopes to develop a pool of skilled bakers able to produce artisan breads and fine-crafted pastries. The first class, Fundamentals of Bread Baking, will introduce students to the technical information necessary for the consistent production of fine quality breads. Students will have significant time in the bakery developing hands skills and will be introduced

to what's involved in bringing products to market from a micro-bakery setting. The combination of technical information, skills practice, and real-time production will combine to offer a sound practical foundation for the student. Ideal candidates will be serious bakers, who have already started their bread journey, and are interested in turning their baking passion into a business.

Applications are due April 8. Additional information is available at cathysbreads.com.

Clinkscases welcomes Wichita attorney to firm



Clinkscases Elder Law Practice is excited to announce the addition of Brandon Bieker as the newest attorney to join the firm and will work in the Wichita office. Brandon will be assisting clients with their estate planning and long-term needs.

Originally from Hays, Brandon attended Wichita State University in 2010, obtaining a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, followed by his Juris Doctorate from Washburn University School of Law in 2013.

Bieker brings more than 10 years of legal experience to Clinkscases Elder Law Practice. Most recently, he assisted various law firms with consulting in the areas of estate planning, family business planning, corporate law, and oil and gas law.

Clinkscases Elder Law Practice, P.A. is a law firm with an inter-disciplinary team of attorneys, benefit specialists and health care advocates that guide families through the process of aging and estate practice. The firm was founded by Randy Clinkscases and has offices in Hays and Wichita and serves all of Kansas. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call toll free at (877) 325-8040 or visit www.clinkscaseslaw.com.

Hays Public Library hires outreach coordinator



Mabel "Mae" Moore, former Outreach Assistant,

has stepped into the role of Hays Public Library Outreach Coordinator.

Moore was born and raised in Hawaii. She studied photography and psychology, working for over 20 years as a photographer. She also has spent time teaching preschool and providing daycare. Moore started as Outreach Assistant in 2022.

Moore will coordinate the library's outreach services,

including the bookmobile and partnerships with schools, elder care facilities and other community organizations.

"Outreach is the absolute best job in the world," said Moore. "Getting to be out around the wonderful people in our community and working with all the diverse groups is such a great feeling."

Moore started as Outreach Coordinator on February 5, 2024.



Call for Content

Would you like to see your business featured here?

Email your newsworthy story, up to 150-words, along with an image if applicable, to hayscc@hayschamber.com. Contact us for any questions.

Jana's Campaign hires operations manager



Gertsner, a Hays native, as Operations Manager. In this role, Whitney will be responsible for managing financials, supporting grant reporting and fundraising efforts, and spearheading the development of various marketing materials and publications.

Whitney brings a wealth of experience and commitment to her community to the organization. An alumna of

Fort Hays State University, she actively engages in civic life, dedicating her time to the Chamber in Hays, Kansas and volunteering with the Hays Young Professionals. In 2022, Whitney completed the Leadership Hays program where, she helped co-found Green Ribbon Hays, a passionate group focused on fostering mental health awareness among local middle school students.

Jana's Campaign is pleased to announce Whitney

Cottonwood Extension District plans Dementia/Alzheimer's Workshop



Dementia/ Alzheimer's Workshop

**Date: April 10
and 11, 6:00-8pm**

**Location:
Cottonwood
Extension
District, 601
Main St.**

April 10, Karissa Winkel, Family and Community Wellness Agent will present K-State Research and Extension's Alzheimer's 101 fact sheet. On April 11, Jill Wechsler will talk about behaviors of dementia patients and will include a discussion panel with experienced care givers. Light refreshments will be provided.

This presentation will be in person and via zoom. Please call the Extension office to RSVP. If you would like to attend via zoom please provide an email address when you RSVP. Come for one or both presentations.

