



KANSAS PRIDE PROGRAM NEWS

DEDICATED TO HELPING COMMUNITIES HELP THEMSELVES

**Builds
Community**

**Involves
Youth**

**Encourages
Participation**

**Celebrates
Uniqueness**

**Creates
Partnerships**

**Recognizes
Success**



Community Success Story . . .

The Spearville PRIDE Committee is busy this summer with youth activities in the park, the Colorful Community program, and developing a community brochure. The summer program is open to pre-K to 6th grade youth, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the city park. The program encourages physical fitness through many creative and unusual games and activities, provides healthy snacks and creates crafts from recycled materials. The Colorful Community program is helping to beautify Spearville. A beautiful display of flowers can be seen on the band shell on main street. Homes in the community have been recognized for their flower plantings by placing a card on their door thanking them for making the community a more colorful place. Businesses are also being encouraged to participate. The new brochure is an important marketing piece for the community and is being distributed through the Dodge City Economic Development Committee and the Spearville community. To learn more about Spearville check out their website at: <http://spearville.org/index.html>.



Sponsor Spotlight - Atmos Energy

Atmos Energy Corporation's history dates back to 1906 in the Panhandle of Texas. Through various business combinations and mergers, the company grew to become Pioneer Corporation, a large diversified West Texas Energy company. In 1983, Pioneer spun off its natural gas distribution division, Energas Company, which became and independent, publicly held company.

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In October 1988, Energas change its name to Atmos Energy Corporation and its stock began trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol ATO. Atmos Energy has grown mainly through 10 major acquisitions, including the former assets of TXU Gas Company. Today, Atmos Energy is the largest all natural gas distributor in the United States as well as Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. The company has regulated operations in 1,614 communities across 12 states. It also is one of the country's largest mid-tier gas marketers with nonregulated operations in 22 states. The company is ranked among the Fortune 500. For more information, go to www.atmosenergy.com or [CLICK HERE](#) to see the types of corporate contributions that Atmos Energy makes in your community.

News You Can Use. . .

Kansas Healthy Yards and Communities

Kansas Healthy Yards and Communities is an environmental initiative sponsored by K-State Research and Extension. The program's mission is to have yards and communities that enhance the quality of life through earth-friendly practices. Start planning for next summer's "green" initiatives now. Learn more at [Kansas Healthy Yards and Communities!](#)

Colorful Communities Door Tags

We have just learned of a mistake on the Colorful Communities door tags. The web address listed is incorrect. If you have the door tags, please cut off the bottom ½ inch of the hanger which lists the website. By doing so you'll still be able to use these very attractive door hangers.

Kansas Humanities Council Grants

Your community history and culture is unique. The Kansas Humanities Council knows this, and would like to help you document and preserve that culture! The Kansas Humanities Council is a non-profit organization that supports the preservation of Kansas culture. Commemorating the 150th anniversary of Kansas statehood, the Kansas Humanities Council is offering grants for heritage, humanities, and short film making projects. To learn more about the Kansas Humanities Council and the grants go to: <http://kansashumanities.org/site> . Click on the grants tab for complete descriptions and details.

Learning Corner . . .

Grant Writing Training

The current economy and budget concerns are creating demand for local grant writing skills. To build your skills, team with your local K-State Research and Extension agent and attend the [KSRE Grant Writing Training](#). The one-day (9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) training will be offered twice at K-State Salina, College Center Conference Room, on Tuesday, September 21 and Monday, September 27. For cost and registration details go to: <http://www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/PRIDE/prideresources/funding.htm> and click on state funding sources.

Important Reminders

PRIDE is still collecting community success stories. We would like to have a story from every community to highlight on the state PRIDE website. Your stories are great resources for others to learn from. Please send 5 to 6 digital pictures with your story so others can see you in action. Stories can be submitted to the PRIDE office electronically at <https://emailer.emfluence.com/emails/pride@ksu.edu>.

Dates to Remember . . .

September 21 & 27

Grant Writing Training

September 23, 29, 30 & October 6

Community Development Academy

October 15

Quarterly Reports Due

October 15

Enrollment Begins for 2011 PRIDE

October 29
Day

Registration Deadline for PRIDE

November 13

PRIDE Day 2010, Hutchinson, KS

January 1, 2011

New PRIDE Year Begins

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