Community Spotlight . . .

Rossville PRIDE credits the success of their most recent project, the new park play equipment, to their success with the Healthy Ecosystem Healthy Community (HEHC) grant. The HEHC grant required the completion of a very detailed assessment of the community. "We learned how to take people of all walks of life, a cross section of everyone in the community and day dream with them. Guiding the process was our core values of relationships, good education, family and agriculture, or in other words, what this place is built on. The results of the assessment serve as our road map to the future" stated Phil Taylor. That road map has resulted in a park facility, a new rain garden, a sand volleyball court and a playground. Sitting next to the park is the swimming pool, tennis courts and the Rossville High School. It's a recreation complex any small town would be proud to have. For further details check out Rossville's success story at: http://www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/ or the Rossville webpage at: http://www.rossvillekansas.us/.

Booth Space for PRIDE Day

PRIDE Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2010, at the Grand Prairie Hotel in Hutchinson. Check in and booth set up will begin at 10:00 a.m., registration at 11:00am with activities starting at 1:00 p.m. Communities are encouraged to set-up a display or booth highlighting their
hard work and successes. To reserve a table email Jaime Menon at jmenon@ksu.edu by October 31. Be watching for additional PRIDE Day information and registration details at http://www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/.

PRIDE Success Stories are Live!

Thanks for your efforts in submitting Success Stories and digital photos. As time permits, the stories have been posted on the Kansas PRIDE Program website at https://www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu. Click on the link for success stories and you'll be brought to a page explaining the stories and how to access them. This is a great way for you to learn what other communities across the state are accomplishing.

Training seminar on Grant Writing

The current economy and budget concerns are creating demand for local grant writing skills. To build your skills, team up 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 September 21 (Tuesday) and September 27 (Monday). Contact the PRIDE office or follow this link for Registration and cost information.

Kansas PRIDE is now on Facebook

Social media is all the buzz and PRIDE has joined the game by creating their own Facebook account. Through Facebook you will be able to chat with other communities, exchange ideas or ask for assistance. To join in a discussion, click on the discussion tab and leave your thoughts or comments. CLICK HERE to check us out on Facebook!

USDA Rural Development to Host workshops on Community Facility Applications

The Kansas USDA Rural Development will be hosting a series of five Community Facility Program educational workshops this fall. The workshops will be held in locations across Kansas this September. Local government representatives, community organizations, recognized Indian Tribes and citizens interested in improving the quality of life in the community should attend. The Community Facility program supports
facilities including but not limited to: daycare centers, hospital improvements, elder care, fire and rescue protection, city hall or other public buildings. If you would like to attend to learn more about these community resources, please contact the Area Specialist hosting the workshop at the number below.

**Sept. 14**
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Parsons Municipal Building Basement
Charles Heath
(620) 365-2901

**Sept. 15**
8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Hays NRCS Office
David Barber
(785) 628-3081

**Sept. 16**
8:30-12 p.m.
Dodge City, Victory Electric Cooperative
David Barber
(785) 628-3081

**Sept. 22**
1 p.m.-5 p.m.
Newton Public Library
Tom Finger
(316) 283-0370

**Sept. 23**
8 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Concordia City Hall
Kevin McCann
(785) 776-7582

**Dates to Remember. . .**

September 21 & 27 Grant Writing Training

September 23, 29, 30 & October 6 Western Kansas Community Development Academy

October 15 Quarterly Reports Due

October 15 Enrollment Begins for 2011 PRIDE Program
October 29, 2010
Registration Deadline for PRIDE Day

November 13
PRIDE Day 2010, Hutchinson, KS

January 1, 2011
New PRIDE Year Begins