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Kansas Profile - Now That's Rural

As part of the 50th anniversary of the Kansas PRIDE program, PRIDE communities will be featured during 2020 on Kansas Profile, a weekly radio program and news column produced by the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development and K-State Research and Extension. For more information and a schedule of upcoming programs, go to www.kansasprofile.com.

And Now This From Ellis PRIDE
"We are excited to welcome new faces into the Ellis community! Any new member/family who moves into the community will receive one of these Welcome Bags from Ellis PRIDE which contains: information about our city, coupons from businesses, and fun goodies! Ellis PRIDE thanks their local artists for their creative work on these gift bags."

**Award and Grants Deadlines Coming Up! February 15, 2020**

Have projects or people that you would like to recognize from 2019? We know you have a lot to share!

The **Project Excellence Award** can help you get state recognition for your awesome projects from last year. The **Rising Star Award** is a **GUARANTEED** award that will bring your volunteer or partnering entity recognition, along with promotion for your local PRIDE organization. Check out our Promotions Page for more on these opportunities. Click on our happy and rather accomplished looking Mr. PRIDE Ribbon image to check out our **Promotions Page**.

Looking for **Funding**? We have an array of funding opportunities for all community levels. Need start up, promotion or larger scale grants to get things going? You might find what you are looking for on our Funding Opportunities Page.

**Connect with Your Local**
As you may know, our program is partners with the Kansas Masons. What does the partnership bring to local communities? Here are some benefits:

- Potential collaboration on local efforts
- Local knowledge and expertise

Consider building a relationship by sharing your reports and accomplishments with them, so that way they can see what you are working on, as well as your long term impact in your community. This can lead to another interesting benefit - some (not all, but some) local Masonic Lodges have grant dollars available for local projects/efforts. If they have a good idea of what you are working on it could give you the edge when you inquire to the opportunity of local Masonic funds.

Want to start building that relationship? Check out the Lodges near you to see how you can connect. CLICK HERE to go to the Grand Lodge Listings Page.

Through our partnership and the generosity of the Kansas Masons we also have two funding opportunities available to communities:

- The Community Promotion Grant
- The Volunteers Impact PRIDE Grant

Want to know more? Check out our funding page for more information!

Have questions or need assistance? Contact us at PRIDE@ksu.edu, we are here to help! -Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension, jmenon@ksu.edu

Now, the Survey Results for the 50th Year of PRIDE

A HUGE THANK YOU to all that participated in the survey we sent out during the last half of 2019.

The results came in...and there was little interest in having regional celebrations.

This is sure to come as a surprise to you, it did to us. There were only 30 respondents to the survey over the 4-5 months that we had it posted in the
newsletter, Facebook, etc. Some of the 30 respondents were interested, and some wanted to host a celebration. This amounted to a .00075 response rate (we have over 4,000 contacts in our Constant Contact newsletter list).

Soooo we have decided to do things a little differently. We still intend to celebrate, but in a different fashion.

Kansas PRIDE, Inc. has decided to test a new board meeting format inspired by the 2019 ENERGIZE! Exploring Innovative Rural Communities Conference that Jan attended in South Dakota. The format is like so:

- Meeting dates will be set for Summer, Fall and Winter 2020 in somewhat central locations.

- The Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Board of Directors will conduct their meeting in parts, visiting different sites within the community, and giving the opportunity for learning from the local business or organization at each location (for the board and attending communities to learn about the local venture or organization).

- There will be time to dawdle a bit and shop before the next stop (contributing to the local economy).

- There will be a lunch served where business will continue or be finalized by the board.

- All of this is intended for learning opportunities for the Board Members and Kansas PRIDE Communities that wish to attend to meet the board and host community.

More details as things get set.

Exciting times ahead! - Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE CoCoordinator, K-State Research and Extension jmenon@ksu.edu

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**Annual Report Photo Contest**

It's that time again - time to create our Kansas PRIDE annual report. In the report we highlight the work you do in your communities across the state. One of the hardest tasks is choosing the cover photo, and the photos that appear throughout the report. We’re holding our photo contest again this year so we can highlight your
communities in the report, and online. The public will get to vote and the photo with the most votes will be the cover photo with others possibly appearing elsewhere.

