

DISCOVER HAYS

ELLIS COUNTY KANSAS



2012 Official Community Guide
Hays Area Chamber of Commerce

small town charm *big time fun!*



Whether you are planning a romantic golf/spa getaway for you and that special someone, an exciting dinosaur adventure with the kids, or something in between, Hays has it!

Feel free to explore our ever-growing Chestnut Street District with unique shopping and eateries, our collection of majestic churches in the area - including the Cathedral of the Plains - or our world-class Sternberg Museum of Natural History, featuring the famous fish-within-a-fish fossil.

You won't want to miss our wide variety of festivals where you can explore our rich, Volga-German heritage with not one, but two Oktoberfest celebrations, a holiday Frost Fest and the Wild West Festival each summer.



Greetings:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Hays and our surrounding communities. I'm extremely proud to serve this area in the state Legislature. Our community is home to friendly people, strong neighborhoods, excellent school systems, active churches, a beautiful park system, low crime rates and many events providing entertainment for the entire family. We are able to maintain our rural flavor, while offering advantages that provide business, personal and professional growth opportunities.

During your stay, whether it be brief or permanent, I hope you will have time to learn about our community and the opportunities that exist. Like many of us who make Hays our home, I think you'll find it is a great place to live, work and play. Once again, welcome to Hays and enjoy your stay.



Eber Phelps

State Representative
Hays

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WELCOME

Felten Livery is pictured circa 1910. This is now the 100 block of West 10th.



the HISTORY

Some of the West's greatest characters walked Hays' streets

Hays

Hays was founded during the rugged pioneer days of the 1860s, when people began settling Hays City with the western push of the Leavenworth, Pawnee and Western Railroad — now Union Pacific.

Hays' early history includes many of the famous and infamous figures of the Old West. Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, Calamity Jane and Wild Bill Hickok were all prominent citizens during the city's early days.

In 1876, the first of a hardy group of German-Russian immigrants from the Volga River region of Russia arrived in Hays and settled the surrounding towns of Catharine, Schoenchen, Munjor, Liebenthal and others, which are now home to many of their descendants.

Fort Hays

In 1865, an army post known as Fort Fletcher was established to protect pioneers and travelers along the Smoky Hill Trail. The fort was renamed Fort Hays in 1866. Following a disastrous flood in 1867, the fort

was re-established on its present site overlooking what is now the city of Hays. The blockhouse, officers quarters, guardhouse and several building foundations still remain.

Ellis

Ellis, the second largest town in Ellis County, was established in the early 1870s along the Kansas Pacific Railroad about 14 miles west of Hays. Ellis was home to John Henry, a Union Pacific train dispatcher who invented the electric streetcar, and Walter P. Chrysler, founder of Chrysler Corp. Walt Disney, animator and founder of Walt Disney Studios, also had connections to Ellis.

Victoria

Victoria was incorporated in 1913, combining the towns of Victoria and Herzog. The town is home to St. Fidelis Catholic Church, dubbed "Cathedral of the Plains" by 1912 presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan. The 220-foot-long church was built of native post rock limestone by parishioners in the early 1900s and boasts twin towers rising 141 feet high.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fall in love with history as you view exhibits devoted to the rich heritage of Ellis County, including legendary characters of the Wild West, such as Custer, Cody and Hickok who walked the streets of Hays.

The Ellis County Historical Society owns and maintains the original Boot Hill, established in 1867. Here, unfortunate Hays residents who "died with their boots on" were laid to rest.

The museum also houses an extensive archive for those interested in research or genealogy.

Both museum buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places. The First Presbyterian Church was listed in 1973.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. Visit the museum at 100 W. Seventh or call (785) 628-2624.

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the CHAMBER

Attractions focus on history, nature, arts, recreation and more

“The Hays Area Chamber of Commerce works for the business prosperity of Hays and its neighbors.”

To move forward physically, you simply must put one foot in front of the other. In business, you must “Step Up” to the challenges in order to move forward and upward. This means sometimes you have to “Step Up” your exposure.

The Hays Area Chamber of Commerce provides an opportunity for area businesses to join the upward climb that keeps the community forging ahead economically. Since 1917, the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce has played an active leadership role in enhancing the economic stability, business climate and ever-improving quality of life in Hays and Ellis County.

Strongly committed to bringing resources together for the business community, the Chamber leads the way toward a community that is consistently improving as an ideal place to live, work, invest and raise a family — and that has a vision for an even brighter and more prosperous future.



Members of the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce, Ellis County Historical Society and Hays Fire Department cut a ribbon on the new fire museum at the Historical Society.

Members of the Chamber contribute to, and benefit from, the energetic spirit of cooperation that makes Hays and Ellis County an exceptional place for business expansion and balanced economic growth.

With a commitment to excellence, the volunteer-led organization consistently provides innovative, visionary leadership that contributes to the area's vitality and exceptional livability.

Chamber membership consists of both small businesses and large, local entrepreneurs and international corporations in a variety of fields — from health care to manufacturing, from retail and services to education and agriculture.

The Hays Area Chamber of Commerce's success is a result of an active and involved professional community.

The Chamber is your first resource to contact when you need to solve problems or get answers. Whether you attend a weekly Chamber Chat, a ribbon-cutting or a monthly Business After Hours, you are given an excellent opportunity to network with others while promoting your business.

Furthermore, the Welcome Center staff will refer all Chamber members personally and through the Membership Business Directory and Chamber website.

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Here are just a few opportunities for you to "Step Up" with your Chamber:

- Showcase your products and services through advertising avenues such as the Community Guide, newsletter and Chamber website.
- Generate resources and develop customer contacts.
- Connect with other community leaders and business mentors.
- Gain timely information to overcome daily challenges of running a business.
- Increase your knowledge of the local business community and political issues.
- Develop additional leadership and other professional skills.

**For more information,
33 visit the Welcome Center
2700 Vine Street
(785) 628-8201**

Hays Area Chamber of Commerce

**Downtown Hays
Development Corp.**

Convention & Visitors Bureau

**Ellis County Coalition for
Economic Development**



OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Hays Area Young Professionals

The mission of Hays Area Young Professionals is to promote the development, recruitment and retention of young professionals in the Hays area; to build a bond between the business community and young professionals; and to help make the Hays area the best place to live, serve, work and play.

The group is open to individuals between the ages of 21 and 40 seeking to expand their business and professional contacts, interested in giving back to the Hays community, looking to meet new people socially or those just willing to have a little fun.

HAYP is a benefit to the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce because the group helps reach the young business owners base. HAYP members also help promote new and innovative ideas for the Chamber.

Chamber Ambassadors

This committee is the visible public relations arm of the Chamber. Ambassadors' primary responsibility is membership recruitment and retention. In addition, this committee will provide public relations support for Chamber member events, making sure there is appropriate Chamber representation at member ribbon-cuttings, groundbreakings and grand openings.

Leadership Hays

The Chamber sponsors the Leadership Hays program, which guides community participants through the capacities needed by 21st century leaders.

Goals include: identifying and motivating individuals who are committed to leadership and community trusteeship; acquainting such individuals with the community's continuing needs, challenges and resources; offering opportunities for participants to explore and strengthen personal leadership competencies.



Hays Aquatic Park



Buffalo herd



Historic Fort Hays



St. Fidelis Catholic Church

the SIGHTS

Attractions focus on history, nature, arts, recreation and more

2 Blue Sky Miniature Horse Farm
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3 Bickle/Schmidt Sports Complex
U.S. Highway 183 Bypass & Old U.S. Highway 40; (785) 623-2650
www.hayssportscomplex.com
Home of the Fort Hays State University soccer facility and community recreation soccer, football, baseball and softball fields.