Job and resource fair set for April 18

Join Midwest Energy and EnerSys for "Together Ellis County", a community job and resource fair on Thursday, April 18th, from 3-7 p.m. at The Venue at Thirsty's (2704 Vine Street, Hays). Enjoy a complimentary taco bar courtesy of our sponsors as you connect, support, and engage with fellow community members. Don't miss this opportunity to network and discover valuable resources. Partners such as Aetna Better Health of Kansas and the Kansas Department for Children and Families will also be present. We look forward to seeing you there!



Kiwanis Club recognizes Legion of Honor recipients



The Kiwanis Club of Hays is pleased to announce its Legion of Honor recipients for the 2023-2024 membership year.

This year's Legion of Honor recipients were joined by fellow members serving 25

years or more at the luncheon. Pictured left to right: Lou Tinkel, 46 years of service, Dennis Zimmerman, 44 years of service, Connie Mermis, 29 years of service, Mary Hammond, 25 years of service,

Tisa Mason, 28 years of service, Rex Ball, 25 years of service, and Marion Dreher, longest serving Kiwanis Club of Hays member, with 52 years of service.

Legion of Honor is a Kiwanis program that recognizes dedicated service from its members who have given 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, or 65 years of service to the service organization.

These Kiwanis Club of Hays members were recognized at the February 29th membership meeting luncheon.

To date, Kiwanis Club of Hays has 18 current members who have achieved this distinguished level of service.

Wasinger shows support for ECHS campaign



The Ellis County Historical Society extends its heartfelt appreciation to Kansas Representative Barb Wasinger, R-Hays, for her contribution to

Phase Three of the Brick by Brick campaign.

On March 8, Wasinger visited the Ellis County Historical Society to present her donation and participate in the unique aspect of the campaign - pulling a brick from the specially designed collage that showcases some of the most iconic brick buildings in Hays.

During her visit, Barb was delighted to discover her own home depicted behind the bricks that had already been pulled. This personal connection further highlights the significance of the capital campaign and the shared history that binds the community together.

We are incredibly thankful to Barb Wasinger for her generous donation and continued support of our mission.

Child Care Professional Development Series: Bringing the classroom outside

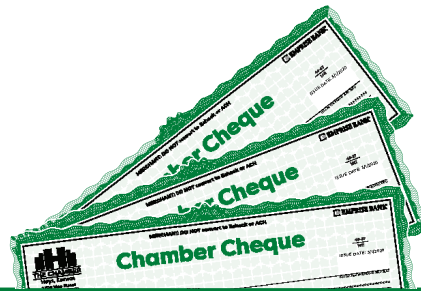


We are thrilled to announce the next installment of our Child Care Professional Development series, focusing on the theme of Bringing the Classroom Outside. This enlightening session will feature Brenda Holopirek, a renowned Professional Development Trainer and Regional Community Consultant at ChildCare Aware of Kansas. Join us as we explore and

identify elements of design for creating a cost-effective outdoor learning environment. Attendees will gain valuable insights and practical strategies for incorporating outdoor learning experiences into their childcare programs. Plus, participants will receive two hours of KDHE health and safety approved training and limited free fingerprinting services will be offered.

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Tues. April 16, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Tues. April 23, 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Breakfast & Learn (complimentary) – Topic coming soon

Wed. June 12, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Communicating with Emotional Intelligence

Registration and more info can be found at fhsu.edu/cob/mdc/ or connect with us at mdc@fhsu.edu.

Learn to Disagree Agreeably at Dale Carnegie Event



Dale Carnegie

The Chamber in Hays is proud to announce an upcoming event aimed at fostering productive dialogue and constructive communication in the community. On Tuesday, April 23, 2024, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm, the Chamber will host "Dale Carnegie: How to Disagree Agreeably" at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall & Catering located at 2350 E 8th St., Hays.

Attendees will have the opportunity to gain valuable insight into their own reactions to discord and learn techniques for expressing themselves in a productive manner. The event will focus on promoting tolerance of alternate viewpoints and will provide participants with practical strategies for engaging in disagreements with respect and civility.

