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## Day of PRIDE 2012

Are you looking for projects or programs to spice up your community? Join us in Osage County on June 2 and discover what PRIDE community volunteers have accomplished in Melvern, Osage City, Lyndon and Overbrook. Traveling by motor coach, you'll visit community gardens, playgrounds, skateboard parks, trails and learn about social activities developed for local residents. At the end of the day, you'll have lots of ideas and information to take back to your own community. The \$40 registration fee includes a continental breakfast, the awards luncheon and motor coach tour. We encourage you to send a representative(s) to this amazing 1-day event. Registrations are due by **Friday, May 25**.

[Click here](#) to register. Hope to see you there!



## Rural Grocery Summit

At the upcoming Rural Grocery Summit there will be many different speakers and presentations regarding all aspects of running (or starting) a grocery store. Focusing primarily on grocery stores in communities of under 2,000 population, the rural grocery store summit brings together store owners, food distributors, community development professionals and citizens to discuss and learn about issues related to food access and business sustainability for rural grocery stores. The summit will explore different structures of store ownership and operation, fundraising and business development ideas, issues related to food access and other issues important to rural store owners.

To see a list of speakers and presentations, please follow the lead story of "Rural Grocery Summit III" at [www.ruralgrocery.org](http://www.ruralgrocery.org) or [register](#) for the summit.

## Rural Opportunities Conference

Save the date for the Kansas Rural Opportunities Conference on November 7-8, 2012 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City, Kansas. This conference will have three tracks including business development, community development and broadband. The conference schedule will include general session speakers, breakout sessions and an opportunity to talk about next steps after the conference. Successful initiatives from Kansas and surrounding states in each of the three areas will be showcased. This is a great opportunity to network with other rural community leaders from across the State of Kansas. More details will be coming soon.

## K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Partner

The Kansas PRIDE program is seeking your nominations for the 2012 Extension PRIDE Partner Award.

The Extension PRIDE Partner Award recognizes an individual from KSRE (other than the PRIDE program staff: Dan Kahl, Trudy Rice or Jaime Menon) who has provided exceptional support to PRIDE communities, or in support of the PRIDE program at the state level.

If you have worked with an Extension educator that you would like to recognize for their support, or who has shown exceptional leadership or service to your PRIDE community work, please take a moment to nominate them. The form can be found [here](#).

Nominations should be submitted to the K-State PRIDE office by Aug. 1, 2012. Nominations can be mailed to:

Kansas PRIDE Office  
101 Umberger Hall  
Manhattan, KS 66506

or emailed to [PRIDE@ksu.edu](mailto:PRIDE@ksu.edu). The selected candidate will be recognized at the K-State Research and Extension annual conference held in October.

## The Quarterly Report Initiative for 2013

Each quarter, PRIDE communities are asked to track their impact through a quarterly report and share them with the PRIDE office. This year, we have an incentive. Any PRIDE Community that sends in quarterly reports on schedule for all four quarters in 2012 will have their community put into a drawing for a chance to win two free registrations to Day of PRIDE 2013. PRIDE Quarterly Report forms can be found [here](#).

## Events Calendar

June 2, 2012 - Day of PRIDE, Osage County, KS

June 5 – 6, 2012 – Rural Grocery Summit, Manhattan, KS

August 12, 2012 – Partners in PRIDE Round 2 Grant Proposals Due

October 15, 2012 – Community of Excellence Essays of Application Due

November 7-8, 2012 – Rural Opportunities Conference, Junction City, KS

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