4 Boot Hill Cemetery
18th & Fort
Site of the first cemetery in Kansas to be called "Boot Hill."

5 Buffalo Herd
U.S. Highway 183 Alternate, 4 miles south of Interstate 70 (across from Historic Fort Hays); (785) 628-7375

A remnant of the vast herds that once roamed the plains of North America.

Bukovina Society of the Americas Museum
716 Washington, Ellis; (785) 726-4568 or (785) 726-4201
www.bukovinasociety.org
Open by appointment
History of the Bukovina Germans who migrated to this area in the late 1800s.

**"Cathedral of the Plains"
St. Fidelis Catholic Church**
900 Cathedral, Victoria; (785) 735-2777
www.stfidelischurch.com
Beautiful Romanesque structure of native limestone completed in 1911 by the Volga-German settlers.

7 Chestnut Street District in Historic Downtown Hays
(785) 621-4171
www.chestnutstreetdistrict.com

**13 Country School House
Fort Hays State University**
Lyman Drive; (785) 628-4538
An authentic, one-room schoolhouse built in 1874 of native limestone.

11 Ellis Co. Historical Society Museum
100 W. 7th; (785) 628-2624
www.elliscountyhistoricalmuseum.org
More than 25,000 artifacts show early pioneer life in Ellis County.

Ellis Railroad Museum & Doll Display
911 Washington, Ellis; (785) 726-4493
Artifacts of the early days of the railroad in western Kansas. Located on the third floor of the museum are more than 1,600 dolls dating from 1900 to present.

Farmers Market
Ashley Furniture parking lot, 27th and Vine; (785) 625-6921
Open June 23 to Oct. 20; 8 to 11 a.m. Saturdays; 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays

14 Fort Hays State University Farm

West of U.S. Highway 183 Alternate;
(785) 628-4196
www.fhsu.edu/agriculture

This 3,800-acre farm is used as a hands-on instructional laboratory for the FHSU Department of Agriculture.

13 FHSU Forsyth Library

FHSU Campus; (785) 625-5901
www.fhsu.edu/library

Experience various exhibits including the Center for Ethnic Studies, Old Hays City & Catharine model building displays, and the Walker Airbase display.

Grant's Cemetery

First & Angus Drive, Victoria

George Grant brought over the first Angus cattle from Scotland to the mid-Kansas Prairie in 1873. Visit the burial site of George Grant and read about the history of the Angus in Kansas.

18 Hays Arts Center Gallery

112 E. 11th; (785) 625-7522
www.haysartscouncil.org

The gallery sponsors seasonal gallery walks in addition to hosting the Five State Photography Exhibition and the Smoky Hill Art Exhibition. Free admission.

19 Hays Aquatic Park

4th & Main; (785) 623-2653
www.haysrec.org

Multi-purpose pool, leisure pool and lazy river with two water slides and play area. Shaded areas, deck space and concessions.

7 Historical Downtown Walking Tour

(785) 628-8202

Historical markers show where the famous and infamous walked the streets of old Hays City, including "Wild Bill Hickok," "Buffalo Bill Cody" and Gen. George Armstrong Custer.

24 Historic Fort Hays

1472 U.S. Highway 183 Alternate, 4 miles south of Interstate 70; (785) 625-6812; thefort@kshs.org

Established in 1867 to protect construction workers building the Union Pacific Railroad. The original blockhouse, guardhouse and officers' quarters are located there, as well as exhibits interpreting pioneer and military history.

26 Kansas Merci Boxcar Museum

13th & Canterbury; (785) 625-3813

One of 49 boxcars France sent to America in 1949 in appreciation for the



33 RPM SPEEDWAY

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pacts and Northern Sport Modifieds.

This is a multi-use facility for concerts and all motor sports such as tractor pulls, demolition derbies, tough trucks, motorcycle events and many other functions. The grandstand has a seating capacity for more than 4,000 people, with restrooms and concessions located on the grounds.

The three-day fall nationals occurs annually in October.

food the U.S. sent after World War II.

25 KSU Agricultural Research Center

1232 240th Ave.; (785) 625-3425
www.wkarc.org

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31 Old Rome Townsite Marker

(785) 628-8202

Located just west of Hays on Old U.S. Highway 40. Hangman's bridge is also near the site.

35 Sternberg Museum of Natural History

3000 Sternberg Drive; (785) 628-4286
sternberg.fhsu.edu

Features a Discovery Room, permanent displays of fossils and a 10,000 sq. ft. walk-through diorama depicting what the region was like during the end of the Age of Dinosaurs, including the land and sea creatures that can be found in the rocks of

western Kansas and along the Front Range. The world-famous Fish-Within-a-Fish fossil is on display here.

Victoria Railroad Cemetery

9 miles east of Hays on Old U.S. Highway 40, south edge of Victoria

The graves of Union Pacific railroad workers killed by Cheyenne Indians in 1867 are located here.

11 Volga-German Haus

100 W. 7th; (785) 628-2624 or (785) 628-8202

www.germancapitalofkansas.com

Reconstruction of a typical early day Volga-German immigrant house. Open by appointment.

Walter P. Chrysler Boyhood Home & Museum

102 W. 10th, Ellis; (785) 726-3636
www.chryslerboyhoodhome.com

Boyhood home of American inventor and auto industrialist Walter P. Chrysler during the 1880s. Placed on the National Registry of Historical Buildings in 1952.



Napoli's Italian Restaurant



Rooftops Restaurant & Bar



Taco Shop



Gella's Diner & LB Brewery

the FOOD

Sample local eateries with a variety of menu items

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3505 Vine
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515 W. 27th
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Gella's Diner & LB Brewery

117 E. 11th
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809 Ash
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111 W. 7th
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IHOP

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2804 Vine
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McDonald's Restaurant (North)

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McDonald's Restaurant (South)

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Montana Mike's

3216 Vine
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Napoli's Italian & American Restaurant

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205 E. 7th, Ste. 138
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GERMAN ROOTS

Ellis County was settled by a large group of Volga-Germans, that is, German immigrants who settled in the Russian Volga area in the 1700s.

When they emigrated to the U.S., they brought with them many of their traditional recipes that have been handed down for generations.

Local restaurants continue some of that tradition today, as do many local German heritage festivals.

Beyond the most common bierocks and green bean dumpling soup, grebbel (fried bread dough), guluskys (cabbage rolls) and pfeffernusse (cookie) are among

the German foods still being made in Ellis County.

If you're craving a tasting of these and more, check out these local festivals for made-from-scratch German cuisine.

