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**Announcement on Kansas PRIDE Awards**

Due to a regular awards structure review, which takes place every three to five years, and the COVID-19 situation, the Kansas PRIDE Program will not have a Fall 2020 awards cycle. This includes both recognition and grant awards.

The awards structure review is done regularly to make sure that the opportunities provided best assist the communities we serve. The Kansas PRIDE, Inc Board of Directors will announce the new system in the Spring of 2021.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact us at PRIDE@ksu.edu

**Moving Your Fundraising Online**

Did you happen to miss, our Facebook Live session on Raising Funds Online?
Many of you expressed the loss of the opportunity to raise funds for your projects, we pulled together some Extension resources to address this situation, and give you tools to move some of your fundraising online. We worked with Dr. Amber Vennum, of Kansas State University’s Family Sciences and Human Services, to create a learning opportunity for online fundraising. Amber is actually from a PRIDE community that had a fundraiser cancellation, so she knows the impact it has!

Amber and Jan provided online fundraising tools that they have utilized in the past, and have given the pros and cons of each tool so that you don't have to navigate it alone. The platforms reviewed all have videos or coaching to help you set up your fundraiser, and some even wave fees or provide matching. Visit the video through the button below to learn more! - **Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, jmenon@ksu.edu**

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**Week of PRIDE...In the Fall!**

Well, with all of this going on (we won't say and assume you know) there have been quite a few things on hold. Fundraisers. Festivals. Big Events. One of those big events wasn't even mentioned in the chaos, but we all know what it is....Week of PRIDE!

Week of PRIDE is the annual "Call to Action" for PRIDE groups to chose a project and make it their statement for making a difference locally and for Kansas. We don't have a date set for it...but we are looking at sometime in the fall. We will keep you posted!

Needing some guidance on current projects, or projects you are planning in the near future? If so we highly suggest you contact your local Health Department for their guidelines. [CLICK HERE for a Directory.](#)

What a 50th Year it has been so far, definitely memorable! Have ideas for your Week of PRIDE project? Go ahead and give us an email at PRIDE@ksu.edu and share, it can definitely inspire others! Need inspiration? Click on the proud Mr. PRIDE to go to our Week of PRIDE page for a guide book of ideas (do note, social distancing is not accounted for in the guide, but is implied!). - **Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, jmenon@ksu.edu**
Need Some Cooking Ideas?
If you are like my family, or many families in fact, you have been eating at home a lot...and sometimes that can get pretty boring. I always like to look for new ideas, and boy are there a lot of recipes out there!

One reliable place I turn to for healthy recipes (even some that are specifically nut and other allergy free) are K-State Research and Extension local unit Facebook Pages. Many are quick and easy, and flavorful too!

Click on the image to visit K-State Research and Extension’s Johnson County Facebook Page. The K-State Research and Extension Rapid Response Center is also good for answering questions on canning, how to freeze produce, and lots of other food safety concerns (CLICK HERE to visit their Facebook Page).

Rather look more locally? We get ya! You can always go on to your local Extension website and get more ideas, or find their Facebook information to follow them locally! Take care and stay well all! - Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, jmenon@ksu.edu

Quick COVID-19 Resource References

K-State Research and Extension is continually adding resources for individuals and communities on their website. These resources are research-based for guidance for Personal Finances, Health and Wellness, Small Businesses, Children’s Education and much more. Click on the K-State Research and Extension logo to visit the resource page.

The Kansas Department of Commerce also has a COVID-19 Response page, with critical news, tools and resources for Kansas businesses. They even have a "Live Chat" feature! Click on their logo to visit their site.

Worried about sources of information? We got you covered! Check out this resource for determining what can be a trusted source of information:
- Please also take a look at our Recent Newsletters for our previous list of collected resources.

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**Up for a Community Visit? We Are, Too!**

Our offer at the end of each newsletter is to come to your community so we can present an overview of the program, should you be interested in enrolling, or to discuss the program and any of its components or training modules in person if you’re already in the program. Travel restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 situation prevent us from visiting in person currently, but we still would be more than happy to host a Zoom meeting where your PRIDE group members, city council members, chamber participants, Masonic Lodge, or other groups could individually log in to see the presentation and ask questions. Just e-mail us at PRIDE@ksu.edu to set up a schedule.

