

HAYS PRIDE

2024 Year-End Report

Legal Status

Hays Pride adopted bylaws, elected a board of directors, was incorporated in the State of Kansas, and applied for and received 501(c)4 tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service during the 2024 calendar year.

Board of Directors

Amy Bergman, President (through 8/12/2024); J. David Macey, Vice President (through 8/12/2024), President (from 8/12/2024); Amber Nickell, Treasurer; Hollie Marquess, Secretary; Anniston Weber, Social Media Coordinator; Thomas Mathews Horne, Ben Houchen, Kiernan McCarty, Beck Watson

Community Outreach and Engagement

During the 2024 calendar year, Hays Pride engaged in the following community outreach and engagement activities:

- **Hays Community Theatre Drag Show (June 1):** Attended and Supported Hays Community Theatre's Annual Pride Month Drag Show
- **City of Hays Pride Month Proclamation (June 13):** Composed and Secured Approval for City of Hays Proclamation of June 2024 as Pride Month.
- **2024 Pride Picnic (June 22):** Community Picnic, Resource Fair, and Social Gathering, at Frontier Park
- **Wild West Festival Main Street Parade (July 6):** Float and Marching Contingent
- **Tabling at Fort Hays State University Back-to-School Picnic (August 19):** Informational Table and Outreach to New and Returning Fort Hays State University Students
- **Tabling at 2024 Walk Out of Darkness (September 14):** Informational Table and Networking with Service Providers and Community Members at American Federation for Suicide Prevention's Annual Walk Out of Darkness, at Frontier Park
- **Fort Hays State University Homecoming Parade (October 5):** Float and Marching

Contingent, in Partnership with Fort Hays State University Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)

- **Hays High School Homecoming Parade** (October 11): Float and Marching Contingent, in Partnership with Hays High School Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)
- **Hays Pride Community Potluck** (December 14): Potluck Dinner and Community-Building Conversation, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Planning for 2025 Calendar Year

The Hays Pride Board of Directors will meet in January of 2025 to plan programming for the 2025 calendar year.