- Fidelisfest, Memorial Day, Victoria
- Herzogfest, Second weekend in August, Victoria
- German Feast, September, Schoenchen
- Annual Harold Dorzweiler Cancer Memorial Fund Polka Fest, September, Hays
- Eagles Oktoberfest German meal, October, Hays
- FHSU Homecoming and Volga German Society Oktoberfest, October, Hays

Stadium Club

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Subway

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Subway

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Taco Bell of Hays

1730 Vine
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Taco Grande

412 E. 23rd
(785) 628-1413

Taco Shop

333 W. 8th
(785) 625-7114

T-Bone's Sports Bar & Grill

2415 General Hays Road
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The Soda Shoppe Café

800 Main
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2704 Vine
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Toby Jugs

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VFW Post No. 9076

2106 Vine
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Vernie's Hamburger House

527 E. 17th
(785) 628-1462

Walmart (Deli & Bakery)

4301 Vine
(785) 628-7460

Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers

1800 Vine
(785) 625-6925

Whiskey Creek Wood Fire Grill

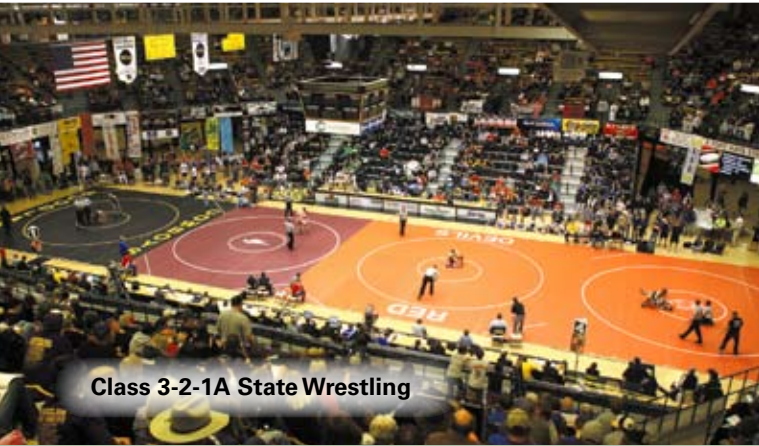
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Ellis County Fair



Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive during the FrostFest parade.



Class 3-2-1A State Wrestling



Wild West Festival fireworks

the EVENTS

Local traditions span the seasons

February

- Hays Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, Memorial Union, FHSU campus
- Class 3-2-1A State Wrestling Championships, Gross Memorial Coliseum

March

- Class 1A, Division II State Basketball Tournament, Gross Memorial Coliseum
- Home & Garden Show, The Mall
- Kansas Special Olympics Basketball and Cheerleading Tournament, Gross Memorial Coliseum

April

- Spring Gallery Walk, Downtown Hays

May

- Hays Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament, Smoky Hill Country Club

June

- Hays Regional Airport Fly-In — “Great Planes on the Great Plains”
- Ellis Riverfest, Ellis
- Summer Gallery Walk, Downtown Hays

July

- Wild West Festival, Frontier Park
- Ellis County Fair, Ellis County Fairgrounds
- Blues, BBQ and Bargains, Municipal Park

August

- Herzogfest, Victoria
- Fall Gallery Walk, Downtown Hays
- Rock, Roll and Ride Car Show, Lewis Automotive

September

- Second Annual Harold Dorzweiler Cancer Memorial Fund Polka Fest, Ellis County Fairgrounds
- Wines & Steins, Chestnut Street District, Downtown Hays

October

- FHSU Oktoberfest/Homecoming, FHSU and Frontier Park
- RPM Speedway Fall Nationals, Ellis County Fairgrounds
- Taste of Downtown Hays, Chestnut Street District
- Class 1A State Volleyball Tournament, Gross Memorial Coliseum

November

- Class 2-1A State Football Championships, Gross Memorial Coliseum
- FrostFest Holiday Open Houses, Downtown Hays
- FrostFest Bright Friday, Downtown Hays

December

- Winter Gallery Walk, Downtown Hays
- FrostFest December Thursday Carriage Rides, Downtown Hays
- FrostFest Finale Weekend, Downtown Hays
- Christmas Past, Historic Fort Hays, and Open House at Ellis County Historical Society Museum
- Cathedral Christmas Concert, Victoria

LODGING

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Fax (785) 483-4249

Baymont Inn & Suites

3801 Vine
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Fax (785) 625-3006
www.baymontinns.com

Best Western Butterfield Inn

1010 E. 41st
(785) 621-4337

Toll free: (800) 528-1234
www.bestwesternkansas.com

Budget Host Villa Inn & Suites

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Comfort Inn & Suites

1001 E. 41st
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Days Inn

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www.daysinn.com

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Hampton Inn

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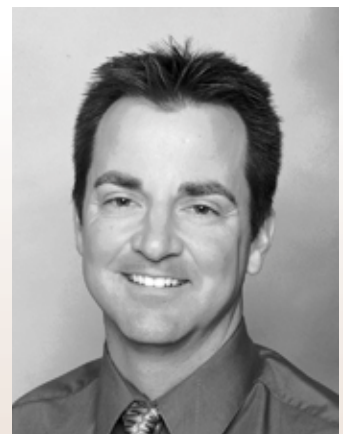
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- Ekey Park, 19th & Holmes
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- Frontier Parks (East, North, West), U.S. Highway 183 Alternate & Main Street

- Hickok Park, 26th & Donald
- Kiwanis Park, 17th & Harvest
- Massey Playground, 17th & Allen
- Municipal Park, 4th & Main
- Rolling Hills Park, 41st & Autumn
- Seven Hills Park, 33rd & Hillcrest
- Sunrise Park, 19th & MacArthur
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FITNESS TRAILS

- Hays Medical Center campus, 2220 Canterbury
- Northridge Neighborhood Park, 33rd & Skyline Drive
- Downtown Fitness Walk,

- starts at Boot Hill Cemetery, 18th & Fort
- Aubel-Bickle Park, 30th & Sherman

SPORTS COMPLEX

- Bickle/Schmidt Sports Complex, Old U.S. Highway 40 and U.S. Highway 183 Alternate

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- Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course, U.S. Highway 183 Alternate & Golf Course Road, (785) 625-9949
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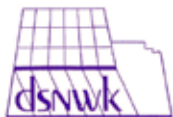
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7 Artists @ Work Studio

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1 Bank of Hays Gallery

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7 Bruce Burkholder Studio and Gallery

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7 Commerce Bank Gallery

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7 Dennis Schiel Studio and Gallery

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11 Ellis County Historical Society

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13 FHSU Encore Series

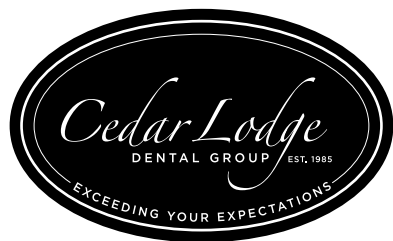
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21 Hays Public Library

1205 Main, Hays • (785) 625-9014
Library features temporary exhibits in its gallery and participates in seasonal downtown gallery walks.

Hays Symphony Orchestra

Founded in 1914, it was the first true symphony orchestra in western Kansas. The orchestra, a community-university ensemble, is affiliated with FHSU and its members include music professors, teachers, students and musicians from Hays and northwest Kansas.

