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Cheers to another successful golf tournament



The 17th Annual Chamber Golf Tournament title sponsored by Nex-Tech Wireless brought another year of competition, networking, and community engagement for Ellis County. This year's tournament included 36 teams, and over 100 items included within this year's Chamber Online Auction sponsored by First Care Clinic.

An appreciation is extended to all sponsors, silent auction donors, golfers, bidders, and all who purchased raffle tickets, as The Chamber was able to raise \$30,000 with the event.



1st Flight, 1st Place - Astra Bank II (52)
Vonfeldt, Garcia, Palen, Garcia



2nd Flight, 1st Place - Commerce Bank (62)
Dreiling, Schonthaler, Drees, Schremmer



3rd Flight, 1st Place - Lewis Automotive of Hays (65)
McAvoy, Hernandez, Vratil, Davidson

DISTANCE

Men's Closest to the Pin

Michael Drees - 2'1"

Men's Longest Putt

Grant Weber - 45' 5"

Women's Longest Putt

Liesel Sims-Staab

RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

8 a.m. - Nathan Purdy

9 a.m. - Alicia Tripler

10 a.m. - Liz Kolacny

11 a.m. - Liz Kolacny

12 p.m. - Cammy Uehling

1 p.m. - Eric Grospitch

2 p.m. - Brandon Prough

3 p.m. - Debbie Grabbe

4 p.m. - Courtney Bartling

TEAM SCORES

1st Flight, 2nd Place

Vyve Broadband (56)

1st Flight, 3rd Place

High Plains Farm Credit (56)

2nd Flight, 2nd Place

Sunflower Bank (62)

2nd Flight, 3rd Place

Mulligan Mafia (62)

3rd Flight, 2nd Place

PWC, Inc. (65)

3rd Flight, 3rd Place

Ashley (65)

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Sarah's [Space]

Share your story with the Community Guide!

Oversized kites fill a beautiful and bright blue Kansas sky while children of all ages enjoy games for kids, delicious food prepared by local food trucks, and enjoy crisp air on a perfect September day! Where does this story unfold... That's right here in Hays, Kansas, of course, and that scene is the cover of our 2026 Community Guide! Does your business or organization have a powerful or impactful story to tell? If so, it should be included in the 2027 Hays and Ellis County Community Guide.

Produced by The Chamber in Hays, Kansas, this magazine is proudly printed by Northwestern Printers. 12,500 pieces will be circulated next

year, and your business can more readily connect with new audiences by participating. Whether this piece is shared with conference goers, given to new residents, included in prospective workforce packets, provided to overnight guests at hotels, shared with visitors of local tourist attractions, or disbursed at chamber events, the annual guide tells our community's story and what makes us special.

Spreads in this year's guide will include:

- Retail Therapy – from specialty shops and boutiques to thrift and chain stores
- Adventure Awaits – outdoor and indoor activities
- Like a Local – places or offerings local residents enjoy
- Art & Soul – culture at its finest through all modalities
- Favorite Festivities – large events that attract big crowds
- Savory Selections –

restaurants, food trucks, and their tasty creations

- Storied History – a celebration of our roots and Wild West history
- Investing in Our Future – new this year, this spread will highlight significant projects that have recently been completed or are under construction
- Inside Education – local schools from kindergarten to post-secondary
- Healthcare – from mental health and physical health to hearing and vision
- Quality of Life – standout amenities valued by current and new residents
- Community Good – non-profits that are hard at work in Ellis County

For a list of prices and feature sizes, find the flyer in this month's newsletter. The participation deadline is September 30.

Make 2027 the year that you tell your story in a big way!

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Honoring local educators through annual Education Appreciation event

Presented by The Chamber in Hays, Kansas and **Heartland Credit Union**, the stage is set for Tuesday, August 25 at Hilton Garden Inn & Convention Center for the 38th Annual Education Appreciation.

All chamber member investors are invited to be a part of this special evening honoring the contributions of local educators who are producing the next generation of workforce and community leaders. Sponsoring businesses help treat educators to a nice meal, swag bags with branded merchandise, and are also able to contribute prizes for the special drawing at the end of the evening.

