

Vibrant communities with a positive future

Day of PRIDE 2013: Reflections



Bowl Plaza Restroom, Lucas, KS

Partners in PRIDE grant fund!

Participants were then treated to popcorn and soda at the Lucas Theater where Lucas PRIDE shared their successes and setbacks. A major success includes the reacquisition of the stone cones that had been removed from Miller's Park. The cones are set to be reintroduced into their original settings in Millers park in the near future.

Thank you to all of those who planned, presented and participated in Day of PRIDE 2013, it was certainly a great success! Czech out (pun intended) our [Facebook](#) page for pictures of the event!

The Kansas PRIDE Program Board of Directors, K-State Research and Extension, and the Kansas Department of Commerce Rural Development Division would like to thank the PRIDE Communities of Wilson and Lucas, KS for their hospitality, presentation and coordination to accommodate and celebrate Day of PRIDE 2013.

Day of PRIDE 2013 co hosted by the PRIDE Communities of Wilson and Lucas Kansas was not only a day of celebration of cultural capital, but a day to reflect on the success and struggles of PRIDE Communities.

After a presentation of the highlights and lowlights of Wilson PRIDE, the park project in PRIDE Park in Wilson was explored, were a splashpad will be installed this upcoming summer.

After lunch and group discussions a dollar auction was held that raised over \$800 to benefit the

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Community Gardens Conference—July 2013

Learn more about community gardening at the Kansas Community Garden Conference, scheduled for July 8 & 9 in Manhattan. The two-day conference will give participants an opportunity to gain skills in establishing and maintaining a community garden. Choose from breakout sessions on a variety of gardening topics and tour area community gardens.

The conference will be beneficial for existing community gardens, new gardens, and groups planning to apply for the Kansas Community Garden Grant in 2014. (Note: 2014 is the final year of the grant program.) The conference will be held at the K-State Union. Registration is \$30 and includes Tuesday lunch, break refreshments, and materials. Registration is due June 24. For more details, and to access the registration form, visit:

www.kansascommunitygardens.org. The conference is sponsored by K-State Research & Extension and the Kansas Health Foundation. For questions contact Evelyn Neier, eneier@ksu.edu

Get It Do It Partners with PIP

At the recent Kansas PRIDE Day in Wilson, the 2013-2014 round of Get It – Do It! grant applications was announced. All 63 Kansas PRIDE communities are eligible to apply for Get It-Do It! PRIDE grants of up to \$2,000.

Prior to this new funding announcement, Get It - Do It! grants exclusively supported health promotion activities conducted by youth-adult partnerships. The revised focus of the new Get It - Do It! grants supports the Kansas PRIDE goal of building leadership in rural communities especially among youth and young adults. New Get It - Do It! grants will support youth and adult partnerships to plan and implement projects that strengthen rural youth leadership and that build a community's social and human capital.

The grant opportunity is sponsored by K-State Research and Extension in cooperation with Partners in PRIDE, and is administered by Kansas PRIDE and the K-State Research and Extension School of Family Studies and Human Services (FSHS). FSHS Extension personnel will provide awarded communities training and technical support during the project.

Grant applications will be accepted from May 1 to August 15, 2013. Applications are available on line at the Kansas PRIDE website's funding resources page:

www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/pride/prideresources/funding.htm

A webinar will be provided on June 21st at 12 noon to provide more details, so save the date!

For more information, contact Trudy Rice, Kansas PRIDE Coordinator, at trice@ksu.edu; Jaime Menon at the PRIDE office, jmenon@ksu.edu, 785-532-5840; or Elaine Johannes, Get It-Do It program director and youth development Extension specialist, at ejohanne@ksu.edu or 785-532-7720

Rural Program Manager Highlight: Dan Steffen

This is Dan Steffen's second stint with the Kansas Dept. of Commerce. He first started as an Economic Development Field Rep. for the Kansas Dept. of Commerce, in N.W. Kansas back in 1987. Upon the position being eliminated, Dan served as the Assist. State Director of the Kansas Main Street Program, and was based in Topeka. After a 14 ½ year stint with DISCOVER Financial Services, Dan jumped on the opportunity to return to his 1st career choice of economic development, specifically – Business Development, in N.W. Kansas.



Since 2006 Dan has served as a Regional Project Manager serving the Northwest region of the state. Dan describes his primary customers as Local Economic Development Directors, Chamber of Commerce Exec's and Regional Economic Development entities, as well as business owners and Managers in N.W. Kansas. Dan's office is in Hays, but you will seldom catch him there, as he is usually on the road, somewhere in N.W. Kansas.

Dan is originally from Ulysses, Kansas, but claims Hays and N.W. Kansas as home. He received his Bachelors of Arts in Business/Communication and Bachelors of Science in Industrial Arts from Fort Hays State University and an Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP) Certification from the National Development Council in Washington D.C.

For more information on Rural Opportunity Zones, visit: kansascommerce.com

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Partners in PRIDE Recipients

The Partners in PRIDE Grant recipients for Spring 2013 are as follows:

- ◆ \$1,500.00 awarded to the community of Iola to support a down town beautification project and historic walking tour for the downtown square in Iola, Kansas.
- ◆ \$500.00 awarded to the community of Larned for a “Time to Get Moving” family activity program which builds on the existing “Time to Get Going” program.
- ◆ \$1,000.00 awarded to the community of Lucas for a Walking/Driving Tour map of Lucas grassroots art sites.
- ◆ \$2,000.00 (requested \$2,000.00) to the community of Potwin for their ball field outfield fence project which will make them one step closer to attracting tournaments to their community.

If you are a current Community of Excellence, and have not been awarded a PIP grant within the last 12 months, you are eligible to apply!

For more information visit our website at <http://www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/funding.htm>

Rural Issues, Researched Solutions

A Community board member of Kansas PRIDE Inc., Nicole Godek of Grainfield KS spoke at a recent board meeting of the struggles that Grainfield had concerning adequate daycare in their community. Other community board members related, and Nicole had found a solution, which she has agreed to share in case PRIDE Communities could benefit:

After much research on how to bring more daycare options to our community, even grasping at the idea of opening our own daycare and hiring someone, all best scenarios led to our school system.

The Grainfield PRIDE brought the issue of our daycare problem up to the school board stating that we were losing kids to surrounding communities because there wasn't enough daycare to support them. Most parents felt it was more convenient to take their child to the community they worked at for daycare, which would then lead to them taking their child to school there as well. I know many can relate to this problem.

The school board voted to adopt this program in their grade school. Our preschoolers (3, 4 & 5 year olds) go to school from 8-11:15am Tues-Fri. This program will allow them to continue with a preschool program in the grade school from 11:15am-5pm. The school does not need new or different licensing or need to change the functionality of the specific room (adding bathrooms, etc). Everything runs as a normal school program. They are able to utilize the lunch room, restrooms and buses. They are not required to fence in new playground equipment.

By finding a program in the school for 3, 4 & 5 year olds, we are opening up spots for younger kids in the daycares we have in town. We are hoping to have this implemented in the 2013-14 school year. For the childcare guidelines document, [CLICK HERE](#). For up to date licensing information visit:

<http://www.kdheks.gov/bcclr/> or contact Peggy McAdoo of the Kansas Department of Education at 785.296.2276 or by email at pmcadoo@ksde.org

Events Calendar

June 21, 2013—Save the date GIDI Webinar

July 15, 2013—2nd Quarterly Reports Due

August 15, 2013—PIP and GIDI Applications Due

October 15, 2013—Community of Excellence Applications Due