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13 Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art

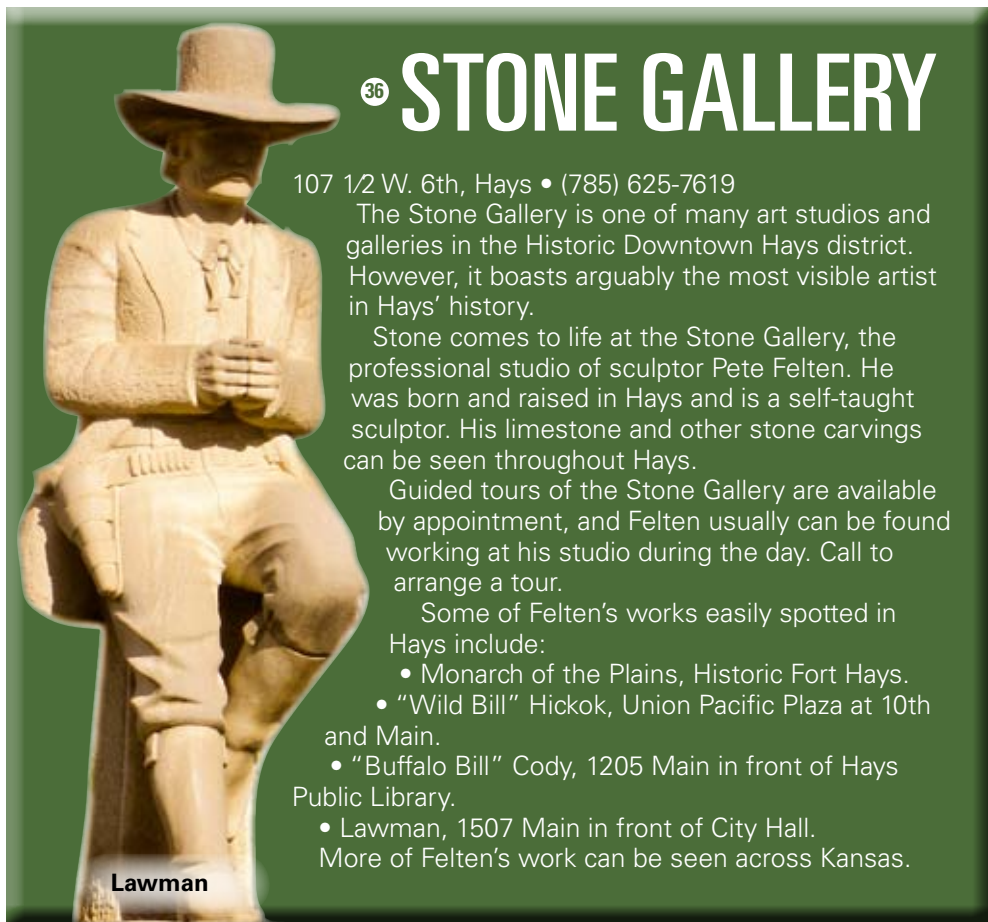
Rarick Hall, FHSU • (785) 628-4247
The gallery provides a program of continuous art exhibitions throughout the year. Exhibitions of guest artists

7 Pottery Works

126 W. 9th, Hays • (785) 628-2738
Imagination and color come to life at Pottery Works, a ceramics workshop where visitors create their own masterpieces by painting and decorating pottery of their own choosing.

13 Smoky Hill Chorale, FHSU

Hays' community choir consists of university students as well as members of the community at-large. The group performs at various community



36 STONE GALLERY

107 1/2 W. 6th, Hays • (785) 625-7619
The Stone Gallery is one of many art studios and galleries in the Historic Downtown Hays district. However, it boasts arguably the most visible artist in Hays' history.

Stone comes to life at the Stone Gallery, the professional studio of sculptor Pete Felten. He was born and raised in Hays and is a self-taught sculptor. His limestone and other stone carvings can be seen throughout Hays.

Guided tours of the Stone Gallery are available by appointment, and Felten usually can be found working at his studio during the day. Call to arrange a tour.

Some of Felten's works easily spotted in Hays include:

- Monarch of the Plains, Historic Fort Hays.
 - "Wild Bill" Hickok, Union Pacific Plaza at 10th and Main.
 - "Buffalo Bill" Cody, 1205 Main in front of Hays Public Library.
 - Lawman, 1507 Main in front of City Hall.
- More of Felten's work can be seen across Kansas.

as well as annual student and faculty shows.

concerts throughout the year.

35 Sternberg Museum of Natural History

3000 Sternberg, Hays • (785) 628-4286
The museum features an ever-changing exhibit of Dr. John Cody's works as well as temporary exhibits throughout the year.

7 Studio Kuksi

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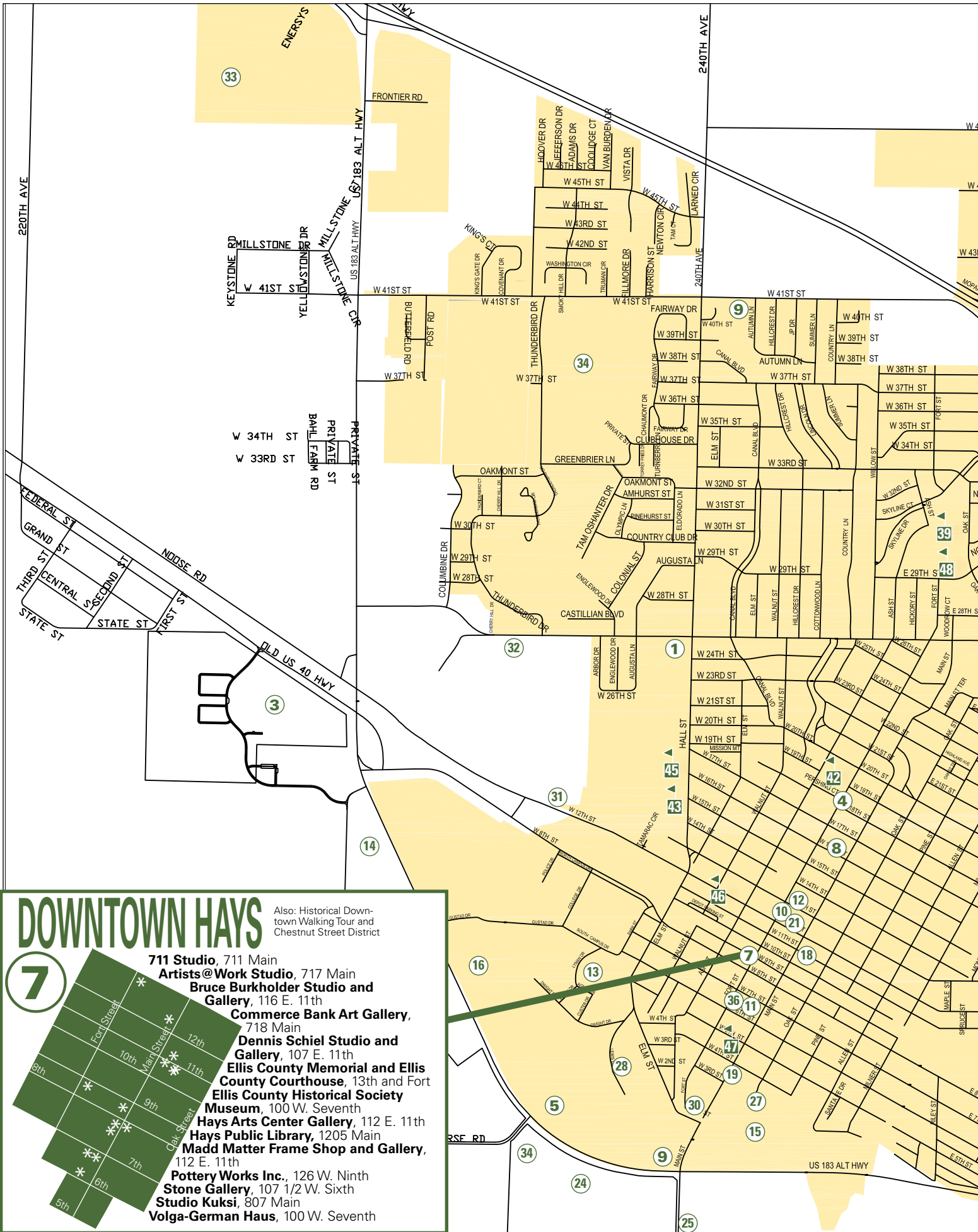
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- Commerce Bank Art Gallery**, 718 Main
- Dennis Schiel Studio and Gallery**, 107 E. 11th
- Ellis County Memorial and Ellis County Courthouse**, 13th and Fort
- Ellis County Historical Society Museum**, 100 W. Seventh
- Hays Arts Center Gallery**, 112 E. 11th
- Hays Public Library**, 1205 Main
- Madd Matter Frame Shop and Gallery**, 112 E. 11th
- Pottery Works Inc.**, 126 W. Ninth
- Stone Gallery**, 107 1/2 W. Sixth
- Studio Kuksi**, 807 Main
- Volga-German Haus**, 100 W. Seventh