Foundation Sponsors at \$100 will be included in event signage and recognition

and can contribute items to the swag bags. Those interested in connecting with educators attending the event are encouraged to enroll as a Core Sponsor for \$250 or Premier Sponsor at \$700. Core Sponsors receive two event tickets and booth space, while Premier Sponsors are upgraded to three event tickets, are included in a brand specific 30-second commercial the night of the event, and will have a \$25 Chamber Cheque provided in the prize drawing.

Contact dinah@hayschamber.com or click on the flyer in this newsletter to self-register for sponsorship by the July 31 deadline. Make a memorable impact on over 200 local educators today!



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Homestead of Hays receives perfect score on recent state inspection

Homestead of Hays has achieved a deficiency-free survey from the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). At the time of reporting, it is the only assisted living community in Hays to receive a perfect score on its most recent state inspection.

A deficiency-free survey signifies full compliance with all state regulations



without any citations—an accomplishment that reflects a high standard of care, consistency, and attention to detail.

“At Homestead of Hays, our mission has always been

to care for each resident as if they were a member of our own family,” said Executive Director Kathy Deines. “This recognition validates the compassion and dedication our team brings to residents every day.”

Located in Hays, Homestead of Hays provides personalized assisted living services in a welcoming, home-like environment.

United Way of Ellis County plans community data initiative to address financial barriers

United Way of Ellis County is in the planning stages of bringing ALICE Data Walks to Hays as part of a new community engagement initiative. Through a partnership with the Kansas Health Foundation and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, United Ways of Kansas will have access to ALICE Data Walk materials this fall. Hosting local Data Walk opportunities allows community members to



engage with local ALICE data and participate in discussions surrounding barriers impacting household financial stability, upward mobility, and community well-being.

The initiative is designed to gather community feedback, strengthen collaboration, and help identify future priority impact areas. Partnerships

with Fort Hays State University local students, volunteers, and community stakeholders will support the project’s implementation and long-term impact.

Community members, organizations, and businesses interested in learning more or supporting the initiative through sponsorship opportunities are encouraged to contact United Way of Ellis County Director Janelle VanKooten.

OPI welcomes Grant Harvey to Hays team



Grant Harvey

Office Products, Inc., is proud to add Grant Harvey to their Hays team. Grant will work with area businesses and organizations to find the right solutions to empower their business.

Grant has previously worked in Hays and is active in local activities

and organizations like the Kiwanis Club.

When Grant is not helping his customers or active in the community, he spends time with his wife Jenna and their daughter Blair.

Grant cannot wait to meet you and find out how OPI can help your business.

Credit Union of America opens Hays branch, awards golf cart in grand opening giveaway

Credit Union of America recently opened its new branch in Hays, expanding its presence in western Kansas and making its services more accessible to members in the region. To celebrate the opening, the credit union held a golf cart giveaway and awarded the prize to member Jeffery Schoenberger on April 17. Schoenberger earned his



Welcome to Friendly

winning entry through Credit Union of America's Refi & Ride promotion after refinancing an auto loan with the credit union, connecting the celebration

to a service designed to help members lower their auto loan rate through refinancing. Credit Union of America has maintained its Number 1 auto lender status in Kansas for more than four consecutive years, based on its review of Experian Automotive monthly Kansas Lender Summary reports for select Kansas counties through February 2026.

DAV Chapter 18 adds transportation van to serve veterans across western Kansas

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 18 is celebrating the addition of a new transportation van, made possible through generous community support, grant funding, and dedicated advocacy. This new vehicle will provide reliable transportation for veterans across western and northwestern Kansas, helping ensure access



to critical VA medical appointments and services.

This investment represents increased independence, dignity, and

peace of mind for local veterans and their families. DAV Chapter 18 extends sincere appreciation to its grant writer, community donors, and the team at Car Zone Inc. for their role in bringing this project to life.

With this new resource, the organization is better equipped to fulfill its mission of supporting those who have served.

Cancer Council of Ellis County to host In Defiance of Cancer fundraiser

Join the **Cancer Council of Ellis County** during the Hays Summer Art Walk at the **Hays Public Library** for the In Defiance of Cancer Fundraiser on June 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

We will host artists JR Hahn and Jordan Brown for the Art Walk. The grand prize is artwork by

JR Hahn - "Fragments".

Other prizes are VIP tickets to the Wild West Festival, FHSU Season Football tickets, a Zoom Whitening certificate and many more. See the inside flyer for list of all prizes and ticket information. Mail your tickets directly to the Cancer Council of Ellis County, 701 Riley St.



