



Newsletter

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Save the Date: Kansas Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Webinar March 14, 2019

Interested in Commerce Funding Opportunities? Join us (Ginny Eardley, Jaime Menon and possibly Jan Steen), for a presentation and Q and A session! Email us at PRIDE@ksu.edu to register for connection information.



Annual Report Photo Contest



appearing elsewhere.

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

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 **March 15**. 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 below. - *Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension* jmsteen@ksu.edu

Photo Release Form



Randolph and Olsburg PRIDE Quarter Craze Event

Randolph will be hosting the Quarter Craze on March 23rd. They will be raising money for kids in need at Blue Valley schools. These donations will go to a fund that teachers can use to help children with basic needs like weekend meals, shoes, winter clothes, and school supplies. \$5 pre-sale tickets (gets you 3 paddles) or \$3 per paddle at the door. If you are interested in learning more you can visit Randolph PRIDE's Facebook page or click below to go to their website.

[Randolph's Website](#)

Kansas Department of Commerce Business Appreciation Month Awards



The Kansas Department of Commerce has opened nominations for the Business Appreciation Award.

Nominations will be accepted in four categories:

- Manufacturing/Distribution
- Retail
- Service
- Hospital/Non-profit

Nominations will be closed on **March 29th at 5 pm**. You can nominate here at this link: [Nomination Webpage](#) For more information you can contact Amy Selm at amy.selm@ks.gov

Receive Free ROCK Signs

This year, the USACE and KDA-DWR "Silver Jackets" flood risk reduction team are planning to deliver free signs. You could be the next recipient! Read more at: <https://silverjackets.nfrmp.us/State-Teams/Kansas/Success-Stories>. The project



is called Risk Outreach Communication in Kansas, or ROCK! Together, this team will help communities with a ROCK solid public awareness campaign that will use free signs:

- **Levee safety signs** will help the community explain the benefits of their levee, while at the same time help highlight the remaining risk and the need to look at additional risk management options for their property. A

key message we will share is the importance of preserving the life of the levee project. The signs will also direct the readers to the new KDA-DWR levee safety web page, where the benefits of flood insurance in levee-protected areas and the history of flood events are further described.

- **“Turn Around, Don’t Drown®” (TADD)** signs. The “Turn Around, Don’t Drown®” signs will warn motorists of hazardous low water crossings.
- **Historic flood signs** will also be offered. Help manage your development in the future by remembering the past floods and using wise floodplain choices.

Joining the project is a simple process. All we need from you at this moment is a brief email indicating your community’s interest in receiving TADD signs, levee safety signs, historic flood signs, or all three. Put ROCK in the email subject line. Each email indication of support increases the odds that this project proposal will be approved. Please submit your email indication **before March 15**. Later, you may need to fill out a form to show the precise location where you intend to install the signs.

Feel free to reach out via phone or email if you have any questions. For more information, visit the Kansas Silver Jackets website at <https://silverjackets.nfrmp.us/State-Teams/Kansas>

Kansas Department of Commerce Opportunity

The Kansas Department of Commerce is accepting grant applications for youth services. Up to five grants will be awarded to eligible entities to provide innovative services to eligible in-school and out-of-school youth.

The grant period of performance is June 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.



Eligible respondents include:

- Local workforce development boards
- Public not-for-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status
- Public or private schools
- Unified school districts
- Community and technical colleges
- Community-based organizations
- Faith-based organizations

Successful project will serve in-school and/or out-of-school youth ages 14-24, and will provide:

- Services designed to prepare participants for employment
- Pre-employment skills training

- Employment credentials
- Work-place learning

Applications can be made here: <https://ksworksstateboard.org/public-information/>

The Department of Commerce will be accepting applications through **4:00 PM on April 30, 2019** and will host a pre-bid conference at **2:30 PM on March 25, 2019**.



ENROLL FOR 2019

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

Enrollment and Reporting



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 two 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.k-state.edu/community/business/entrepreneurship/> for all past sessions, and specifically last month's which was about marketing in your small town, and January's which discusses the Kansas Community Investment Fund.



EVENTS CALENDAR

Quarterly Report Dates:

- April 15th, July 15th, October 15th, January 15th

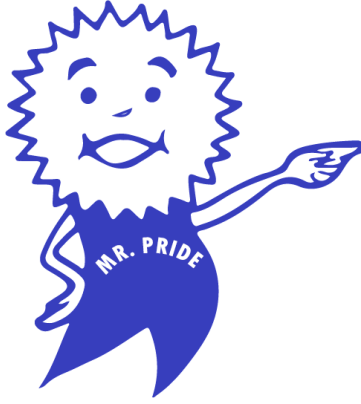
Opportunity Dates:

- August 15, 2019 - Award Applications Due

2019 Kansas PRIDE Communities

The following communities have enrolled in the Kansas PRIDE Program for the year of 2019. If you want to see who was all enrolled last year, go to:

<https://kansasprideprogram.k-state.edu/enrollment-reporting/index.html>



- Admire
- Arlington
- Ashland
- Basehor
- Belleville
- Blue Rapids
- Burlingame
- Burden
- Caney
- Columbus
- Conway Springs
- Council Grove
- Delia
- Dover
- Frontenac
- Glasco
- Grainfield
- Grinnell
- Haysville
- Highland
- Humboldt
- Iola
- Kinsley
- La Harpe
- Larned
- Lecompton
- Lenora

- Leonardville
- LeRoy
- Lewis
- Lincoln
- Linn Valley
- Lucas
- Luray
- Marion
- McFarland
- Melvern
- Moran
- Norton
- Olsburg
- Overbrook
- Ozawkie
- Park City
- Perry
- Potwin
- Quenemo
- Randolph
- Rossville
- Rozel
- Savonburg
- Stockton
- Vermillion
- Wakefield
- Wilson



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. Head over to

<http://www.facebook.com/KansasPRIDE>



Coupon for a FREE Face to Face Community Visit!

Needing guidance or help transitioning/organizing?

[/](#) to check us out, or “Like” us to see opportunities that are upcoming! Also invite us to “Like” your page if you have one! – **Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension** jmsteen@ksu.edu

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!

NEWSLETTER IN PDF FORMAT

Where'd the PDF format version of the newsletter go? We found that building the newsletter this way makes it easier to read on different mobile devices, but we still have it available in PDF format. You can find this edition, and previous editions of the newsletter on our website's Newsletter page. - **Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension** jmsteen@ksu.edu



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