January 2020 Edition - Happy New Year!

Reporting Reminder!
January 15th is 2019 4th quarter reporting deadline!
We recommend completing your 2019 reports before enrolling for the 2020 year. Click here to access the reporting system. We’re happy to help if you’re having trouble: PRIDE@ksu.edu

Finished reporting for 2019? Then you are ready to enroll!

Sign My Community Up!

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Happy 50 Years of PRIDE! The logo above represents sunflower and wheat...and was a logo that we found while looking through our historical files that we wished to share with you!

This year marks the 50th Year of the Kansas PRIDE Program! Established in 1970, the Kansas Programming Resources with Initiative for Development Effectiveness (or the Kansas PRIDE Program...ever wonder what PRIDE stands for? Well, now you know!) was created by Governor Docking to help boost and promote community improvement efforts across the state of Kansas. K-State Cooperative Extension (now K-State Research and Extension) and the Kansas Department of Economic Development (now the Kansas Department of Commerce) were tasked to co-administer the program, with the guidance and assistance of the Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities.

Much changed over the years. The Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Board of Directors was created as a steering committee for the program, and in 2017 the Kansas Masons joined the partnership to support the efforts of Kansas communities across the state!

We look forward to sharing more history with you throughout this next year!

Have history or memories of Kansas PRIDE you would like to share? Email us at PRIDE@ksu.edu and we would be happy to hear them and potentially share them on social media!

New Year, New Opportunities!

Much has changed over the last 50 years, and change is the only thing that is inevitable and constant. We look forward
to connecting with you in different ways this year. Here are a few examples:

- Kansas PRIDE/Community Vitality Blog
- Podcasting - Learn from the Experts, or Learn from Fellow Communities
- The New Kansas PRIDE Board Meeting Format

We will get into these soon, some pieces are still in development. We just want you to know what is on the horizon!

You might want to take the opportunity now, if you haven't had the chance, to enroll. Click on the pointing Mr. PRIDE or click on the button below titled Enrollment to start your year off right!

Thank you for all that you do, and we look forward to spending this year of celebration with you! -Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension, jmenon@ksu.edu

Enrollment

Shout Out to Columbus PRIDE, Nickerson Masonic Lodge #43, and Stevens County Economic Development Board

Thanks to Columbus PRIDE for presenting at the Kansas PRIDE, Inc. annual meeting. It was wonderful to learn about their incredible momentum and the awesome projects that they have in motion to help their community to thrive!

Thanks to the Nickerson Lodge #43 AF&AM for inviting us out to talk about the Kansas PRIDE program and K-State Research and Extension Community Vitality program offerings. We're looking forward to working with you in the future!

And another thanks goes out to the Stevens County Economic Development board! It was great to visit Hugoton to hear about the great things happening there and to share information about the Kansas PRIDE program. - Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinators, K-State Research and Extension, jmsteen@ksu.edu

What's There to Do Around Here?
If someone stops in your town as a tourist, a potential business owner, or possible future resident, this question might come up: “What’s there to do around here?”

What happens if that question is asked at the local gas station, restaurant, or of the random resident walking down the street? What’s the answer that visitor is likely to get? If the answer is “Nothing” how likely is that person to get into their car and drive to the next town?

That first impression is an important way to engage someone who is looking for a future home, to employ residents, or spend a little money in town. I’m not saying everyone in town needs to memorize an elevator speech about the community’s great amenities, events, and nearby landmarks, but rather have an alternative to a shrug, an “I don’t know,” or “Not much.”

How about a brochure or easily updated sheet highlighting local attractions, stores, restaurants, events, and other things within close driving distance? It’s not a bad thing to promote unique attractions in nearby communities – after all, yours is the center hub to easily get to those other places, right? Copies of this sheet can easily be given from behind the counter to curious visitors, displayed at the checkout area, or at restaurant tables. If your city’s website or app doesn’t already have a similar page, one can be made easily, with the address or download information made available to local businesses for sharing with employees and customers. - Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension jmsteen@ksu.edu

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.

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

Visit our Funding Page

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Kansas PRIDE Office Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 20th

Please note that the Kansas PRIDE office will be closed on January 20th, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will return on January 21st.

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CONTINUING OPPORTUNITIES SECTION

**GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS**

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. 2020 workshop dates will be posted soon!
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:

W.K. Kellogg Foundation: Applications are currently accepted on an ongoing basis for the Thriving Children Grants. Projects funded focus on increasing access to local fresh, healthy foods to improve nutrition in schools and across communities.

The Sunflower Foundation offers funding opportunities for projects that fall into categories such as healthy living, active communities, health care, and health advocacy. To be notified of grant opportunities and when application periods open, you can sign up for their e-mail updates by clicking on their name above.

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!

First Friday e-Calls: Check’em Out!
ENROLL IN KANSAS PRIDE

Just a reminder, there is still time to enroll if you haven't had the chance! Reporting is open too!

**Enrollment and Reporting**

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 notes. Visit: [https://www.ksre.ks-state.edu/community/business/entrepreneurship/](https://www.ksre.ks-state.edu/community/business/entrepreneurship/) for all past sessions. There are some great new sessions on Filling Empty Buildings, the Kansas Community Investment Fund, Cyber Security, and more!

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!

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
if you have one!

Find Us on Facebook

and we will get one scheduled with you!

Community Visit

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**EVENTS CALENDAR**

Quarterly Report Dates:
- January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, October 15th

Opportunity Dates:
- February 15, 2020 - Award Applications Due

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**2019 Kansas PRIDE Communities**

The following communities have enrolled in the Kansas PRIDE Program for the year of 2019. We'll start listing the 2020 communities soon!

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

- Admire
- Agra
- Alton
- Arlington
- Ashland
- Assaria
- Axtell
- Basehor
- Baxter Springs
- Belleville
- Blue Rapids
- Burden
- Bushton
- Caney
- Centralia
- Clifton
- Columbus
- Conway Springs
- Council Grove
- Delia
- Dover
- Elk City
- Ellis
- Fort Scott
- Frontenac
- Glasco

- Lakin
- Larned
- Lecompton
- Lenora
- Leonardville
- LeRoy
- Lewis
- Lincoln
- Linn Valley
- Lucas
- Luray
- Macksville
- Marion
- McFarland
- Melvern
- Moran
- Mount Hope
- Norton
- Olsburg
- Overbrook
- Ozawkie
- Park City
- Perry
- Potwin
- Quenemo
- Randolph
Grainfield
Grinnell
Haysville
Herndon
Highland
Hoyt
Humboldt
Independence
Iola
Kinsley
La Harpe

Riley
Rossville
Rozel
Russell
Savonburg
Stockton
Vermillion
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