



KANSAS PRIDE PROGRAM NEWS

DEDICATED TO HELPING COMMUNITIES HELP THEMSELVES

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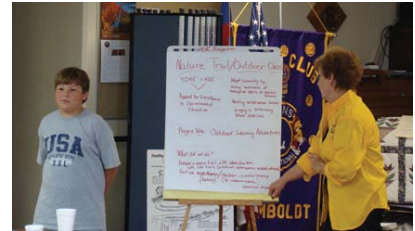
**Recognizes
Success**



Community Spotlight

Humboldt Involves Youth in Planning

Humboldt PRIDE is expanding its work in community improvement using the PRIDE Healthy Ecosystems -Healthy Communities (HEHC) program. On Oct 23, 2010, Humboldt's PRIDE group held their first public meeting to invite their community to participate in their HEHC project.



The meeting attracted Humboldt students, teachers, members of the local government and garden club and citizens interested in stabilizing the stream banks of the Neosho River and protecting habitat for local wildlife. The meeting was co-facilitated by the HEHC Coordinator, Sherry Davis, and Barbara Chalker-Anderson from the Kansas Department of Commerce Office of Rural Opportunity.

According to Sunny Shreeve and Vada Aikens, Humboldt, they had "good feedback on the meeting" and had "lots of good input" from the 33 people that attended the meeting. The group identified what they valued about living in their community and named 38 natural resource and community assets that make Humboldt a very special place to live.

Building on the citizens' appreciation of their community and the great outdoors, participants were asked to envision an award that they would like to see their community receive for their HEHC work. From river bank restoration to environmental education and a national peace treaty for all river life, this community could indeed (Wow!) see a future made brighter from their work to protect their natural resources and water quality. So stay tuned to HEHC of Kansas PRIDE-the source for natural resource and community asset protection-and we'll keep you posted on HEHC community successes!

Sponsor Spotlight

The First National Bank of Cunningham

The First National Bank of Cunningham has been a corporate sponsor of PRIDE for several years because of how instrumental the PRIDE program has been to the enhancement of the



Cunningham community. Established in 1925, The First National Bank of Cunningham remains a unit bank, meaning it has no branch banks and is not seeking to acquire any while resisting acquisition offers. The roots of this bank are deeply entrenched in the local economy, which is dominated by agriculture and agribusiness. Their goal is to live up to their slogan, "The Best in Country Banking", by providing the very best in personal service, for which there is no substitute. Now a \$28MM banking institution, the bank's 30% growth over the past two years despite economic difficulties evidences the confidence the public has in the safety and soundness of The First National Bank of Cunningham.

News You Can Use

2011 Get It - Do It! Applications are Now Available and are due February 1, 2011

Get It - Do It! begins its fourth year of supporting youth and adult partnerships to promote health. [Click here](#) for an application.

Since 2008, Get It - Do It! has provided PRIDE communities with \$3,000 grants to engage youth in local health promotion planning and project implementation. In order to successfully compete for funds in 2011, PRIDE community groups will need to:

- Work with local Extension agents and youth to prepare their applications
- Submit their applications by February 1, 2011
- Meet with Get It - Do It! staff between February 15 -25 for a pre-funding visit to their community

Applicants are also encouraged to involve schools and youth organizations (e.g, 4-H clubs, FFA, Scouts, FCCLA, recreation groups) in their applications. Selection of the 2011 Get It - Do It! communities will be announced March 1, 2011.

For more information about Get It - Do It! 2011, contact Jamie Menon in the Kansas PRIDE office at (785) 532-5840, Nadine Sigle nsigle@ksu.edu or Elaine Johannes ejohanne@ksu.edu or (785) 532-7720. Get It - Do It! is a program of Kansas PRIDE, K-State Research and Extension and the K-State School of Family Studies and Human Services.

Community Partner Awards

Every PRIDE Community has partners who have made a great difference to their projects or organizations. In 2011, you have the opportunity to

recognize one of these partners through the Community Partner Award.

The Community Partner award recognizes an individual, organization or group that has been active with and made an outstanding contribution to your local PRIDE program within the last year. Each PRIDE community that makes a nomination in this category is guaranteed to receive a community partner award. Only one nomination per community is allowed.

The Community Partner Nomination form was included in the Awards Packet you received at PRIDE or from your local extension agent. The deadline for submission of nominations is March 1. If you have questions or can not locate your packet, please contact the [PRIDE Office](#).

Reminders

Enrollment Forms

Thanks to those who have completed their enrollment forms for 2011. We realize with the late distribution of forms it was difficult to obtain signatures and return to our office by the end of the year. Please make your best effort to have enrollment forms signed and mailed to our office by the end of January. Thank you very much.

Dates to Remember

January 15 4th Quarter 2010 Report Due

February 11 Partners in PRIDE Grant Application due to Commerce

March 1 Community Partner Award Nominations and Community Capitals Project Award Applications due