

Vibrant communities with a positive future

Partners in PRIDE (PIP) Impact —Glasco

In April 2012 Glasco PRIDE received a PIP grant to invest in its Built Capital: to stop the deterioration of a limestone wall of the 1880 Biggs Building, the oldest stone building in Glasco's Historic



Glasco Biggs Building Before

Glasco Biggs Building After

Downtown District. In addition to this essential stonework, volunteers transformed the façade of the one story building, including visual references to the town's stained glass heritage in the project.

The community knew this was only a holding action until a new purpose inspired further renovation. But there was hope the new look would make citizens feel better about their town, and maybe move others to act.

This PIP project was completed in September 2012. Since that time others have acted!



Glasco Theater District Before



Glasco Theater District After

Façade restoration work has been done on eight other buildings in this Main Street block, visually transforming the 100 year old streetscape. Five of the buildings were improved by private owners. Three were tackled by volunteers, helping move closer to a community goal, a proposed U. S. Highway 24 Museum. This museum complex includes the Dream Theatre, which operated 1912-1972, and will be open Fun Day 2013 to preview a fresh lobby.

The Cultural Capital of Glasco has been reinforced as the appearance of buildings that housed many businesses has been restored to their former proud state.

The response to the PIP grant surpassed all expectations.—Joan Nothorn, Glasco PRIDE

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

Changes to Enrollment and Reporting

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we will be conducting a series of webinars to address the changes to our enrollment and reporting process. We will be using enrollment information from the 2013 year to contact you concerning the times and dates of these webinars, as well as log in details. If leadership has change in your community, please either forward this information to the local person responsible, or contact the Kansas PRIDE Office at PRIDE@ksu.edu with their contact information so that we can be sure keep everyone informed. We will be conducting webinars at the following dates and times:

November 12 at 6:00 p.m.

November 13 at 12:00 noon

November 14 at 7:00 a.m.

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 We hope to make this transition as positive as possible! Thank you for all that you do!

National Endowment for the Arts: Funding for Our Town

National Endowment for the Arts releases funding guidelines for Our Town , with grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000 available to support creative placemaking projects . There are now guidelines available on the NEA website as well as application materials for Our Town , the agency's primary creative placemaking grants program. Pending availability of funding, grants will range from \$25,000 to \$200,000.

Our Town will invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with arts and/or design organizations and artists, seek to: improve their quality of life; encourage greater creative activity; foster stronger community identity and a sense of place; and revitalize economic development.

Projects may focus on arts engagement, cultural planning and design activities.

Now in its fourth year, Our Town has provided \$16 million to support 190 projects in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. These projects are diverse in geographic distribution, number and types of partnerships, artistic discipline, and type of project. In FY 2013 alone, 35 of the 59 grants supported projects in communities with populations under 100,000.

For more information about Our Town, visit: <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town> or contact the NEA at OT@arts.gov

Kansas Day of PRIDE Survey

In June we held our third annual Day of PRIDE in Wilson and Lucas, Kansas. Day of PRIDE replaced the original PRIDE Day in an attempt to better meet the needs of our Kansas PRIDE communities related to recognition, education, and networking. It is the Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Board of Directors and Kansas PRIDE staff opinion that when you change the format of something you should give it time to take hold and if it does not grow maybe it should be re-assessed. During the last 3 years attendance at Day of PRIDE has been consistently between 50-70 people from across the state representing up to 20 of our PRIDE communities. The most recent PRIDE day event was attracting about the same number. These are funded through Kansas PRIDE, Inc., registration fees, and local host communities. Each year the evaluations of Day of PRIDE are excellent and those attending feel like it was a valuable use of their resources of time and money. However, we are concerned that the attendance is a very small portion of the potential! That said, we would appreciate your response to the following questions: (please feel free to respond from your personal view or represent the view of your local PRIDE organization-however we need your IMMEDIATE feedback so time is of essence)