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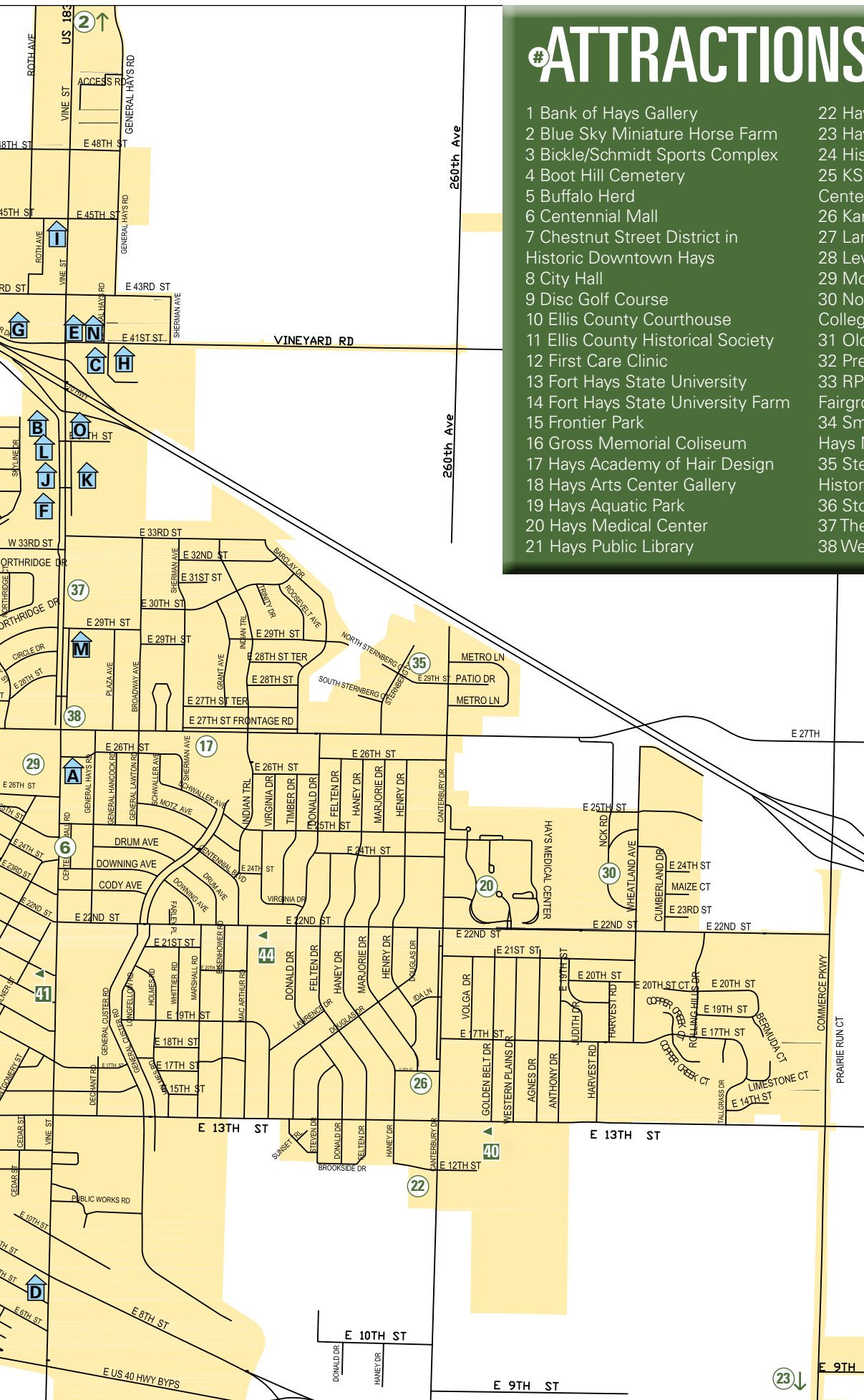
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- A Americas Best Value Inn Vagabond
- B Baymont Inn & Suites
- C Best Western Butterfield Inn
- D Budget Host Villa Inn
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- F Days Inn
- G Fairfield Inn by Marriott
- H Hampton Inn
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- J Knights Inn
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Hays High School seniors Johnae Blackmon, Josh Rounkles and Zach Binder work together in an independent study advanced video production class at Hays High.

the EDUCATION

Public schools provide programs from prenatal to high school

Hays and Ellis County offer an excellent, safe learning environment for children K-12. Ellis County schools are part of a state school system and are governed by local elected boards and the State Board of Education.

Hays USD 489

Hays USD 489 offers preschool through high school education, including free, all-day kindergarten and vocational education. All schools are accredited by the State of Kansas.

For information or a virtual tour of the district, visit www.usd489.com. For questions, contact Elizabeth Jaeger, ejaeger@usd489.com, 785-623-2400.

USD 489 K-12 Information:

District-wide, students scored 95.6% proficient or above in reading and 94.1% proficient or above in math on the Kansas State Assessments. The district uses technology to support the K-12 curriculum. USD 489 has a 1:1 student-to-computer ratio in

grades 3 to 12 and a 2:1 ratio in grades K-2.

USD 489 is the sponsoring district for the Hays /West Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative, which serves more than 800 students with special needs.

Each elementary school in USD 489 offers supervised and structured after-school care that provides a snack, homework help, physical activities, crafts, games and technology time.

Early Childhood Education

USD 489 strongly emphasizes early childhood education with the following programs:

USD 489 Preschool

This program is a district-sponsored, fee-based preschool that serves 3- to 5-year olds. The program is located at O'Loughlin Elementary School, 1401 Hall. It offers morning and afternoon sessions. Space is limited, so if you are interested in attending, contact Principal Nancy Harman or visit oloughlin.usd489.com.

Early Childhood Connections

The programs in Early Childhood Connections are recognized by the age group they serve. The Early Childhood Connections program that serves 3- to 5-year-old children includes the Head Start program and Kansas Preschool Program (4-year-old/at-risk). The main office is located at 320 W. 13th in Hays. The Early Childhood Connections programs that serve prenatal mothers to age 3 includes Early Head Start and Parents As Teachers. The main office is located at 2300 E. 13th. The Early Head Start Center is located at 892 Munjor Main in Munjor. For more information, visit www.haysheadstart.org.

Hays Area Children's Center

This is a private, nonprofit agency that has provided quality services for children since 1966. Fully credentialed by the state of Kansas to assure high standards, HACC believes "play" is a prerequisite to creative thinking and leads to discovery, reasoning and positive social relationships in children. The HACC is located at 94 Lewis Drive. For more information, visit hacc.info.



Holy Family Elementary kindergartners share ideas as they color their stained glass window drawings at the school.

Local private elementary and high schools also offer educational excellence.