Lunch-and-learn Medicare workshops announced for June



Turning 65 soon or starting to think about Medicare? Join **Sunflower Insurance Solutions** for a relaxed workshop at the Hadley Building, 205 E. Seventh Street, where we'll walk through the basics in a simple, easy-to-understand way – all over lunch! Choose which date works for you. Lunch is available at 11:30 a.m., and the presentation begins at noon. RSVP at sunflowersenior.com or call (785) 301-2716.

The following upcoming lunch-and-learn dates are June 10 and 23.

Victoria Community Coalition raises funds for St. John's for Fourth of July



The **Victoria Community Coalition, Inc.** is now selling tickets for its Fourth of July Raffle, with proceeds benefiting St. John's Place community projects. Tickets are \$10 each, and the drawing will take place Saturday, July 4. Prizes include a Blackstone 28" griddle, Yeti cooler, Cabela's gift card, kids

eKickScooter, a meat bundle from K&W Meats, and multiple cash prizes. Thank you to our local supporters and businesses for making this possible! To purchase tickets, contact Jake Hunter at (785) 735-4409 (text), Brenda Dreiling at (785) 735-4141 (text or call), or any VCC Board Member.

City of Hays names Nikki Brown Director of Convention and Visitors Bureau

The City of Hays has announced the appointment of Michelle "Nikki" Brown as the next Director of the **City of Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau** (CVB). She will officially begin her duties on June 15.

Brown joins the City following a nearly 18-year career at Fort Hays State University, where she most recently served as the Assistant Director of Career Development. Her professional background includes extensive experience in communications, public engagement, and partnership development.

"Nikki brings a strong record of leadership, management expertise, drive, and enthusiasm to the position," said City Manager Toby Dougherty. "She will be a wonderful ambassador for Hays."

A graduate of Slippery Rock University and Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Brown has been a long-time leader in the Hays community and within the Kansas Academic Advising Network.

"I am honored to join the City of Hays in this role," Brown said. "Hays has a strong story to tell. I am excited for the opportunity to help share that story, support our tourism partners, and encourage more people to visit our community."



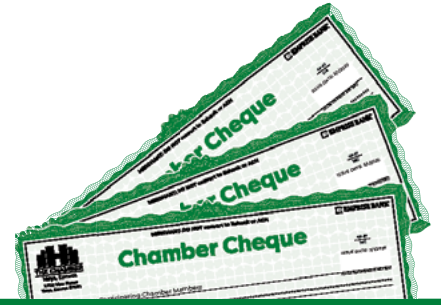
Nikki Brown



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Ellis County Workforce Committee eyes cost-of-living tool to boost regional recruiting



ELLIS COUNTY WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Since November 2025, the Ellis County Wellness Committee has been making significant strides in supporting businesses interested in offering wellness resources for their teams. The mission of this group is to promote a culture of lifelong wellness across Ellis County by supporting healthy lifestyles and empowering workplaces to strengthen our community.

Accessible via <https://hayschamber.com/workforcewellness/wellness>, businesses can now share resources about aging, community events, financial, food and housing insecurity, healthcare, meal planning and nutrition, mental health, new community member outreach, physical activity, religious and spiritual, and wellness discounts with their employees. Businesses can also download customizable wellness plans, work policies surrounding wellness, and other resources from organizations like Work Well

Kansas, Healthy Hospitals Kansas, and Walk with a Doc.

Currently, the committee is exploring the creation of a wellness specific website that will work similar to an app that will help roll out wellness challenges, provide wellness tips, offer physical health tracking, provide mental health tools, educational content, assist with tracking sleep and water consumption, and potentially even integrate with other HR programs for businesses with more robust offerings.

Another program that will launch in late June is the Welcome Home Interest Inventory postcard. This postcard will be distributed to new community members when they turn on water service for the first time. The card will share highlight resources from aging, arts, community, education, developmental disabilities, financial resources, mental health services, parenting resources, physical health

services, sports and leisure, veterans resources, and volunteer services and programs. The goal of this program is to better connect new community members with their interests so they can “find their people” sooner, which could be a strong retention tool.

The first wellness challenge for the Ellis County Wellness Committee is in conjunction with Bike Month. Members are encouraged to share the Bike Challenge with their staff and encourage them to ride their bike throughout the month of July. The flyer shows information on biking safety, bike lanes, and other places that are great for biking locally, as well as three larger biking events happening in the area the month of July. Prizes will be awarded to the top participants in each age bracket.

