

# FHSU Open House hosts John Heinrichs Scholarly and Creative Activity Days

Fort Hays State University is hosting an open house on Thursday, April 24. We invite you to walk around our campus and visit our buildings. As part of the Open House, you can also witness the annual John Heinrichs Scholarly and Creative Activity Days (SACAD).

Special activities include academic posters, art, and creative works, meet the authors (book exhibition), musical performances, a community-engaged showcase, and applied industrial technology projects. Showcased creations feature work from the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, the W.R. and Yvonne Robbins College of Business and Entrepreneurship, the College of Education, the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, and the Peter Werth College of Science, Technology and Mathematics.

SACAD 2025 will take place in a hybrid format by featuring both online and in-person showcases. Online academic posters and creative works will be available from April 21 – April 25. In addition to our open house on April 24, all academic posters and some creative works can be viewed from April 21 – April 25 through the FHSU Scholar’s Repository (<https://scholars.fhsu.edu/sacad/>).

In-person works will take place on campus on April 24.

8:00-3:00 p.m. - Academic posters will be on display in the Memorial Union Ballroom and Black and Gold Room (with presenters available from 1:00-3:00 p.m.)

8:00-3:00 p.m. - Applied industrial technology projects can be observed in the Center for Applied Technology (with creators available from 9:00-12:00 p.m.)

9:00-11:30 a.m. – Community engaged showcase will be located in the Memorial Union Ballroom (project team collaborators will be present)

10:00-4:00 p.m. - Art and creative works can be viewed in the Schmidt Foundation Center for Art and Design (with some artists available from 3:00-4:00 p.m.)

1:00-3:00 p.m. - Musical performances will be conducted in the Memorial Union Sunset Atrium

1:00-3:00 p.m. - Meet the authors (book exhibition) will be located in the Memorial Union Ballroom

The Fort Hays State University Foundation and Alumni Office will provide transportation across campus, and parking is free. Light refreshments will be available at each building listed above, with additional food and drink options available for purchase from the Union Catering Company within the Memorial Union. Additionally, cotton candy and popcorn will be served in the quad (limited to the first 200 attendees).

# OCCF Campaign Raises More Than \$113,000

Osborne County residents once again demonstrated their generosity and commitment to their communities during the Osborne County Community Foundation’s (OCCF) annual Love Your County Campaign. Through the combined efforts of donors and supporters, the foundation successfully raised over \$113,000 in local contributions.

The foundation extends its heartfelt gratitude to all donors, the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, and the Patterson Family Foundation for making Love Your County 2025 a tremendous success. Their generosity underscores the power of community and the impact that collective giving can achieve.

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provides to her active engagement in the community. We appreciate her positive spirit, strong teamwork, and the joy she brings to our team. Thank you, Shannon, for your dedication and commitment to excellence in healthcare and the community!

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to those who shared hugs and words of sympathy,  
to those who sent flowers, to the “Oak Creek Singers +” for that wonderful song, to all who gave to Mom’s memorial and to everyone who helped us to celebrate a life well lived....  
to the Lebanon ladies for desserts provided, the ladies at FCC at Downs for the salads, to The Salty Sow for the food prepared and for all who helped with the dinner.  
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God bless you all!  
*The Family of Sherry Bock*

## Post Rock Extension District

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### April Gardening Calendar

- Spring is finally here, and it’s time to take care of our blooming landscapes. This is a busy season for most of us, but getting outside can be relaxing and rewarding. Use this helpful checklist to have a colorful landscape this year.
- Vegetables and Fruits**
- Start fruit tree spray schedule when growth begins
  - Plant carrots, onions, beets, and other salad crops in early April
  - Thin radishes, beets, and carrots as needed
  - Harvest asparagus until spear size decreases.
  - Prune fruit trees if not already done
  - Plant new fruit trees
  - Plant asparagus and rhubarb
  - Remove mulch from strawberry bed
  - Prune raspberry and blackberry plantings
  - Plant beans, corn, and vine crops in late April
  - Cultivate to control seedling weed growth
  - Turn the compost pile after a long winter rest
  - Transplant broccoli, cauliflower, and cabbage in the garden
  - Fertilize the vegetable garden before planting
- Flowers**
- Cut back last year's growth from perennials
  - Remove seed heads from spring bulbs
  - Do not remove foliage from spring flowering bulbs, as growth is needed for next year's flowers
  - Fertilize spring flowering bulbs
  - Add organic matter such as compost before planting new flowers
  - Divide perennials
  - Plant new roses
  - Prune rose bushes
  - Fertilize rose bushes for spring growth
  - Plant annuals from seed and transplants
  - Lawns
  - Apply crabgrass control by mid-month
  - Mow lawn as needed,
- bluegrass 2", tall fescue 3"
- Fertilize cool season lawns with slow release nitrogen fertilizer
  - Do not fertilize zoysia this early in spring, nutrients go to weeds, not dormant grass
  - Spot treat broadleaf weeds such as dandelions, henbit, and chickweed
  - Check mower and make needed repairs before season begins
  - Sharpen mower blade
  - No need to catch grass clippings if mowing frequently
  - Do not water unless extremely dry, early irrigation sets turf up as high water user in summer
- Trees and Shrubs**
- Prune spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia and lilac after flowering
  - Prune trees as needed, and repair winter storm damage
  - Topping is not pruning, never top a tree
  - Plant new trees and shrubs
  - Remove grass from the base of young trees and shrubs to prevent lawn mower and line trimmer damage
  - Apply mulch layer around plants
  - Keep new trees and shrubs watered
  - Fertilize young trees to promote growth
- Houseplants**
- Remove winter dust from leaves by gently rinsing with room temperature water
  - Repot as needed, increase pot size by 1"
  - Leach excess fertilizers from soil with water
  - Begin summer fertilization of plants
  - Do not move plants outside until night temperatures remain over 60 degrees
  - Propagate house plants by cuttings or divisions
  - Fertilize amaryllis and keep in bright light to encourage new leaves

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