One of the highlights of the event will be the presentation of six rules for disagreeing agreeably, offering attendees a

clear framework for navigating contentious conversations with grace and diplomacy. Whether in the workplace, the community, or personal relationships, these principles can be applied to promote understanding and cooperation.

The best part? This event is absolutely FREE to attend! Both members and non-members are welcome to participate. However, the Chamber kindly requests that all interested parties register in advance to ensure an accurate headcount for the event.

"This event aligns perfectly with our mission of promoting collaboration and mutual understanding within the community," said President/CEO Sarah Wasinger. "We believe that by equipping individuals with the skills to disagree agreeably, we can create a more inclusive and harmonious environment where diverse perspectives are valued and respected."

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your communication skills and learn valuable techniques for navigating disagreements with tact and diplomacy. Register now to secure your spot at "Dale Carnegie: How to Disagree Agreeably" and join us in building a stronger, more cohesive community in Hays.



Offered in partnership with The Chamber
Dale Carnegie Course in Hays, Aug. 2024

When you look at the successful people, what do you see? Confidence. Competence. Enthusiasm. They're engaged in all aspects of their work and life, inspiring others as they lead by example.

This Dale Carnegie Course helps you master the human relations skills that enable you to thrive in any setting. You'll discover how to form closer, more rewarding relationships built on trust and respect. Increasing your confidence and competence in interacting with others will gain the influence you need to reach new heights in your personal and professional life.

As you become a persuasive communicator and problem-solver more adept at managing stress and handling change, you'll find yourself inspiring others to take initiative and innovate.

The Dale Carnegie Course will help you master the communication skills necessary in today's demanding business environment. You'll learn to strengthen interpersonal relationships and develop a commanding attitude, instilling confidence and enthusiasm in your workplace.

Does the experience make a difference? Clients say yes. You'll see the results as you stretch your abilities, tackle complex challenges, expand your ingenuity, and excel in building team harmony. The Dale Carnegie Course will focus your energy to become a more effective communicator, securing your place as a valued contributor in your organization.

Learn How To:

- Use a proven process to recall names and facts
- Communicate more confidently
- Build trust and persuade people to take action
- Project an enthusiastic attitude
- Communicate logically, clearly, and concisely
- Energize and engage listeners
- Create a safe and caring environment
- Manage stress and minimize worry
- Strengthen relationships
- Give constructive feedback that empowers others
- Encourage positive thinking
- Identify and reward successes
- Commit to continuous improvement

Schedule:

August 15, 22 & 29, 2024
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Location:

The Venue at Thirsty's
2704 Vine Street
Hays, Kansas 67601

Investment: \$1,995

Chamber Members Save 10%: \$1,795.50

Discount Code: HAYS-CHAMBER-2024

[Registration Link](#) ▶

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FORT HAYS STATE
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FRIDAY, May 10, 2024

8:30 AM (CT)

- College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

11:00 AM (CT)

- College of Health and Behavioral Sciences



Watch it live on the FHSU
Facebook page or
Tiger Media Network.

SATURDAY, May 11, 2024

8:30 AM (CT)

- Robbins College of Business and Entrepreneurship
- Werth College of Science, Technology and Mathematics

11:00 AM (CT)

- College of Education

2:00 PM (CT)

- Graduate (Master's, Ed.S. and Doctorate) Ceremonies (virtual ceremony)

4:00 PM (CT)

- Undergraduate (Associate and Bachelor's) Ceremonies (virtual ceremony)

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Check the calendar on the back page for all the HYP events in the month!



Join us as we hear from **Gus Konz of Werth Wealth Management** at our next **Connection Lunch on April 16th!**

Scholarship Opportunity!

HYP has 10 spots available for members to attend the Kansas Leadership Center's "When Everyone Leads" conference! This can be attended in person in Wichita, or there is a virtual option. Contact HYP, The Chamber, or a member of the Advisory Council for more information on the application process!

SOCIAL JOIN US FOR FOOD & DRINKS!

The April social will be in conjunction with the Business After Hours on April 4th.