To view pre-recorded webinars giving an introduction to the program, step-by-step instructions on how to enroll or report, our program grants, recruiting volunteers, and more, head over to our Education page for more. - **Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, jmsteen@ksu.edu**

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Aside from posting news and information on the Kansas PRIDE Facebook Page between newsletters (we don't want to end up in your junk folder!), we (as in Jan and Jaime) are now hopping on Facebook Live on Fridays for some education and small talk - and sometimes the odd trivia question! Join us on Fridays (usually around 10am or a bit later - Jan and I (as in mostly I) are still getting used to it!) for some learning opportunities!

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**Like Us On Facebook!**

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**CONTINUING OPPORTUNITIES SECTION**
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 later in the newsletter)? Check out the link below for more grant workshop location and registration information. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, some of the upcoming workshops have been postponed, so keep checking back here or on the website for updates.

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**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:

**Build it with KABOOM!**
This grant opportunity pairs a dedicated funding partner with a community to come together to plan and build a brand new playground. While the organization has priority communities they work with they encourage all to apply. Eligibility and process information can be found through the link.

**MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation:** The Youth Development Foundation is a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association created to increase participation in and expand access to youth baseball and softball. Application requests are accepted throughout the year. Supported projects include: building and renovating fields and practice facilities, installing lighting, in-school or after school ball programs, equipment, uniforms, umpire fees, and education programs. For eligibility requirements and other details, including the application, visit the link.

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**From the History Books**

This month's history piece comes from the May-June 1994 Kansas PRIDE Newsletter.

Does your PRIDE group have someone in charge of publicity? Do people know what you're doing in the community and how they can get involved?
Good publicity is key to success

The quality of the PRIDE publicity program could well decide the effectiveness of the local PRIDE program. Unless the entire community is made aware of current problems and possible solutions, there will be little chance for success.

A successful PRIDE program must have the full support of its citizens. Good publicity helps recruit members, keep volunteers informed of upcoming projects, and make the community aware of local PRIDE accomplishments. Lack of publicity or bad publicity, on the other hand, diminishes the effectiveness of community improvement efforts.

An ideal and effective publicity coordinator should be able to write concisely. It is helpful if the person has experience in preparing advertisements and news releases. Anyone who can write well, is creative, and willing to work hard can become a successful publicity coordinator.

The specific duties will vary from community to community based on organizational structure, size, scope of the local program, size of community, and availability of local media.

For more history take a look at our Newsletter Archives!

First Friday e-Calls: Check'em Out!
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/ for all past sessions. Baby Boomers and the Rural Housing Supply, Cyber Security, and Kansas Small Business COVID-19 resources are topics available for viewing.

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!
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 once travel and gathering restrictions are back to normal - or let’s meet virtually via Zoom instead!

EVENTS CALENDAR
Quarterly Report Dates:
- July 15th, October 15th, January, April 15th
Opportunity Dates:
- August 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
- Agra
- Alton
- Anthony
- Arlington
- Ashland
- Assaria
- Axtell
- Blue Rapids
- Burden
- Bushton
- Caldwell
- Caney
- Centralia
- Clifton
- Columbus
- Conway Springs
- Council Grove
- Delia
- Dover
- Dwight
- Elk City
- Ellis
- Fort Scott
- Glasco
- Grainfield
- Grinnell
- Haysville
- Herndon
- Highland
- Hugoton
- Humboldt
- Iola
- Independence
- Kinsley
- La Harpe
- Lakin
- Larned
- Lecompton
- Leonardville
- Lincoln
- Linn Valley
- Lucas
- Luray
- Macksville
- Marion
- McFarland
- Melvern
- Moran
- Mount Hope
- Newton
- Nickerson
- Norton
- Olsburg
- Ozawkie
- Perry
- Potwin
- Quenemo
- Randolph
- Riverton
- Rossville
- Rozel
- Russell
- Savonburg
- Stockton
- Toronto
- Vermillion
- Wakefield
- Wichita (South Central)
- Wilson
- Yates Center