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## *Vibrant communities with a positive future*

### Kansas PRIDE Webinars/Day of PRIDE Announcement



Many PRIDE Communities have taken the time to “test drive” the new enrollment and reporting systems. Some communities have come across system errors or obstacles, and we very much appreciate your feedback as it has helped our IT staff improve the ease of use to our system! Thank you!

We recently announced that we will be hosting a series of webinars on the week of November 18, 2013. **The webinar date has been changed to Friday, November 22, 2013 and times are as follows:**

- 7:00 am
- 12 noon
- 5:00 pm

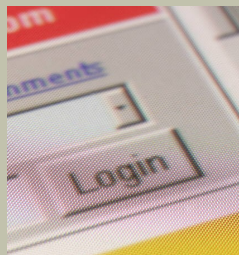
We encourage ALL PRIDE communities to participate these webinars, so if your PRIDE groups has limited knowledge with computers, this might be a great time to partner with an individual or group in your community that are technologically inclined, such as your local Extension Office for assistance.

Webinars will be conducted via Adobe Connect. Feel free to log in (as a guest, no password is required) at the following Adobe Connect site:

<http://connect.ksre.ksu.edu/pride/>

You will create a username so that we can see who is logged on. A short agenda is as follows:

- Introductions
- Program Participation on the website
- The Enrollment Module
- The Reporting Module
- Questions



Again, we look forward to your participation! The new website modules will provide a variety of tools, which includes community networking!

**DAY OF PRIDE:** Save the date for Saturday, June 14, 2014 for the next annual Day of PRIDE. A new format will be introduced, and more information will be shared in the upcoming months!

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Want others to be informed? Contact [PRIDE@ksu.edu](mailto:PRIDE@ksu.edu) and supply their email, and we will add them to our newsletter list!

#### Save The Date:



On April 9-10, 2014, The Kansas Department of Commerce will hold the Rural Opportunities Conference (ROC) at the Magouirk Conference Center in Dodge City, KS.

Details regarding session topics, speakers, sponsorships and more will be available in the coming months. [CLICK HERE](#) to add your information to the ROC mailing list so that you receive the most up to date information.

Any questions concerning the conference can be directed to Susan NeuPoth Cadoret at: [scadoret@kansascommerce.com](mailto:scadoret@kansascommerce.com) or by phone at (785) 296-7198.

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## ArtPlace Innovation Grants

As with the National Endowment for the Arts “Our Town” featured in our October Newsletter, ArtPlace America is offering “placemaking” grants.

ArtPlace is a \$15 million/year (approximately) program funded by a consortium of national foundations, aimed at providing capital to support community development projects which use the arts to help revitalize a neighborhood, main street, and to focus development in existing areas rather than inefficient, lifeless sprawl. While the program is largely urban, there have been a number of significant rural projects selected. This could be an ideal opportunity for any number of rural organizations that are committed to innovative ways of revitalizing their towns.

According to their website article, *“To date, ArtPlace America has awarded 134 grants to 124 organizations in more than 79 communities across the U.S. for a total of \$42.1 million. Past recipients of ArtPlace America grants have demonstrated creative placemaking as a means of investing in art and culture at the heart of a portfolio of integrated strategies to drive vibrancy and diversity so powerful that it transforms communities. Grants will be awarded to projects that involve arts organizations, artists and designers working in partnership with local and national partners on place-based strategies that can transform communities. Letters of inquiry must be submitted by December 13, 2013. ArtPlace America funds in all 50 states and U.S. territories. Certain ArtPlace America funders have a deep commitment to their local communities and have provided funding for specific states or communities. Currently, these include: Akron, Charlotte, Detroit, Macon, Miami, New York City, Philadelphia, San Jose, and St. Paul, as well as communities in Alaska, Arizona, California, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin. Therefore, we particularly invite projects in these areas, although applications are welcome and grants are awarded to projects from all across the US. We continue to expand our funding with the goal of supporting the broadest possible geographic array of communities.”*

Complete guidelines for applying for an ArtPlace grant can be found at [www.artplaceamerica.org/loi](http://www.artplaceamerica.org/loi). - To read more about the recent projects that have been funded, visit: [www.artplaceamerica.org](http://www.artplaceamerica.org)