A&A Coors Business After Hours
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
The Venue at Thirsty's Brew Pub & Grill
2704 Vine St.

May's social will be held on May 2nd at 5:15 p.m. at Cancun!

Be on the lookout!

HYP is working to coordinate some mid-year mixers! Details to come soon!

NEW TIME AND LOCATION

N + E MEETING
The next Networking & Engagement Committee Meeting will be on April 4th at 4 p.m. at The Golden Q!

LDC MEETING

The next Leadership Development Committee Meeting will be on April 27th at 12:00 p.m. at Gella's!

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2024 Ag Appreciation



HYP Volunteers!



Question:

How do you/your business display patriotism while supporting Hays area youth and youth programs?

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**Flags Co-Chair Connie Mermis (785.623.1037) or any
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APRIL 16

On Tuesday, April 16th, Tiger alumni and friends from all over the world will come together to support Fort Hays State University throughout this 24-hour fundraising effort. Show your Tiger pride by supporting the area of FHSU that means the most to you.

P.S. - Those who make a gift will receive some pretty cool Fort Hays State merch!



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Chamber Chats



CITY OF HAYS WATER RESOURCES
2700 Vine St., Hays

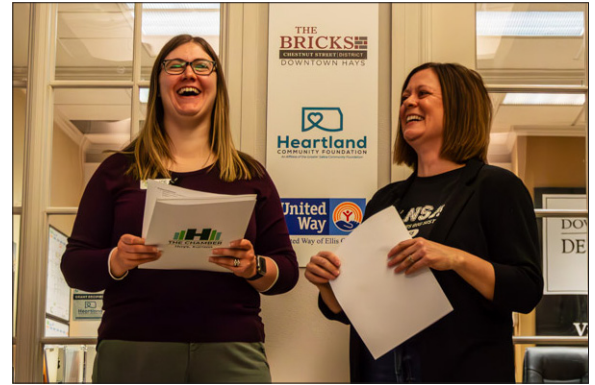


T-MOBILE
4333 Vine St., Hays

Chamber Chat/Ribbon Cutting



FHSU STERNBERG MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
3000 Sternberg Dr., Hays



KANSAS BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS
1200 Main St., Hays

Q1 Lunch and Learn



ROSE GARDEN BANQUET HALL & CATERING
Sponsor: Western Kansas Therapy Associates
Speakers: Josh Tanquay, Lauren Mack
Program: Supporting Employee Mental Wellness
2350 E. 8th St., Hays

March Membership Lunch



ROSE GARDEN BANQUET HALL & CATERING
Sponsor: Midwest Energy
Speakers: Andre Heath
Program: Kansas Office of Apprenticeship
2350 E. 8th St., Hays

Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting



MICROFACTORY
9th and Commerce Parkway, Hays

Ribbon Cutting



SIMPSON FARM ENTERPRISES
1036 Old Hwy 40 Bypass, Hays

Leadership Hays



WELCOME CENTER
2700 Vine St., Hays

Legislative Coffee



HAYS PUBLIC LIBRARY
1205 Main St., Hays

Ambassador Lunch



ROSE GARDEN BANQUET HALL & CATERING
2350 E. 8th St., Hays

Igniting Leadership



PROFESSOR'S CLASSIC SANDWICH SHOP & MORE
521 E. 11th St., Hays

COMMUNITY EVENTS

APRIL 2024

Hays Holocaust Remembrance Education Month Events | Varies

- 4/4 & 4/18: **Lovegrass & Defiance Acoustic Jam** | 7-9 PM | Defiance Taproom
- 4/5: **Paint & Sip: Glow Edition** | 6-8 PM | Home Event Center
- 4/6-4/7: **USSSA First of the Turf Baseball Tournament** | Bickle-Schmidt Sports Complex
- 4/6: **Legislative Coffee** | 8:30-10 AM | Hays Public Library
- 4/6: **Hays Public Library Presents: Storytime at the FHSU Farm** | 10 AM
- 4/6: **56th Annual Hays High Plains Barbershop Chorus Presents "We Believe in Music"**
2 PM & 7 PM | FHSU Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center
- 4/6: **Lovegrass on Tap** | 3-11 PM | Defiance Taproom
- 4/6, 4/12, 4/26, 4/27: **Live Music at the Paisley Pear** | 8-10 PM
- 4/7: **German Worship Service** | 3 PM | Trinity Lutheran Church
- 4/8: **DIY Library Totes** | 6 PM | Hays Public Library
- 4/9: **Trivia Night: Space: The Great Beyond** | 6:30 PM | Paisley Pear
- 4/11-4/13: **FHSU Department of Music & Theatre Presents: Pirates of Penzance** | 7:30 PM &
2:30 PM (Sunday) | FHSU Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center
- 4/11: **FHSU Encore Series: The Silhouettes** | 7:30 PM | FHSU Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center
- 4/12: **24th Annual Poetry Contest** | 6 PM | Hays Public Library
- 4/13: **USSSA Turf Fest in the West Softball Tournament** | Bickle-Schmidt Sports Complex
- 4/13: **Victoria's Annual Spring Market** | 10 AM-2 PM | Victoria Elementary School Gymnasium
- 4/13: **The Brewer's Cup: Disc Golf Tournament & Craft Beer Festival** | 12-7 PM | Frontier Park
- 4/13: **RPM Speedway IMCA Races: Opening Night** | 6:30 PM | Rolling Plains Motor Speedway
- 4/14: **Stars & Stripes Breakfast** | 7:30 AM-12 PM | VFW Hall
- 4/17: **FHSU Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art Presents: 49th Annual High School Art Exhibition** | 8-10 AM
Gross Memorial Coliseum
- 4/18: **Together Ellis County: Community Job & Resource Fair** | 3-7 PM | The Venue
- 4/18: **Philosophy Cafe: The Dissolution of the Liar Paradox** | 6-8 PM | Paisley Pear
- 4/18: **Josh Abbott Band** | 6:30 PM | The Fox Theatre
- 4/18-4/20: **58th Annual FHSU N.I.R.A. Rodeo** | 7-10 PM | Ellis County Fairgrounds
- 4/20: **USSSA Hays Spring Swing Fastpitch Softball Tournament** | Bickle-Schmidt Sports Complex
- 4/20-4/21: **Sunflower Polka Club** | 1-7 PM | Rose Garden Banquet Hall
- 4/20: **Smoky Valley Hook Antique Tractor Pull** | 11 AM-7 PM | 204 Church St., Schoenchen
- 4/20: **Hays Toy Show** | 9 AM-3 PM | Ellis County Fairgrounds
- 4/20: **Hays Symphony Presents: Tragedy & Triumph** | 7:30 PM
FHSU Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center
- 4/23: **FHSU Encore Series: The Kings of Queen** | 7:30 PM | FHSU Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center
- 4/24: **Tiger Trivia with the FHSU History Club** | 5:30 PM | Defiance Downtown
- 4/26: **Thunder on the Plains Cruise Night/Poker Run** | 6:30 PM | Big Creek Crossing
- 4/27: **NCK Tech Community Health Fair & Blood Drive** | 9:30 AM-2 PM | NCK Tech Campus
- 4/27: **3rd Annual Old West Breweriana Roundup** | 9:30 AM-3:30 PM | Ellis County Fairgrounds
- 4/27: **Hays Arts Council Spring Art Walk & 55th Annual Smoky Hill Art Exhibition Opening** | 10 AM-4 PM
- 4/27: **Auction for Christian Education (ACE): Golden Anniversary** | 5-11 PM | TMP-Marian High School
- 4/27: **RPM Speedway IMCA Races: Track Sponsor BBQ Night** | 6:30 PM | Rolling Plains Motor Speedway
- 4/27-4/28: **USSSA April Mayhem Baseball Tournament** | Bickle-Schmidt Sports Complex



