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Vibrant communities with a positive future

Meet Billie Chesney—Kansas PRIDE Office Intern

Many changes and transitions have happened over the last year in the Kansas PRIDE Office, and we are excited to announce that we have another addition to our office for the summer of 2014. Billie Chesney, an Animal Sciences and Industry major, is working with us this summer to learn more about community vitality and growing tomorrow's leaders. We would like to thank K-State Research and Extension Administration for the opportunity to have Billie working with us.

Billie is originally from Rooks County, Kansas, and grew up on a cattle farm between Stockton and Plainville, and graduated from Stockton High School. Stockton is one of our current PRIDE communities. After graduation she hopes to join the production agriculture industry but is also open to any other opportunities that may come her way.

Billie says she is excited to be spending her summer working with communities, learning more about the PRIDE program, and meeting YOU over the summer! If you have any questions or would just like to say hello, she can be reached via email at billiejc@ksu.edu, or can be found in Umberger 101 on K-State's campus.



Day of PRIDE 2014

Day of PRIDE 2014 was held in Humboldt and Larned on June 14, 2014. Humboldt hosted speaker Julie Roller from the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation, and her presentation was broadcast to Larned as a satellite site. Both sites hosted silent auctions, with Larned hosting an additional chance drawing and dollar auction. Together the sites raised over \$670 for the Partners in PRIDE grant fund! Thank you to all of the communities that participated in Day of PRIDE 2014 for your time, your wisdom, your generosity, and for making Day of PRIDE 2014 a great success! Billie will be calling all PRIDE communities this month to gather input on improving the PRIDE education and recognition model—currently Day of PRIDE. Please share your ideas with her.

Community of Excellence Applications Due October 15, 2014

If your community has enrolled as a STAR community, or your community has recently engaged in a strategic planning process, we encourage you to apply for Community of Excellence status. Communities of Excellence are eligible to apply for Partners in PRIDE grants. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#) or visit our website at: kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=36

Partners in PRIDE Grants Due

If you are designated a Community of Excellence, and do not have a current PIP grant that you have yet to close, you are likely eligible for applying for a PIP grant!

[CLICK HERE](#) or visit <http://kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=31> for PIP guidelines and application. Please email us at PRIDE@ksu.edu for any questions concerning eligibility.

Events Calendar

July 15, 2014—Quarterly Reports Due

August 15, 2014—Partners in PRIDE Grant Applications are Due

October 15, 2014—Community of Excellence Essays are Due (contact PRIDE@ksu.edu for more information)

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