Start taking advantage of these resources for employees and help create your healthier and more engaged workforce!

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2026 Leadership Hays cohort graduates



From L to R - 1st Row: Janae Dinkel, Midwest Energy; Nichole Wolf, Nex-Tech Wireless; Fernando Guzman, HaysMed; Chantelle Lawson, Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth; Brittany Drylie, FHSU Foundation; Dinah Newman, The Chamber in Hays, Kansas; Cheridahn Kentner, Bank of Hays.

From L to R: 2nd Row: Brent Meeks, Vyve Broadband; Damian Lawson, Equity Bank; Nick Esfeld, Nex-Tech, Kaleb Hammeke, Heartland Credit Union; Craig Poe, High Plains Mental Health Center; Macy Graham, Nex-Tech; Mikaela Henderson, First Care Clinic; and Cassandra Buhrle, Heartland Dermatology.

Not pictured: Brittany Scarpulla, Commerce Bank; Jessie Werth, First Care Clinic; and Oscar Jimenez, Sunflower Bank.

On behalf of the Leadership Hays 2026 facilitation team and The Chamber in Hays, Kansas, we proudly recognize the Leadership Hays 2026 cohort for successfully completing the program.

Over four months, participants strengthened critical thinking skills, explored 21st-century leadership principles, completed the Kansas Leadership Center's *When Everyone Leads* program, and engaged in an adaptive challenge day focused on addressing community challenges in Hays. The program culminated in a class project benefiting Ellis County youth, with more information included in this month's newsletter.

Nex-Tech Marketing Specialist Macy Graham

shared this about her experience, "Leadership Hays has truly been a wonderful way to engage more deeply with the community and connect with other business professionals who are genuinely committed to community growth. I've been inspired by how much everyone cares about their families and about making Hays a better place for all. Sarah, Leigh, Olga, Hannah, and Nikki did a fantastic job facilitating the program and were true examples of leadership in action—always supportive, insightful, and motivating."

She continued, "Coming out of this program, I'm excited to have gained more confidence in public speaking, strategic planning insights, and to be part of

such a supportive professional network. The relationships built during Leadership Hays are the highlight for me, and I look forward to continuing to foster these connections well beyond graduation."

"I highly recommend Leadership Hays to anyone who wants to challenge themselves, discover more about who they are and why, and learn how to use their strengths to become a better leader—whether at home, at work, or within the Hays community," said Graham.

A special thank you to facilitators Nikki Pfannenstiel and Hannah Hilker of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, Olga Detrixhe of Nex-Tech, and Leigh Purdy and Sarah Wasinger of The Chamber in Hays, Kansas for leading this year's class.

To learn more about **Leadership Hays** or to reserve a spot for the 2027 cohort, email hayscc@hayschamber.com or visit <https://hayschamber.com/workforce/talent-development/leadership-hays>.



HAYS, KS

GROWING HEALTHY KIDS

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
6-8 p.m.

ARC PARK

3300 Hillcrest Dr.
Hays, KS 67601

An outdoor kids wellness event designed to support their mental, physical and emotional well-being through hands-on activities.



THE ACTIVITIES

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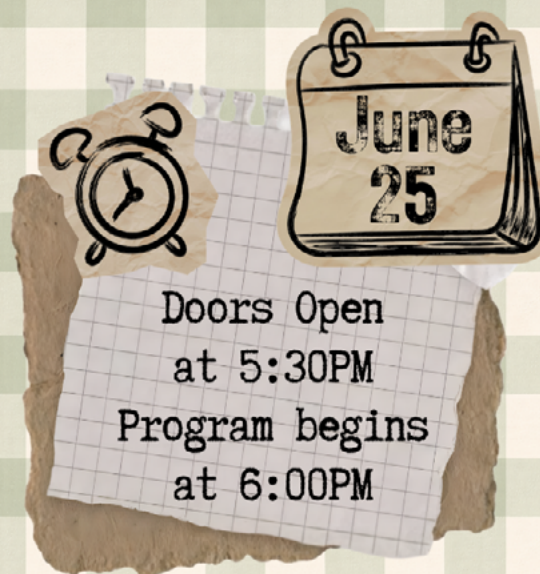
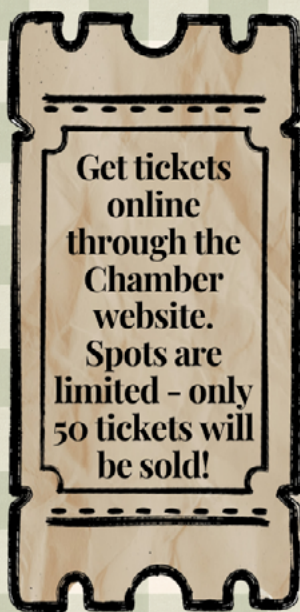
Discover the colors that bring out your best and elevate your personal style!