The Rules: 1. Photos must be high quality. This means that when you send them you must send them to us in their original size, not compressed. If you send them from your phone, please note that you should use a wi-fi connection to avoid potential data charges. 2. Only one photo per community, please. 3. A sentence or paragraph about your photo is required so that we can highlight your work! Also include your name and community name. 4. Have fun!

Send your photo to PRIDE@ksu.edu by February 29. We will post them to Facebook with instructions on voting after that date. Don’t forget to use a photo release form if any people are in your photos. You can find a copy online, just use the button included here. - Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE CoCoordinator, K-State Research and Extension jmssteen@ksu.edu

New Community Vitality Blog for Communities

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, there are some new things on the horizon. The next resource we are rolling out is a blog for Community Vitality!

Each post will feature a story that might outline a situation, and some tools that we suggest that might be of use in such times.

The blog address is kansaskind.blogspot.com

Feel free to stop in and read, comment, and share!

4th Quarter Community Highlights

Pulled from your 2019 4th quarter reports, here are some of the great things that happened recently in PRIDE communities around the state:
Potwin PRIDE reports that they've harvested 3,712 pounds of vegetables this year in their Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the Hungry project. 450 pounds of turnips were also harvested with some going to the Salvation Army in Wichita.

Ozawkie PRIDE Association had an active 4th quarter with their second Oz Fest celebration. They also hosted their second candidate forum for the city council election. The forum was well attended and interest in city government is up with new candidates filing and more voter participation.

Russell PRIDE received a grant to fund neighborhood Christmas decorations for the community. Blocks of neighborhoods have different holiday decorations in their yards and the grant will fund the making of patterns in each area. This project focuses on neighbors helping neighbors.

Bushton PRIDE hosted three big events in the 4th quarter, one of which was their Community Picnic and Game Night. Good attendance and support from community businesses. This is a great way to bring young and old together to enjoy games, prizes, and good food!

Yates Center Hometown PRIDE is in the planning stages of their first PRIDE project after getting their government resolution approved. 4 cedar wood hybrid planter-box/benches for flowers and other greenery will be placed at the corner of Yates Center square with the help of the high school's vo-tech students.

Caney Community Betterment Group received a $10,000 donation for their new community swimming pool project. They have received a challenge to match that donation and are attempting to find matches. The old pool was about to be shut down, so the new pool will be of great benefit to the community.

From the History Books: Summerfield PRIDE, 1972

Summerfield PRIDE marked their first full year in the program in 1972 with a celebration. Projects undertaken their first year were a community survey, a rummage sale to raise money to fund their projects, clean up days, and restoring the city auditorium. Painting and repairing of all buildings on Main Street with the help of the US Army soldiers from Ft. Riley and the citizens of the community was also a major accomplishment. Take a look at the news clipping below from the October 5, 1972 Axtell Standard newspaper.
Did you know that K-State Research and Extension's Nancy Daniels is providing upcoming Grant Writing Workshops throughout the state (she also does First Friday E-Calls, another AWESOME resource for communities, which are also listed on the link we will provide below)? Check out the link below for more information location and registration information. Coming up are grant writing workshops in Sedgwick County, Morris County, Douglas County, and Cowley County. If you're in any of those areas you won't want to miss your chance to attend!

Grant Writing Workshops

External Funding Opportunities

Want to put your new grant writing skills to use? Here are some opportunities for project funding outside of the Kansas PRIDE grants:

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation:
Quality of Life Direct Effect and Expanded Effect grants cycle opens February 3, with a technical assistance webinar being held on February 14. Direct Effect Tier 1 grants are for up to $25,000 in areas including, but not limited to: adaptive sports, accessible playgrounds, transportation, healthcare, facility accessibility modifications. Tier 2 grants of up to $30,000 for transportation, respite/caregiving, and disaster preparedness. Additional tiers and Expanded Effect grant information can be found on the website.
Sony USA Foundation: In the U.S. Sony's charitable giving focuses mostly on art, culture, technology, and the environment with an emphasis on education in each of those areas. Their grant application process is ongoing, and the request for support process is fairly simple. More details about giving guidelines by visiting their website.