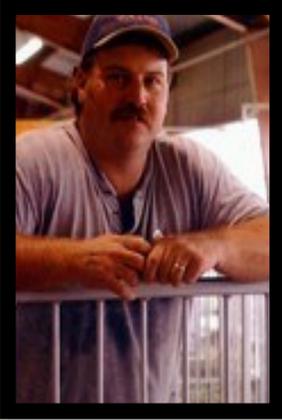
1. Have you attended a Day of PRIDE within the last 3 years?
2. If so, what was the highlight of your day? If not, what were the barriers for you not attending?
3. What would the ideal educational program for Day of PRIDE look like so that it would be a priority for you to attend?
4. What time of year would be best for holding Day of PRIDE?
5. Would you prefer a Friday or a Saturday?
6. Would you prefer a mid-day event including lunch or an afternoon/evening event including a banquet?
7. Are there other ways you would suggest to provide recognition, education, and networking opportunities that might be more effective than the current Day of PRIDE.

Email your comments to PRIDE@ksu.edu

Thank you for your input. Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Board of Directors and Kansas PRIDE staff are dedicated to using our resources of time and money to provide education, recognition, and networking opportunities that are beneficial to all Kansas PRIDE communities.—Trudy Rice, Kansas PRIDE Program

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Highlighting Extension: Glenn Newdigger, Stafford County



Kansas PRIDE is taking time to highlight Extension Agents. This month's pick is Glenn Newdigger of Stafford County. This is what Jennifer Pfortmiller of Stafford, KS has to say about Glenn: Glenn Newdigger has been a true asset to the Stafford PRIDE organization for well over 6 years. He and the office staff are very willing to assist with any projects that the Stafford PRIDE group organizes, by providing time, copies, and support. In addition, Glenn served as a liaison between PRIDE and the fair board, to help assist with PRIDE's storage needs, and the fair boards availability of storage facility. In return, he also garnered PRIDE's support and services at the local annual fair. But one of the most notable services Glenn has provided is coordinating and leading a 'Visioning' session for the Stafford Community. In order for the PRIDE group to assess the community 'pulse' and have a guide for developing the next set of projects, Glenn planned and implemented the session where over 40 people attended to voice their input. Glenn professionally handled all of the comments, and was able to tactfully keep emotions of the participants in check, as well as positively positioned or re-positioned their comments and suggestions to keep the audience enthused and engaged. After the meeting, various reports were submitted by the PRIDE group to the local newspaper, of which one report got a couple citizens very charged up! Glenn was able to help step in and diffuse the fire and settle the emotions with a common sense, no frills reply. Visioning can be a tricky among different generations and different community cliques, but Glenn handled this in an expert manner. And the Stafford PRIDE group was able to get a feel for where the community stood on several issues. It is wonderful to have a resource like Glenn Newdigger in Stafford County.

Congratulations to Our Partners in PRIDE Awardees

For the fall 2013 round of the Partners in PRIDE (PIP) grant process Kansas PRIDE, Inc. received funding requests from three Kansas PRIDE communities. All were very valid projects that fit with the long term goals of the individual communities and demonstrate a great chance for success.

The Partners in PRIDE Review Committee recommended that the following communities receive Partners in PRIDE Grant Funds:

- Ashland PRIDE— to support court lighting as a part of a comprehensive park improvement project.
- Humboldt PRIDE— to help fund restrooms for their long term park improvement project.
- Glasco PRIDE— for a basic preservation work on a building for their long term museum complex project.

Get It - Do It! PRIDE grants, which are funded by K-State Research and Extension, will support youth and adult partnerships to plan and implement projects that strengthen rural youth leadership and build a community's social and human capital.

- Randolph PRIDE— for a park bridge project including youth in the planning and recruitment of volunteers.
- Larned PRIDE— for a park improvement project including revitalization of the walking trail and outdoor fitness stations. This project includes youth in the design, approval process from the city commission, and bidding process through a number of classes in the local school district.

Congratulations to Ashland, Humboldt, Glasco, Randolph and Larned PRIDE! We look forward to highlighting your progress!

Events Calendar

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November 1, 2013—Sunflower Foundation Grants Due

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