



Vibrant communities with a positive future.

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Don't forget, the Kansas PRIDE office has reached out to 4-H and the Kansas Masons for assistance for week of PRIDE, so don't be surprised if they reach out to you! If you need a contact with either 4-H visit this [LINK](#) for your local Extension Office. For contacting your local Masons feel free to send us an email at PRIDE@ksu.edu or call us at 785.532.5840 and we can get you the information you need.

Week of PRIDE

I am so excited to see what your communities work on in 2017! -**Madison Blevins, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Student Office Professional** madisonmb@ksu.edu



Perry receives Community of Excellence



Hello Kansas PRIDE Communities! As you all know, Week of PRIDE this year will be held on the week of May 21-27, 2017. Please do not forget to use the handbook as a resource if you need any ideas. Also, feel free to check out the Kansas PRIDE Pinterest page ([CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)) for fun ideas for fundraisers, projects and activities for your community.

[CLICK HERE for your handbook](#) – The handbook has many great ideas on what types of projects to tackle if you need inspiration.

Kansas PRIDE would like to offer a huge congratulations to Perry PRIDE, for receiving Community of Excellence for a second time! - and a thank you to David Key, Director of Meadowlark Extension District and Susan NeuPoth Cadoret of the Kansas Department of Commerce for presenting this prestigious designation!

If your community would like to apply to be a community of excellence, please visit our website ([CLICK HERE for the exact page](#)) to find the application. The deadline is October 15, 2017. We look forward to receiving more applications.

-Madison Blevins, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Student Office Professional madisonmb@ksu.edu

New Ideas for your Town?



As Community Builders, the work that we do is

- Fun,
- Frustrating,
- Inspiring,
- Hard.

When you are looking for ideas or need a shot of positivity, I suggest that you check out the [SaveYour.Town](#) website. Save Your Town creators, Becky McCray and Deb Brown come from tiny towns in Oklahoma and Iowa and they do the work that we do. They believe in small towns and give concrete examples about steps to make your town thrive. I really enjoy their monthly live broadcasts, which have included these topics:

- Filling Empty Buildings,
- The Committee of Negativity,
- Downtown After 5,
- Filling Empty Lots and Roofless Buildings,
- 8 Innovative Rural Business Models,
- Rural Trends (My personal favorite!)

It costs \$20 to participate in the live broadcasts or to watch them for the next 2 weeks. Honestly, if I didn't pay for them, I'd probably find it difficult to make time for a one-hour webinar, but I am always glad that I

did. When you watch live, you have the opportunity to ask questions. See the website for more details.

Even if you don't sign up for the broadcasts, you can sign up at the bottom of the "Home" page to receive their weekly, practical advice by email.

I hope you'll check it out!

-Nancy Daniels, K-State Research and Extension Community Vitality Specialist nkdaniels@ksu.edu

Jewell Community learns about Kansas PRIDE



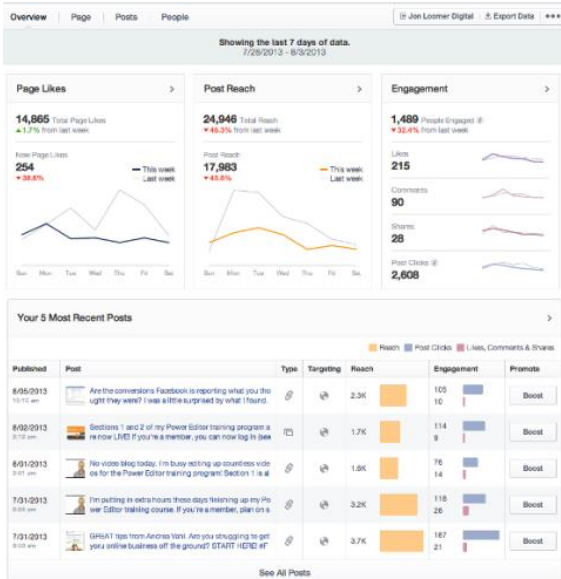
On March 13 I, Madison Blevins, had the opportunity to travel to Jewell, Kansas to help introduce them to the Kansas PRIDE Program. Nadine Sigle was the main speaker of PRIDE at the Jewell Chamber of Commerce meeting where she highlighted the benefits of being a PRIDE Community.

Nadine did a wonderful job of representing Kansas PRIDE, and I was able to gain both experience and a better understanding of what it means to represent this organization. We were greeted with a wonderful St. Patrick's Day themed dinner and Nadine gave a presentation to follow. Jewell then continued with their chamber meeting.

If your community is interested in having a presentation from Kansas PRIDE, or you know of one who is interested in becoming a part of the program, please feel free to email us at PRIDE@ksu.edu or call us at the PRIDE Office at 785-532-5840.

**-Madison Blevins, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE
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Facebook Insights



If your community has a Facebook page, you may wonder when the best time to post is, what type of content receives the most exposure and what the user interaction is like. Facebook Insights is a tool that can help you do all of this to make your community page the best it can be! [CLICK HERE to visit Facebook to get more information on Insights.](#)

Hootsuite (Hootsuite is a social media managing tool). [CLICK HERE to view the guide](#), offers a more detailed step by step process. The blog featured explains how to access and read your community Facebook page (this does not work with personal pages).

The Kansas PRIDE Office frequently uses our Insights to find what content is most interesting to you, our communities. Don't hesitate to contact us at PRIDE@ksu.edu or at 785.532.5840 if you would like to chat with a familiar voice if you are interested in using Insights.

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Events Calendar

Week of PRIDE – May 21-27

Quarterly Report Dates:

April 15th

July 15th

October 15th

January 15

Award Dates:

August 15 (for Growth and Action and PIP)

December 15 (for VIP)