Enjoy delicious bites and a fun "dirty soda" bar throughout the event!



Meet and connect with other incredible professional women in our community!





HYP will host a Ribbon Cutting with The Chamber to celebrate our 20th Anniversary on Thursday, Sept 24th at 4:00PM at The Venue!

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HAYS YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NEWSLETTER



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10/26/2026

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\$65

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Group Rate:
7+ Attendees
\$65 per person

Registration closes on October 1

REMINDER

There will be no Connection Lunches in June or July. We'll see you in August!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

MORGAN HUELSMAN

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH



Chamber Chat
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Grand Reopening/Chamber Chat
WALMART SUPERCENTER
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Ambassador Monthly Lunch
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Leadership Hays - Last Session
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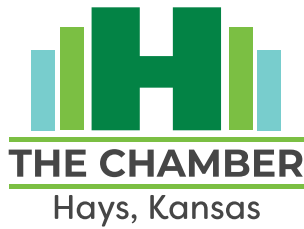
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Speaker: James Gerstner, Development Officer, HPHMC
Program: Mental Health Awareness



April Membership Lunch
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Program: 2026 Leadership Hays Graduation



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- Inclusion on all marketing materials
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JULY 2026 CHALLENGE

During July, challenge yourself to ride a bike at least three times a week. Consider new ways to incorporate cycling into daily activities. Use this calendar to log rides and tally points. Record points up to 3 ride days per week. A fourth bonus point is awarded for each week with 3 ride days. An additional point is available for participating in each bike event.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

11 Tour Die Kapellen
Ellis County

18 Cruise the Blues
Palen Farms, Tipton

26 Historical Bike Tour
Hays

TOTAL RIDE DAYS
(up to 3 per week)

TOTAL BONUS POINTS

TOTAL SCORE

RECORD EACH DAY ✓

PLAN YOUR RIDE 

BE SAFE, HAVE FUN! 

Email completed forms to hayscc@hayschamber.com.

Return to the Welcome Center by Aug. 7. Top prizes awarded to 5 age groups.



JULY 2026 CHALLENGE



Need a bike or have any questions about the challenge or biking?
Reach out to Keith Gustin at (785) 259-9456 with any questions.

GET STARTED

Complete these objectives during Bike Month. Each is 1 point.

- A. Familiarize yourself with local traffic laws regarding bikes. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- B. Perform an ABCDE Bike Check.
- C. Consider safety equipment and hydration.
- D. Plan your ride. Check the forecast and traffic conditions.
- E. Ride your bike! Ride for work or leisure. Be safe, and have fun!

In Defiance of Cancer Fundraiser



Join us for the
Summer Art Walk at Hays Public Library
Friday, June 19th * 6:30pm – 9:00pm
 Honoring Artists
JR Hahn & Jordan Brown

Get your tickets now for a chance at some great prizes.
 Need not be present to win

Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 * 6 for \$5.00 * 13 for \$10.00