Thriving Across Generations
Succession Planning in Rural Kansas

Fort Hays State University
Memorial Union
700 College Drive, Hays KS 67601

Topics Include:
- Dinner Guest Speaker: Kaley Conner, High Plains Mental Health - Rural Stress and Mental Health
- Keynote Speaker: Rick Feltenberger, FHSU SBDC — “Start at the End”
- Farm Succession
- Small Business Succession
- Family Succession

Registration Info:
- Pre-Registration
  - $20/person
  - (Meal and materials included.)
  - Online pre-registration begins January 18th,
    with a pre-registration deadline of Monday,
    March 9th by midnight.
- On-Site Registration
  - $30/person
  - includes meal and materials

Please make checks payable to:
Kansas State University

Register Online At:
https://www.northwest.k-state.edu/events/thriving_across_generations/index.html

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Arlington's Annual Craft Show - March 7,
Arlington Community PRIDE wants to let us know about the Arlington Annual Craft show. They'll be assisting this year and the funds raised will go to benefit the community center and community events. Join them on March 7 from 8 AM to 1 PM at 900 W. Main Street, Arlington, KS. Handmade local crafts, home decor, gifts, and foods, along with flea market vendors and local distributors. You can find more information at the Arlington Community Center's Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/arlingtoncommunitycenter/

Have a local event going on? Got great places to visit? Eat? Play?

Why not send your ads here and we will place them in our newsletter? You just have to send a high quality photo and the verbiage you want to use and we will place them in our newsletter for one month!

Send Your Ad Here!

ENROLL IN KANSAS PRIDE

Now's the time to enroll for the 2020 program year. You can enroll now and add your government resolution at a later date if you don't have it yet. Also, reporting for Q4 is still available until March 1 if you had

K-State Research and Extension offers entrepreneurship webinars every first Friday of the month, and there have already been several great sessions this year. If you missed them, they've been recorded and are available to view at your convenience along with the slides and some
trouble reporting by the deadline.

Enrollment and Reporting

Click here to learn more about K-State Research and Extension’s First Impressions Program!

FACEBOOK NEWS
Don’t forget to like us on Facebook if you haven’t already. We post there often, and some of that information isn’t available in the newsletter – webinar announcements, community news, alerts.

Hit the button below to check us out, or “Like” us to see opportunities that are upcoming! Also invite us to “Like” your page if you have one!

Interested in a FREE Face to Face Community Visit?
Needing guidance or help transitioning/organizing?

Wanting to show off your community?

Need strategic planning, ripple effects mapping or other resources?

Send us an email at PRIDE@ksu.edu and we will get one scheduled with you!

Find Us on Facebook

Community Visit

EVENTS CALENDAR

Quarterly Report Dates:
- *March 1st, April 15th, July 15th, October 15th

notes. Visit: https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/community/business/entrepreneurship/ for all past sessions. Coming up this month on February 7 - Finding Qualified Employee Applicants/Work Opportunity Tax Credit featuring Ashla Stowe from the Kansas Department of Commerce. Be sure to come back in March for another presentation by Ben Winchester for the University of Minnesota which will be about Baby Boomers and the Rural Housing Supply.
Opportunity Dates:
- February 15, 2020 - Award
- Applications Due

2020 Kansas PRIDE Communities

So far the following communities have enrolled in the Kansas PRIDE Program for the year of 2020.

And if you'd like to enroll this year, go here and click on the blue "Enroll" button: https://kansasprideprogram.k-state.edu/enrollment-reporting/index.html

- Admire
- Alton
- Arlington
- Ashland
- Assaria
- Axtell
- Blue Rapids
- Bushton
- Caldwell
- Caney
- Columbus
- Delia
- Dover
- Dwight
- Ellis
- Grainfield
- Grinnell
- Hugoton
- Humboldt
- Iola
- La Harpe
- Lakin
- Lecompton
- Leonardville
- Lincoln
- Lucas
- Luray
- Marion
- McFarland
- Moran
- Norton
- Perry
- Potwin
- Randolph
- Savonburg
- Stockton
- Toronto
- Wakefield

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