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Partners in PRIDE Grant Recipients



You may have heard it in the news, on Facebook, email, but it isn't official until we have it in our own newsletter! Congratulations to the following Kansas PRIDE communities for Partners in PRIDE!

Kansas Partner in PRIDE Awards went to six local PRIDE organizations this fall round of 2015:

- Ashland PRIDE – Pavilion Lighting Project
- Highland PRIDE – AME Church Restoration
- Lecompton PRIDE – Activity Room Update
- McFarland PRIDE – Park Sidewalk and Parking
- Randolph PRIDE – Park Restroom Renovation
- Rossville PRIDE – Volleyball Court Expansion

Each community received \$1,100 for their community improvement projects! To date nearly \$47,000 has been awarded to PRIDE community projects through Partners in PRIDE.

Congratulations Partners in PRIDE Award Winners, we look forward to seeing the fruit of your labors!

Visits to Ashland, Kinsley, Rozel and Larned



On September 30, Clark County Extension Agent Taner Gillum, Kansas Department of Commerce Regional Project Manager Carol Meyer and I (Jaime Menon) visited Ashland 2020/PRIDE in Clark County on September 31 got a wonderful tour by the local Kansas PRIDE representative of their projects! Projects include decorating Main Street for the season, upkeep on the Girl Scout Historical Site, a marvelous fitness center and park! Wonderful things happening in Ashland!



I then made a visit to Kinsley and popped into Twice is Nice (Kinsley PRIDE owns and runs the shop, which

sells donated items to fund local projects – an adorable and charming store!) to see how things were going before I facilitated a community conversation in Kinsley. **A shout out to Amy Sollock, Extension Agent for Edwards County for assisting in facilitating round table discussions! Thank you Amy!**



On October 1 I got to visit Rozel (where I met a representative of Rozel PRIDE, the local Extension Agent Donna Preisner of Pawnee County and Aaron Cannon and Carol Meyer of the Kansas Department of Commerce) to see Rozel’s phenomenal fitness center! Rozel PRIDE renovated part of an old tractor dealership and created a beautiful fitness center! The center offers spin classes, weight training, and an area to do physical therapy (so that those who need it don't have to drive to Larned 2-3 times a week!!). Fantastic work Rozel PRIDE for identifying and addressing the all important aspect of community health, and doing it in such a creative way!

I then made a stop in Larned where I sat down with Pawnee County Extension Agent Donna Preisner to discuss the happenings and recent projects of the Larned PRIDE group. I also learned a lot about the Pawnee County Extension’s involvement in the Summer Snack Program in Larned.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who took the time to visit me during this trip!

If your community is interested in a visit, do not hesitate to contact us at PRIDE@ksu.edu and we can get one arranged in whatever capacity you might be interested, ranging from a social visit to a strategic planning session, we are happy to help! –*Jaime Menon, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Program Manager* jmenon@ksu.edu

Opportunities

Kansas Recreation and Park Association will be hosting education workshops such as these in 2016! Visit their website to learn more about KRPA and the opportunities they have to offer!

<https://krpa.wildapricot.org/>

The **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)** has many open grant and loan programs available, such as Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants, and Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant. Visit the following website to view all available programs!

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs#Business>

The **Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission (CAIC)** is focused on the creative industries sector of the Kansas economy. The Commission is dedicated to measuring, promoting, supporting and expanding the creative industries to grow the state's economy and create creative industry-related jobs. Keep your eyes out for the upcoming 2016 application dates!

<http://www.kansascommerce.com/caic>

The **Kansas Department of Health and Environment** currently has programs to assist communities with brownfields property redevelopment.

<http://www.kdheks.gov/brownfields/index.html>

Kansas Correctional Industries offers many different services that could benefit your 501(c)(3) community! They offer permanent grill surfaces for your city parks, plastic ADA signs, name plates, and much, much more!

<http://kancorind.com/shop/>

Network Kansas is a great place to check out if you have a new entrepreneur in your community trying to get a business started. They have phone specialists who are trained to help "tease out" the information your entrepreneur may want, but doesn't know exists. Call the specialists directly

or explore the online resource
directory: <http://www.networkkansas.com/entrepreneurs/find-a-resource>

Events Calendar

December 4 – Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Annual Meeting, Kansas Gas Service, Overland Park, KS

January 1 – Enrollment Begins

January 15 – Quarterly Reports Due

February 15 – Capital Award, Community Partner Nomination Applications Due

February 15 – Goal Award, Partner in PRIDE Applications Due