Holy Family Elementary School

Holy Family Elementary School offers high quality academics and positive social interaction in a Christ-centered learning environment. It serves preschool through sixth-grade children and includes programs and services such as:

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- Religion
- Fine arts and Humanities
- Science and mathematics
- Language arts
- A residency program for out-of-town students

High Plains Christian Preschool

High Plains Christian Preschool, a ministry of High Plains Baptist Church, exists for the purpose of teaching preschoolers the basics of reading, writing and the recognition of numbers, along with Biblical training and patriotism. School is in session between the months of August and May.

Maranatha Christian School

Maranatha Christian School is a K-8 school with a Seventh-day Adventist Christian curriculum. Applications are available to any students/families interested in receiving Christ-centered education.



FHSU President Edward H. Hammond dances with FHSU mascot Victor E. Tiger during Hammond's 25th anniversary celebration at the school in 2012.

the EDUCATION

Post-secondary institutions provide options for students

Post-secondary education opportunities are available through Fort Hays State University, North Central Kansas Technical College and Hays Academy of Hair Design.

13 Fort Hays State University

Fort Hays State University, founded in 1902, is one of six universities in the Kansas Board of Regents system. With nearly a thousand faculty and staff, FHSU is one of the largest employers in Ellis County and has a local economic impact of nearly \$195 million annually.

FHSU is a comprehensive regional university that offers certificates, associate degrees, bachelor's degrees and master's degrees in 28 academic departments. The university serves 13,000 students, including about 4,600 on the Hays campus, 3,500 at partner universities in China and 4,400 across Kansas, the nation and the world through its Virtual College.

With outstanding faculty and staff, FHSU offers a high-tech, high-touch learning environment. Students receive an education with exceptional depth, inside and outside the classroom, from the beginning of the college experience. Graduates gain confidence, a deep appreciation of knowledge, and the professional skills that give them an advantage in their careers for a lifetime. For more information, visit www.fhsu.edu.



30 North Central Kansas Technical College

North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit and Hays is an accredited institution of higher education offering certificates and associate of applied science degrees specializing in hands-on technical education.

The Hays campus offers classes in automotive technology, business management and business technology, carpentry/cabinetmaking, nursing, pharmacy technician, plumbing/heating/air-conditioning, residential electricity and electrical technology, and welding.

NCKTC also offers general education classes both face-to-face and online. NCKTC is an aligned institution with Fort Hays State University, which allows credits to transfer and gives students more options for housing, food service, student services and activities. For more information, call (888) 567-4297 or visit www.ncktc.edu.

17 **Hays Academy of Hair Design**

Hays Academy of Hair Design was established in 1981. In January 2003, Summer Melvin and Danielle Markley purchased the school with the vision of offering the community professional salon services. They do this while providing students in western Kansas with a progressive education that will equip them with the tools to thrive in the beauty industry.

By being a Power of Three school, Hays Academy is able to offer a cutting edge educational experience to its students. Hays Academy of Hair Design is one of 17 schools nationwide to be a Wella Signature School, one of 80 schools in the world to be a Nuts and Bolts Business Training member school, and one of 15 schools in the world at the present time to be a Sassoon Academy School Connection member school.

In 2012, the opportunity presented itself to expand to Salina. Now with two great campuses, the academy is able to serve a larger area and help many make their dreams come true. Hays Academy takes pride in preparing students to be the most hireable, financially responsible graduates in the country.

For more information, visit the academy at 1214 E. 27th in Hays, or at 115 S. 5th in Salina. You also can find the academy on the Web at www.haysacademy.com or on Facebook.



HAYS PUBLIC LIBRARY

21 Serving residents for more than 100 years, the Hays Public Library was renovated and expanded in 2003 to match the original 1911 Carnegie Library. The 39,000-square-foot facility is home to an extensive book collection and state of the art computer services for all ages.

You also will find a dynamic Youth Services area, a beautiful gallery, a bookstore and an extensive Kansas collection with information about Hays, Ellis County, the western U.S., genealogy, Volga-Germans, and Hays historical walking tours. The Library also offers downloadable digital content to its patrons in the form of e-books and audiobooks.

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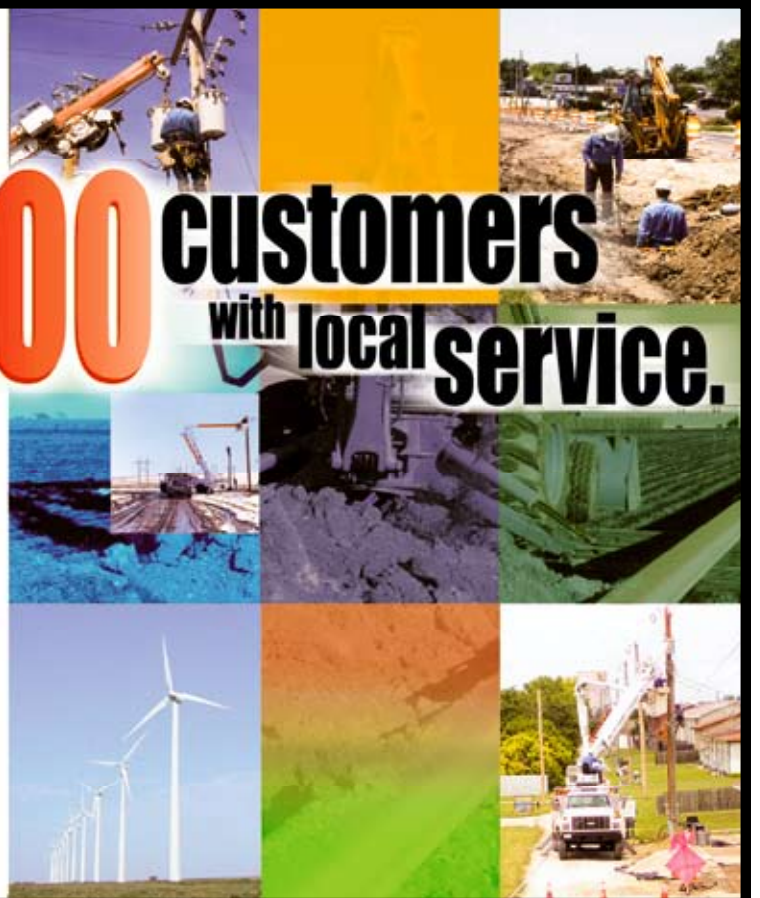
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 First Baptist Church, 12th & Fort, (785) 625-9454

High Plains Baptist Church, 27th & Canterbury, (785) 628-2558

Catholic

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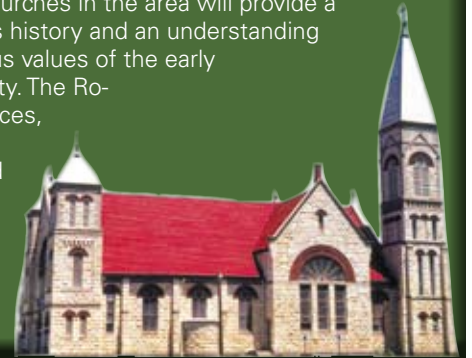
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CATHOLIC FAITH

Hays City was founded in the fall of 1867, and the first churches in Ellis County were built during the late 1870s and 1880s. The majority of these first churches were small wooden frame structures that later were replaced by larger and more impressive limestone rock churches.

Because many of the first residents were railroad workers, saloon owners, soldiers and even desperados, the early days of Ellis County were wild and dangerous. With the arrival of Volga-German settlers and other religious families in Ellis County, the community gradually quieted down as these pioneers brought with them strong religious and family beliefs. Immediately upon completion of their simple homes, the people began building churches to have worship services. The hardworking people that settled in this area were proud of their faith and it is evident in the beautiful churches they built in Ellis County.