## Highlighting Extension: Laurie Chandler, 2013 KSRE PRIDE Partner



This past month Kansas PRIDE had the opportunity to honor Laurie Chandler, K-State Research and Extension Shawnee County, with our PRIDE partner award. The Kansas PRIDE communities of Dover and Rossville supported the nomination of Laurie for this award. Laurie has most recently assisted both communities as they have worked to develop online tools that can be used for community assessment purposes. Laurie started this project several years ago when Rossville PRIDE wanted to do a community park assessment in preparation for applying for a Small Communities Improvement Program (SCIP) grant. They were successful in acquiring that grant and most recently called on Laurie to assist with a survey related to main street improvements for a grant through Kansas Department of Transportation-again they were successful in acquiring that grant.

When Dover (an unincorporated community) wanted to start a PRIDE program Laurie applied some creative thinking and worked with them to get a governmental resolution of support from the Shawnee County Commission in lieu of the city commission. While presenting the request, Shawnee County Commissioner Shelley Buhler shared how important the PRIDE program is to Kansas communities. She not only challenged Laurie to explore the opportunity for more PRIDE communities in Shawnee County but also offered her support to make this happen. It just so happens that Commissioner Buhler is a member of Rossville PRIDE and has personally experienced the impact of PRIDE on her community as well as the value of having the local unit KSRE agent involved. As Lisa Thronburg of Rossville PRIDE shared “what would we do without our Laurie”. Congratulations Laurie, and thank you for all that you do for PRIDE Communities! - Trudy Rice, Associate Specialist—Kansas PRIDE Program

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## Kansas PRIDE Staff Changes for the New Year

It seems that this past year we have shared several staff changes with you. And, we now have another one to share. Jaime Menon, Administrative Assistant to the Kansas PRIDE program, has a new position. No worries, she is not leaving the program but instead will now be working directly with Kansas PRIDE communities as the new Extension Assistant for Community Development/PRIDE. In her new role she will be responsible for the communication, education, and recognition pieces of the Kansas PRIDE program. In other words, you will be seeing her out and about across the state. Please do not hesitate to invite her to visit your community soon: [jmenon@ksu.edu](mailto:jmenon@ksu.edu)

### Other staff updates:

Dan Kahl-Dan is now an Extension Instructor and will not have direct responsibilities with the PRIDE program. However, he is working on community engagement within the university. If your community is working on a project that would be appropriate for students and faculty from Kansas State University to be involved in designing, implementing, or researching contact Dan at [dankahl@ksu.edu](mailto:dankahl@ksu.edu)

Trudy Rice is now the program coordinator of Kansas PRIDE and is responsible for the overall PRIDE program. Trudy and Jaime will be working as a team to provide the best support possible to our Kansas PRIDE programs. In addition to this Trudy will be working on engagement opportunities with other entities within the state such as the League of Kansas Municipalities, Kansas Association of Counties, Kansas Department of Commerce, etc. to work together for a better Kansas!

## Reminder: Community Capital and Partner Awards 2014

Community Capital Awards are intended to recognize communities who have done excellent work developing community capitals. Local PRIDE programs are encouraged to nominate a high quality project for state-level recognition which reflects their work in a community capital area. Nominations may be submitted in all seven capitals but must be a separate project nomination (different project) for each capital. Capital awards are competitively selected from the nominations received.

Partner Recognition awards allow your community to recognize community partners who have contributed significantly to your PRIDE efforts. Each community is guaranteed one Community Partner award annually if a nomination is submitted. Also available on a non-competitive basis are certificates to recognize youth who have contributed to your PRIDE program.

For guidelines and eligibility, please visit our website and download the Community Capital Awards Application:

<http://www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=35>

And as always, do not hesitate to contact the Kansas PRIDE Office with any questions: [PRIDE@ksu.edu](mailto:PRIDE@ksu.edu) or (785) 532-5840.

## Events Calendar

**November 22, 2013 7a.m., 12 Noon and 5p.m.—Kansas PRIDE Enrollment/Reporting Webinar**

**December 15, 2013—Enrollment Due**

**January 15, 2014—Quarterly Reports are Due**

**February 1, 2014—Community Capital and Partner Awards Due**

**February 12, 2014—Partners in PRIDE Grant Applications are Due**

**April 9-10, 2014—Rural Opportunities Conference**

**Save the Date— Saturday, June 14, 2014—Day of PRIDE**