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Day of PRIDE 2012

Day of PRIDE 2012 was a great success.

Melvorn hosted Day of PRIDE 2012 at the Melvorn Community Center. Participants boarded the tour bus after a welcome and overview of Melvorn's accomplishments to take a tour of the community's projects. The tour then proceeded to Melvorn Lake where a representative from the Army Corps of Engineers detailed the function of the reservoir. The tour then made its way to Osage City to visit the City Park and Depot Museum where community networking ensued.

During the Awards Luncheon, Basehor PRIDE, awardee of a Partner's in PRIDE grant, made a presentation outlining how the funds contributed to the communities efforts in creating a community garden.

The participants then boarded the bus for a trip to visit Lyndon and view their community garden project, then it was off to Overbrook to see how they had transformed their park into a place that fits the recreational needs of community members of all ages.

The day ended with the announcement of the winning bids in the Kansas PRIDE Inc. Silent Auction of 2012. Proceeds of the auction go toward funding a Partners in PRIDE Grant.

Visit our [Facebook Page](#) to take in the Day of PRIDE activities.



PARTNERS in PRIDE

Kansas PRIDE, Inc. has established a community grant program called Partners in PRIDE (PIP) to partner with local PRIDE programs and provide incentives for community improvement initiatives. These activities MUST have the potential of bringing long term impact to the quality of life of local citizens and must address issues related to one or more of the Seven Capitals: Built, Social, Human, Financial, Political, Natural and Cultural. To date eight Kansas PRIDE communities have received these funds and are actively engaged in project implementation.

Application for the next round of funding must be received by August 12, 2012 and the application guidelines can be found [here](#).

To be eligible for these funds, the local community MUST currently be a Community of Excellence for the 2012 program year. To apply for the funds, the local PRIDE program must identify and prioritize local efforts, insuring that those projects identified will be viable, meet the program criteria and will have long-term impact on the community. The award amount will not exceed \$2,000 from Kansas PRIDE, Inc. per award and must be matched 1:1 at the local level.

If you have questions or need assistance in applying for these funds, please contact Trudy Rice at trice@ksu.edu or (785) 766-3996.

Community of Excellence Essay of Application

If your local PRIDE Community is enrolled as a STAR Community or a Community of Excellence for the 2012 program year, you will need to consider completing an essay of application to be recognized as a Community of Excellence in 2013 by October 15, 2012. The guidelines can be found [here](#).

The *Community of Excellence* designation is a noteworthy accomplishment for a community PRIDE group. The application consists of an essay which is used to determine a community's readiness to be designated as a *Community of Excellence*. A community designated with this award should be able to demonstrate that they have created a shared vision and mission and are working in an inclusive, collaborative manner on projects of high importance to the community. Essays for Community of Excellence should detail how the PRIDE group has engaged the people of the community, include the plans that have been created and share stories of how the community knows it has been successful in community engagement activities.

ALL current Community of Excellence Communities will lose this status at the end of 2012 if this process and application is not completed. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Trudy Rice at trice@ksu.edu or (785) 766-3996.

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 before AUGUST 1, 2012. Nominations can be mailed to:

Kansas PRIDE Office
101 Umberger Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506

or returned via email at PRIDE@ksu.edu. The selected candidate will be recognized at the K-State Research and Extension annual conference held in October.

Community Resource Act (CRA)

CRA grant applications for 2013 are due by **October 15, 2012**.

CRA grants helps communities in Kansas create their own community education programs.

UFM's philosophy and educational programming are the 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 could 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 which are 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.

For more information about UFM and the CRA Program, call (785) 539-8763 or e-mail Charlene Brownson at cmb@ksu.edu. View the UFM class offerings at www.tryufm.org.

Rural Opportunities Conference

Save the date for the Kansas Rural Opportunities Conference to be held November 6-7, 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 are coming soon.

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 entered in a drawing to win two free registrations to Day of PRIDE 2013. PRIDE Quarterly Report forms can be found [here](#).

Events Calendar

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

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

October 15, 2012 – Community Resource Act Applications Due

November 6-7, 2012 – Rural Opportunities Conference, Junction City, KS

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