1. Home Sweet Home Hanger - donated by Midland Made Co.
2. Sling Bag– donated by Lilly & Marie
3. Basketball donated & signed by FHSU Women’s Basketball Team
4. \$50 Gift Certificate – donated by Eclectic Threads
5. 2 Tickets for Annie (2 sets) – donated by Hays Community Theatre
6. Gift Basket – donated by Chestnut Street Floral
7. 2 Wild West Festival General Admission Tickets – donated by WWF Committee
8. Popcorn Gift Basket – donated by PoPt Gourmet Popcorn
9. Ventev Ultra Dual Chargepad – donated by Nex-Tech Wireless
10. Floral Arrangement – donated by Regeena’s Flowers
11. JBL Speaker Flip 6 – donated by Auto World
12. Galaxy Tab A9+ - donated by Auto World
13. Tozo Wireless Earbuds – donated by Auto World
14. \$60 Gift Certificate – donated by Sarah Cain, Massage Therapist @ Studio 8
15. Ring Polish & Rhodium Plate – donated by Diamond R Jewelry
16. 19" Engraved Wooden Cross – donated by Custom Creations
17. Black & Decker Dustbuster – donated by Home Depot
18. \$35 Gift Certificate – donated by Blue Moon Barber Lounge
19. \$25 Gift Card to Hobby Lobby – donated by Anonymous
20. Gift Cards: (each gift card will have a name picked)
 - Las Hefas \$30
 - Dillons \$25
 - Gella's \$25
 - JD's Chicken \$25
 - Paisley Pear \$25
 - Thirsty's \$25
 - Gutierrez \$20 (2 each)
 - Taco Shop \$10 (6 each)

Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00

21. 2 Season Tickets FHSU Football General Admission – Donated by FHSU Athletics
22. 2 VIP Wild West Festival Tickets – Donated by WWF Committee (\$600 Value)
23. Zoom Whitening Certificate – Donated by Lifetime Dental Care (\$609 Value)

Grand Prize Tickets are 1 for \$15.00 or 3 for \$40.00



24. Fragments
 Cast aluminum, 10" tall, 8" wide
 By Artist JR Hahn

Return tickets to
Cancer Council of Ellis County

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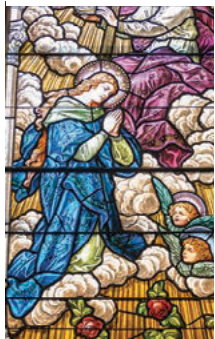
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JUNE 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hays KANSAS

- BINGO** | Wednesdays & Fridays | 6:30 PM | 2450 E. 8th St.
- The Hays Fresh Produce Market** | Wednesdays 5-7 PM; Saturdays 7:30-11 AM | Bomgaars
- Downtown Hays Market** | Saturdays | 7:30-11 AM | Downtown Pavilion at 10th and Main
- 6/1-6/12: **Taylor Craig, MFA Thesis Exhibition: Ceramics** | M-F 10-2PM | FHSU Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art
- 6/2: **Hays City Band & 35th Infantry Division Band** | 7:30 PM | Hays High Performing Arts Center
- 6/3: **National Run Day** | 5:15 AM | Hays Recreation Commission
- 6/4: **Fishing at Big Creek with Hays Public Library** | 9 AM | Frontier Park East
- 6/4: **Ellis County Community Fair** | 11 AM-1 PM | Big Creek Crossing
- 6/5: **Fr. Earl - TMP Alumni Golf Tournament** | 9 AM | Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course
- 6/5: **The Fox Theatre: Moms Unhinged Standup Comedy Show** | 6:15 PM | The Fox Theatre
- 6/5, 6/19, 6/20, 6/26, 6/27: **Live Music at the Paisley Pear** | 8-10 PM | Paisley Pear
- 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/27: **The Horseshoe hosts Karaoke Contest** | 8 PM | The Horseshoe Bar and Grill
- 6/6: **15th Annual Dash 4 Disabilities Fun Run** | 8 AM | Hays Aquatic Park
- 6/6 & 6/20: **Indoor Vendor Market** | 10 AM-2 PM | 2450 E. 8th St.
- 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27: **Live Music at the Horseshoe** | 9 PM | The Horseshoe Bar and Grill
- 6/6: **“Uniforms & Insignia of the Indian Wars Period”** | 2 PM | Historic Fort Hays
- 6/7: **Sunflower Polka Club** | 2-5 PM | Rose Garden Banquet Hall
- 6/9 & 6/16: **Hays City Band** | 7:30 PM | Hays High Performing Arts Center
- 6/10: **Scones Class** | 1-5 PM | Hays High School Residential Kitchens
- 6/10-6/14: **Moore’s Greater Shows Carnival** | 5-11 PM | Big Creek Crossing Mall
- 6/11: **Lovegrass Concert Series: High Country Hustle** | 7-9 PM | Downtown Pavilion
- 6/11: **Science Book Club: “Everything is Tuberculosis” + Cost of Synthesizing Drugs** | 6:30-8 PM | Sternberg Museum
- 6/12-6/13: **Hays Citywide Garage Sale** | 8 AM-5 PM
- 6/12-6/13: **Hays Car Guys Swap Meet for Charity** | 7 AM-5 PM | Hays National Guard Building
- 6/12: **World Soccer Watch Party: USA vs. Paraguay** | 8 PM | Hays Recreation Commission
- 6/12: **Thunder on the Plains Cruise Night** | 6-9 PM | Municipal Park
- 6/12: **The Fox Theatre: Citizen Soldier Secret Songs Tour II** | 6:30 PM | The Fox Theatre
- 6/13: **Kinderfest** | 9-11 AM | Ellis County Historical Society
- 6/13: **Thunder on the Plains Car, Truck, & Cycle Show** | 8 AM-3 PM | Municipal Park
- 6/13-6/14: **USSSA Annual Midwest Slamfest Baseball** | 9 AM | Bickle-Schmidt Sports Complex
- 6/15: **Elder Financial Exploitation Workshop with Astra Bank** | 6 PM | Hays Public Library
- 6/19: **Hays Arts Council Summer Art Walk** | 6:30-9:30 PM | Downtown Hays
- 6/19-6/21: **USSSA State Fastpitch Softball Tournament** | Bickle-Schmidt Complex
- 6/19-7/3: **Ryan Trusell, MFA Thesis Exhibition: Ceramics** | M-F 10-2 PM | FHSU Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art
- 6/20: **Quarry to Glory - Churches of Ellis County Tour** | 8 AM-5 PM | Depart from Big Creek Crossing
- 6/20: **Northglen Antiques Summer Flea Market** | 9 AM-3 PM | Northglen Antiques
- 6/20: **RPM Speedway IMCA Races** | 6 PM | Rolling Plains Motor Speedway
- 6/21: **Hays Aquatic Park: Father’s Day Special** | 12:30 PM-6:30 PM | Hays Aquatic Park
- 6/22: **Hays City Band** | 7:30 PM | Beach Schmidt Performing Arts Center
- 6/23: **Meet the Hays Larks** | 3-4 PM | Hays Public Library
- 6/26-6/28: **Battle on the Plains USSSA Fastpitch Softball Tournament** | Bickle-Schmidt Sports Complex



