



KANSAS PRIDE PROGRAM NEWS

DEDICATED TO HELPING COMMUNITIES HELP THEMSELVES

**Builds
Community**

**Involves
Youth**

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Rossville PRIDE Seeking Playground Volunteers

After successfully planning and securing resources for a new park, Rossville PRIDE is looking for assistance with construction!

The Rossville Park Improvement group is knocking on the door of its ambitious \$130,000 fundraising goal. Supporters have sponsored the majority of the playground's components, and the personalized fence pickets have sold out. Now they are seeking volunteers for **June 9**, the first day of building. Christi McKenzie, who was one of the Rossville PRIDE grant writers that secured \$75,000 in funding from the Kansas Department of Commerce (along with former mayor Shelly Buhler), is in charge of organizing the large number of volunteers that will be required to finish the playground in just five days.

Volunteer contact information and the [Full Story](#)

Rural Grocery Store Summit

Just a reminder, the [Rural Grocery Store Summit](#) is scheduled for June 14 & 15 at the K-State Alumni Center in Manhattan. Registration is complimentary to rural grocery store owners. [Click HERE](#) to find registration information for the summit. Please share this with your local grocer!

A Note from PRIDE Staff ...

Exciting News!! Trudy Rice has been selected to participate in the Ralph Tabor Extension Fellowship program. Trudy was selected from a national pool of candidates and will be spending one year (starting July 1) in Washington D.C. working with the National Association of Counties (NACo) staff on projects to enhance the organizational collaborative efforts of NACo and Cooperative Extension.

During her absence, Nadine Sigle will be filling her position. Nadine has been working for the Post Rock Extension District as a Family and Consumer Science Agent with responsibilities in the areas of food, nutrition, health and safety, community development and 4-H youth development. She is from Osborne and has worked with the PRIDE programs in Alton and Portis. Nadine may be reached at (785) 532-



5996 and her email address is nsigle@ksu.edu.

Community Spotlight ...

The Cunningham PRIDE organization developed a vision around the beautification of their city parks. The plan took many years to accomplish but the picture is proof of the fruits of their labors!



Encircling the main city park, a one half mile lighted walking trail was developed to promote physical activity for all ages. For the youth, playground equipment, a sand volleyball pit, swimming pool, baseball field and football field were added. Shelter houses were constructed to promote family activities. A wide variety of trees grace the park to create shade and a friendly atmosphere. The park serves as a gathering spot for the

community and their families. Travelers enjoy the well manicured park and often pause briefly before continuing their travels.

News You Can Use ...

Community Resource Act (CRA) grant

The Community Resource Act (CRA) program is administered by Kansas State University, Division of Continuing Education, through the University of Man Community Learning Center. CRA strives to promote life-long learning throughout the state of Kansas and helps communities organize their own community education programs.

The CRA program provides state mini-grants and technical support for a uniquely Kansas approach to community development and joint learning. The program is designed to meet the educational, recreational, social and cultural needs of a community.

Eligible organizations are local non-profit organizations, institutions, service agencies or groups primarily concerned with the general welfare of the community which are organized for the purpose of establishing and operating community education programs.

For more information about UFM and the CRA Program, call (785) 539-8763 or e-mail Charlene Brownson at cmb@ksu.edu www.tryufm.org. The grant deadline is October 15, 2010.

Community Reminders ...

Don't forget, please submit your community PRIDE success stories by June 30. Your success stories will give us a chance to highlight your PRIDE community. Stories should demonstrate the impact PRIDE has had on your community. They can be project specific or tell the "progression" of your PRIDE program. Don't miss this opportunity to allow the spotlight to be on your Kansas community!

Please submit your stories on the [Sharing Your Success](#) form and e-mail to the completed form, along with pictures, to PRIDE@ksu.edu by Wednesday, June 30, 2010.

Dates to Remember ...

June 30	PRIDE Impact Stories Due
July 15	Quarterly Reports Due
September 23, 29, 30 & October 6	Community Development Academy
October 15	Quarterly Reports Due
	Enrollment Begins for 2011 PRIDE Program
	Deadline for CRA Grants
October 29	Registration Deadline for PRIDE Day 2010
November 13	PRIDE Day 2010, Hutchinson, KS
January 1, 2011	New PRIDE Year Begins