A visit to the beautiful historic Volga-German and Bukovina-German churches in the area will provide a glimpse of the area's history and an understanding of the strong religious values of the early settlers in Ellis County. The Roman Catholic influences, artistic gothic style and beautiful stained glass are the most dominant features, yet each church is unique in its own way.



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Wilson Elementary School kindergartner Jillian Sheldon, center, catches a fish, with Gail Staab, Hays, of the Buckeye Jr. Farmers 4-H Club, during an Ellis County 4-H carnival for after school children.



the YOUTH

Activities keep children busy throughout the year

Ellis County 4-H

Life's little questions aren't meant to be answered alone. Join 4-H, your local club of families that tackles life's little questions. 4-H is open to all boys and girls ages 5 to 18. For more information, contact Susan Schlichting, 4-H Youth Development Agent, Ellis County Extension, 601 Main, Ste. A, (785) 628-9430. www.ellis.ksu.edu.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

This organization aids children who need the friendship of a special adult in their lives. Little brothers and sisters are 5 to 17 and come from all social, financial and ethnic backgrounds. Big brothers and sisters are volunteers, each interviewed and screened carefully to determine suitability. There is no charge to the volunteer, the child or the child's family. For more information, call (785) 628-6672.

Boy Scouts of America Coronado Area Council

Scouting provides an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and to develop personal fitness. The program is open to youth ages 6 to 20. For more information, call (785) 827-4461.

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

Scouting inspires girls to build courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place. Through a variety of program opportunities, girls learn about fun, friendship and the power of girls together.

Membership is open to any girl kindergarten through 12th grade and to all adults. National registration is \$12 annually, and girls or adults can join at anytime. For more information, contact Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland, 2707 Vine, Ste. 8, (785) 625-5671. www.kansasgirlscouts.org.



Carol Pitner, Hays, reads a biography of Martin Luther King Jr. during a YouthFriends "read to me" program.

YouthFriends

YouthFriends connects young people with caring adult volunteers in schools. A one-hour commitment takes place at the school during the school day. YouthFriends is open to all students kindergarten through 12th grade. Volunteer opportunities include Read with Me at Washington Elementary School; knitting with Lincoln Elementary School fifth-graders; eating lunch with a child; and helping with homework. For more information, call (785) 623-2400.

Foster Grandparent Jo Pfan-
nenstiel, Hays, left, visits with
students at a leadership camp
at FHSU.



the YOUNG AT HEART

Services, volunteer
opportunities for seniors

Hays and Ellis County have many opportunities and services available for residents age 50 and older, making the area a great place to retire. From social to civic organizations and legal to health services, Hays has what you need to retire comfortably in our community.

SENIOR SERVICES

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209 E. Fifth
(785) 628-2887

Angels Care Home Health
1506 Vine
(785) 621-4200

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(785) 625-9110

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bilitation Services
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ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

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Rhiannon Maier, clinic director of the First Care Clinic, screens a preschooler for common vision problems at Good Beginnings Daycare in Hays.

the HEALTH

Organizations focus on various aspects of healthy living

There are a variety of health options within the Ellis County community.

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas

2703 Hall, Ste. B10; (785) 625-5678

For persons with developmental disabilities, Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas Inc. (DSNWK) is a private nonprofit organization serving both children and adults. Developmental Services serves more than 500 individuals with mild to severe disabilities in programs and services such as: The College for Living, Service Coordination, Kid-Link, Family Support for Children and Youth, Creative Living and Employment Connections. DSNWK strongly believes all people have the right to live and work as independently as possible, regardless of their differing abilities.

First Care Clinic

105 W. 13th; (785) 621-4990
First Care Clinic (FCC), a nonprofit

community health center, provides comprehensive medical and dental services to all. FCC provides services to patients with and without insurance and offers a sliding fee scale to patients who qualify. FCC also offers extended hours during the week and on Saturday.

FCC offers:

- Comprehensive medical services
- Comprehensive dental services
- School/sports/pre-employment physicals
- Immunizations
- Counseling services
- Prescription assistance

**Several independent clinics and practices also are available in the Hays and Ellis County area.

High Plains Mental Health Center

208 E. 7th; (785) 628-2871

High Plains Mental Health Center is a licensed, community mental health center that provides counseling and comprehensive mental health programs to people throughout the 20

counties of northwest Kansas.

The Center offers

- Outpatient programs for youth and adults
- 24-hour emergency services
- Psychiatric assessment and treatment
- Other community support services

Southeast Kansas Independent Living

1015 Centennial Blvd.; (785) 628-8019

Southeast Kansas Independent Living Inc. (SKIL) and SKIL of Western Kansas is a private, nonprofit corporation devoted to meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities and to serving them, their families and communities. SKIL provides:

- Advocacy
- Peer counseling and community support groups
- Life skills training
- Assisted Technology sites and services
- Home and community-based services



Kylie Basgall, Hays, has her blood sugar checked by Ashley Flora, Hays, during a Community Health Fair sponsored by the nursing department at North Central Kansas Technical College.

Living Independently in Northwest Kansas

2401 E. 13th; (785) 625-6942

Living Independently in Northwest Kansas (LINK Inc.) is an independent living center with a main office in Hays. LINK provides services to individuals of all age ranges and disabilities.

LINK provides five core services:

- Information and referral services
- Independent living skills training
- Peer support
- Individual and systems advocacy
- Deinstitutionalization — relocation

from nursing home facility into the community

Other services include:

- Durable medical equipment loan pool — can be accessed by community
- Home- and community-based waiver services
- Financial management service provider
- Independent home care program
- Braille services
- Support groups



20 HAYS MEDICAL CENTER

With more than 1,200 associates and 80 physicians, HaysMed, 2200 Canterbury, is home to the DeBakey Heart Institute, a full service heart program providing both cardiothoracic surgery and interventional cardiology; the Dreiling/Schmidt Cancer Institute offering up to date advances in treatment for cancer patients; the Hays Orthopedic Institute, the largest and most experienced orthopedic specialty group in the region; and the Center for Health Improvement, a medical-based fitness center.

In addition, the hospital operates 19 outpatient clinics. HaysMed also has been named one of the Best Places to Work in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare for four consecutive years. The 222-bed medical

facility serves as a regional referral center for western Kansas and provides the following services:

