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## "It Starts With Us" - Day of PRIDE is June 4, 2011

Registrations have been mailed and are also available online for Day of PRIDE on June 4, 2011. We will be visiting PRIDE communities in Southwest Kansas and seeing projects which have had a great impact on their communities. Early registration for Day of PRIDE is important to ensure we have adequate motor coach space available. Buses need to be reserved by May 20.



Community sharing will take place on the last leg of the bus ride. Plan to bring along 100 copies of your community success story or project to share with the others at the resource table which will be set-up at the Community Center in Larned. Stories should include the information needed to replicate the project if another community is interested.

Registration is also available online. [Click here for the registration form.](#)

## Community Resource Act (CRA) Grants

Community Resource Act (CRA) grants help communities in Kansas organize their own community education programs.

The University for Man (UFM) philosophy and educational programming are models that are used by many communities to develop their own program. UFM Community Learning Center was started in 1968 in Manhattan. Based on the philosophy that everyone can learn and everyone can teach, UFM provides opportunities for lifelong learning and personal development. Community members share their knowledge, hobbies and interests as volunteer instructors for their community's educational program. Class offerings can be on a variety of topics including arts & crafts, recreation, history, earth & nature, health & wellness and much more.

This 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. These groups must be organized for the purpose of establishing and operating community education programs.

The Community Resource Act (CRA) Program is administered by Kansas State

University, Division of Continuing Education, through UFM Community Learning Center. As an outreach program of UFM and the Division of Continuing Education, CRA strives to promote life-long learning throughout the state of Kansas. Grant applications are due October 15, 2011.

For more information about UFM and the CRA Program, call (785) 539-8763, e-mail [Charlene Brownson](mailto:Charlene.Brownson) or visit [www.tryufm.org](http://www.tryufm.org).

## Community Gardening Workshops

Community gardens help individuals, families, kids and adults come together, learn from each other and grow their own fresh produce. Three workshops are scheduled to help you learn how different community gardens are structured, how to move through the planning process to the gardening phase and how to make sure the garden can be sustainable. Representatives from local community gardens will be on hand to discuss their gardens and take your questions. We'll also tour one or two gardens in the area.

Dates and locations are as follows:

Monday, May 23 Hutchinson/Reno County Chamber of Commerce,  
Hutchinson  
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Register with the Reno County Extension Office  
(620) 662-2371

Tuesday, May 24 Pottorf Hall, Riley County Fairgrounds, Manhattan  
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Register with the Riley County Extension Office  
(785) 537-6350

Thursday, May 26 Allen County Courthouse, Iola  
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Register with the Southwind Extension District Office  
(620) 365-2242

The cost is \$10 per person and includes a resource packet. Lunch is on your own. Please register with the appropriate office by May 18 and make checks payable to Kansas 4-H Foundation. For questions, contact Evelyn Neier at (785) 410-3760 or [eneier@ksu.edu](mailto:eneier@ksu.edu).

## PRIDE Partner Award

The PRIDE Partner Award is an annual recognition for a K-State Research and Extension (KSRE) Agent or Professional who has contributed significantly to the PRIDE program. This award will be presented at the Extension Annual Conference Awards Banquet in the fall. If you know of an agent, office professional or other KSRE Professional who has contributed significantly to your program, please take a few minutes to complete the nomination form. [Click here for the form](#). Nominations should be submitted by August 1.

## First Quarter 2011 Statistics

Thank you to all of the communities who turned in their first quarter reports. Through your efforts, 10,941.5 hours of volunteer service was conducted in 33 PRIDE communities in the first quarter of 2011. The value of that service amounts to \$221,501.80 (according to the Independent Sector national volunteer hourly rate). What a huge impact that makes on your communities. And just think, the first quarter of the year is generally a slower quarter. Thank you for your hard

work and please be sure to share this story with your key stakeholders.

## Dates to Remember. . .

May 20	Registration Deadline for Day of PRIDE
June 4	Day of PRIDE
July 15	Second Quarter Reports due to State PRIDE Office
August 1	PRIDE Partner Nomination forms due
August 12	Partner in PRIDE Grant Applications Due

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