Hays Larks Schedule: hayslarks.org/schedule

Details and more events: VisitHays.com

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June 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
1	2	3 HYP, Connect Committee, 12:00 PM Astra Bank, 2605 Main St.	4 LH, Growing Healthy Kids, 6:00 PM ARC Park, 3300 Hillcrest Dr.	5 RC/CC, Cancer Council of Ellis County, 9:00 AM WC, 2700 Vine St.	6 7
8	9 Child Care Task Force of Ellis County Meeting, 4:00 PM WC, 2700 Vine St.	10 HYP, Advisory Council, 12:00 PM Astra Bank, 2605 Main St.	11	12 CC - Wild West Festival, 9:00 AM Municipal Park, 100 Main St.	13 14
15 Digital Newsletter Submissions and Inserts Due RC, Avid Hotel, 4:00 PM 206 W. 43rd St.	16 Chamber Board of Directors Meeting, 3:30 PM WC, 2700 Vine St.	17	18	19 RC/CC - Suck it Up Bubble Cup, 9:00 AM WC, 2700 Vine St.	20 21
22 GO - Thyvoventpeacock, 11:30 AM Big Creek Crossing, 2918 Vine St.	23 Child Care Provider Appreciation, 6:00 PM Lb. Event Center & Catering, 117 E. 11th St.	24 HYP, Develop Committee, 12:00 PM Astra Bank, 2605 Main St.	25 HYP, Confidence Collective, 5:30 PM Lb. Event Center & Catering, 117 E. 11th St.	26 RC/CC, The Bricks in Downtown Hays, 9:00 AM Downtown Pavillion at Union Pacific Plaza, W. 10th and Main St. ML, 12:00 PM Sponsor: EnerSys Speaker: Kansas Board of Regents Chair Blake Benson Program: Post-Secondary Success in 2026 and Beyond Lb. Event Center & Catering, 117 E. 11th St.	27 28
29	30 Ellis County Workforce Committee Meeting, 2:00 PM WC, 2700 Vine St.				

For more information on registration and events, click here!

ABBREVIATION LEGEND

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

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