Fort Hays State University Athletics Schedule: [FHSUathletics.com](https://www.fhsuathletics.com)

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Details and more events at [VisitHays.com](https://www.visithays.com)



April 2024

MONDAY

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SATURDAY

SUNDAY

<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB, FHSU Forsyth Library, 2:30 PM 502 S. Campus Dr. • RC, Flying Bison Disc Golf, 4:00 PM Frontier Park West 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LH, 8:30 AM WC, 2700 Vine • RC/BP, Cold Stone Creamery 10:00 AM, 507 Main • IL, 5:30 PM Paisley Pear Wine Bar, Bistro & Market, 1100 Main Program: Exploring leadership opportunities on a broader scale Speakers: Nikki Pfannenstiel, Manager of Economic Development at Sunflower Electric Power Corp. 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HYP, Networking & Engagement Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM Golden Q, 809 Ash • HYP, First Thursday Social, 6:00 PM The Venue at Thirsty's Brew Pub & Grill, 2704 Vine St. • BAH, A&A Coors and Oasis Pools and Outdoor Living, 6:00 PM The Venue at Thirsty's Brew Pub & Grill, 2704 Vine St. 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC, Options/Jana's Campaign, 9:00 AM Ellis County Courthouse, 107 W 12th St. 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Coffee, 8:30 AM Hays Public Library, 1205 Main 	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RC, Kiwanis Club of Hays, 4:00 PM, 17th and Harvest Ave.. 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CU, Chestnut Street Floral & Wedding Connections, 9:00 AM, 1310 Main St. 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RC, Wild West Festival, 9:00 AM, Shelter House, 300 Main St. • HYP, AC Meeting, 12:00 PM, WC, 2700 Vine • HYP, Quarterly New Member Orientation, 4:00 PM WC, 2700 Vine St. 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC, FHSU Scholarly and Creative Activity Days, 9:00 AM, Applied Technology building FHSU Campus, 600 Park 	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HYP, Connection Lunch, 12:00 PM Speakers: Gus Konz, Financial Advisor at Werth Wealth Management Program: Retirement Planning Sponsor: Glasman Corp. The Venue, Thirsty's Brew Pub & Grill 2704 Vine St. • Chamber BOD Meeting, 3:30 PM WC, 2700 Vine St. 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC, American Red Cross, 9:00 AM The Hadley Center, 205 E. 7th • AMB, Monthly Lunch, 12:00 PM, Rose Garden Banquet Hall, 2350 E. 8th St. 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GO/RC, City of Hays Fire Station no. 3, 3:00 PM, 1732 W. 41st St. 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dale Carnegie: How to Disagree Agreeably, 1:00 PM, Rose Garden Banquet Hall, 2350 E. 8th St. 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HYP, LDC Meeting, 12:00 PM, Gella's Diner and Lb. Brewing Co. 117 E. 11th St. 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Provider Professional Development Series, 6:00 PM Program: Bringing the Classroom Outside Speaker: Brenda Holopirek, Regional Community Consultant at ChildCare Aware of Kansas Rose Garden Banquet Hall, 2350 E. 8th St. 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC, TMP-ACE Auction, 9:00 AM, Al Billinger Fieldhouse, 1701 Hall St. • ML, 12:00 PM Program: Preparing the Next Generation of Workforce, Speakers: Randy Watson, Kansas Department of Education Sponsor: Sunflower Bank Rose Garden Banquet Hall 2350 E. 8th 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Task Force of Ellis County Meeting, 4:00 PM WC, 2700 Vine St. 					

ABBREVIATION LEGEND:

AMB = Ambassador	HYP = Hays Young Professionals
BAH = Business After Hours	IL = Igniting Leadership
BP = DHDC Brick Presentation	LH = Leadership Hays
CC = Chamber Chat	LL = Lunch & Learn
CU = Catching Up	ML = Membership Lunch
GB = Groundbreaking	RC = Ribbon Cutting
GO = Grand Opening	WC = Hays Welcome Center

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