- Ambulatory Surgicenter
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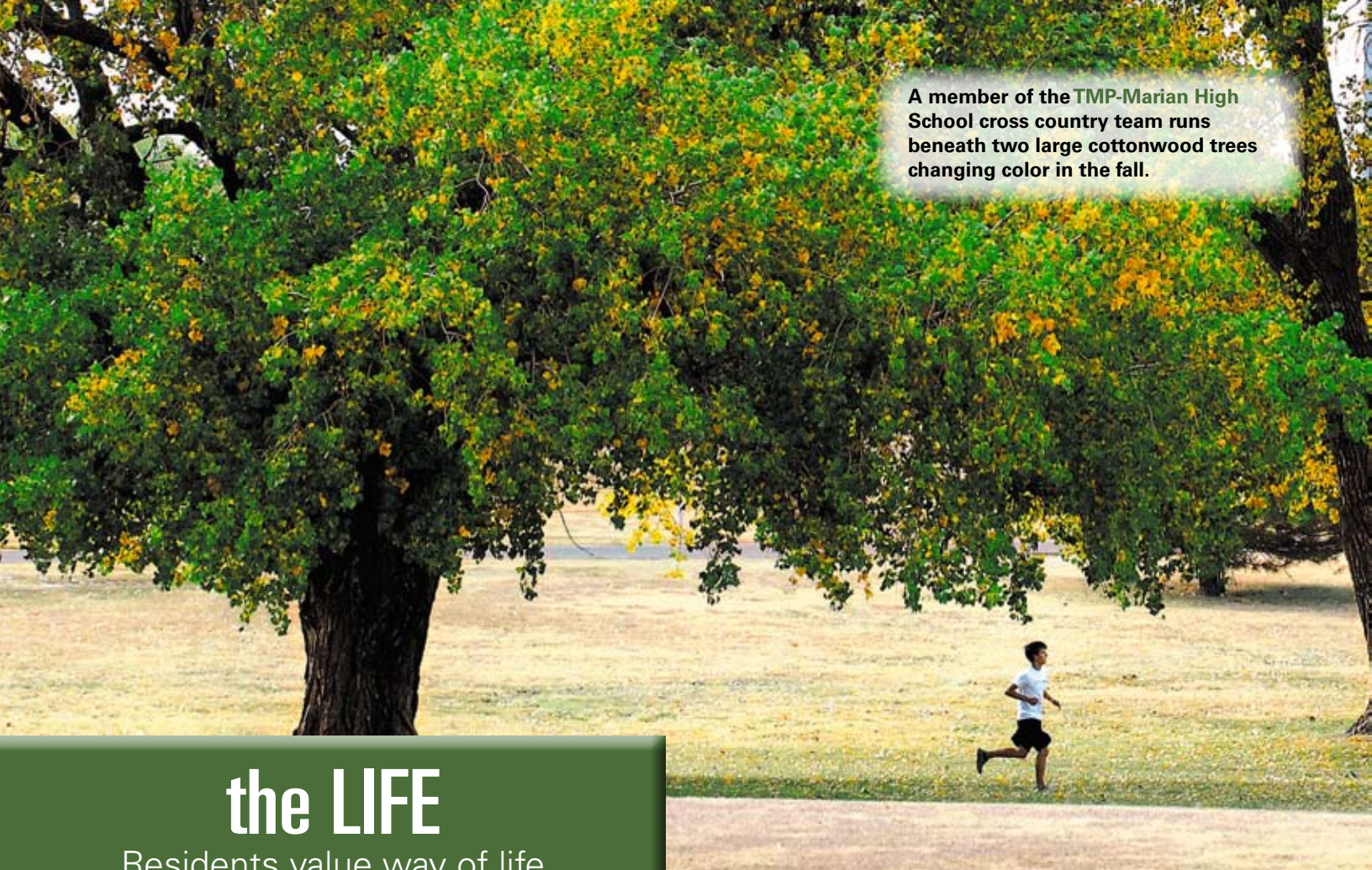


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A member of the TMP-Marian High School cross country team runs beneath two large cottonwood trees changing color in the fall.

the LIFE

Residents value way of life in rural Kansas

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REAL ESTATE

Nearly 69.5 percent of our residents are homeowners. On average, existing homes sell for \$153,000 and new residential construction averages \$204,500. There are also several options available for individuals who choose to rent. The average two-bedroom apartment in Ellis County rents for \$450. Monthly residential utility bills, including water, trash, gas and electric, average \$204.

NO STRESS

Ellis County continues to be among the least-stressed counties in the United States, according to the Associated Press Economic Stress Index. In April 2011, Ellis County had a 3.55 stress rating, which ranked second in the nation and well below the national average of 9.8. The score is based on unemployment, foreclosure and bankruptcy rates.

CRIME INDEX

County	Total violent crime	Rate/ 1000	Total property	Rate/ 1000
Finney	132	3.6	1,064	28.7
Ford	127	3.7	1,057	31
Ellis	83	2.9	645	22.5
Geary	150	4.3	674	19.5
Saline	196	3.5	2,409	43
Shawnee	772	4.3	8,876	50
Sedgwick	3,245	6.6	21,426	43.3

CRIME

Hays has one of the lowest violent and property crime rates in Kansas. Violent crime in Kansas is particularly low compared to other states, and evidence suggests the rate is decreasing.

RETAIL PULL FACTOR

Ellis County, with a population of 27,416, has a pull factor of 1.64, which means the county attracts more than 1.6 times its existing population base. It makes for a trade area population of 42,888.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Ellis County was named the fifth-healthiest county in Kansas in 2011 based on health outcomes including factors such as health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and mortality rates.

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Employees of Paul-Wertenberger Construction work on a new dormitory at Fort Hays State University.



the ECONOMY

Unemployment remains low in Ellis County

With a population of just more than 20,000 and one of the highest retail pull factors in the state, Hays stands as the employment and retail shopping hub of northwest Kansas.

Our location on Interstate 70 and U.S. Highway 183 means easy logistics chains to a number of metro areas, including Denver, Kansas City, Oklahoma City and Dallas/Fort Worth. This also means Hays supports a significant amount of commuter traffic from a nine-county labor basin.

A study by the **Docking Institute** at **Fort Hays State University** highlights an available labor pool of more than 21,000, with more than 70 percent having some college, and more than 30 percent having a bachelor's degree. Partnerships between **Fort Hays State University, North Central Kansas Technical College-Hays** and other regional higher education institutes provide workforce training and education in a wide variety of industries, ensuring

our workforce is prepared to meet the needs of current and future employers.

While the service sector constitutes the biggest percentage of our economy (44 percent, lead by health care), the Ellis County economy enjoys a variety of unique employers: battery manufacturing, oil and gas support services, medical equipment manufacturing, telecommunications, HVAC systems, and construction component manufacturing. Ellis County and the city of Hays will continue to support business, and encourage growth of local industries, as well as provide an ideal location for new business attraction.

ELLIS COUNTY LABOR DATA

Civilian work force — 19,565

Employed — 18,911

Unemployment rate — 3.3%

Source: KDOL, May 2012

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

1. HaysMed
2. Fort Hays State University
3. Hays USD 489
4. Walmart
5. EnerSys
6. Hess Services
7. Eagle Communications
8. DSNWK
9. Ellis County
10. City of Hays
11. Amphenol Adronics
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The Union Pacific Railroad serves the community. It is 100 miles to the nearest piggyback service.

23 Air travel is available via **Hays Regional Airport**. It has a concrete runway surface, which is 6,500 feet long and lighted. Round trip flights are available daily to Denver via **Great Lakes Airlines**.

Package delivery service comes through UPS, U.S. Post Office, Federal Express, DHL and Airborne Express.

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Driver's license examinations: 625-6917
Ellis city offices: 726-4812

Ellis County offices: 628-9410

Fire department (non-emergency): 625-1061

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Hays Medical Center: 623-5000

Hays Public Library: 625-9014

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Kansas Highway Patrol: 877-2562

Police department: 625-1030

Social Security Administration: (888) 552-7176

Victoria city offices: 735-2259

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— Ellis Review, 822 Washington, Ellis, 726-4583

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• KHAZ, 99.5 FM

• KJLS, 103.3 FM

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— **KPRD**, 88.9 FM, 205 E. 7th, Ste. 218, 628-6300

— Hull Broadcasting, Hays

• KFIX, 96.9 FM

• KBGL, 106.9 FM

— **Rocking M Radio**, 205 E. 7th

• KRMR, 105.7 FM

• KZRS, 107.9 FM

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