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## Vibrant communities with a positive future.

### Visit to Burns and Potwin



On September 8, I (Jaime) met with Burns PRIDE, in Marion County and was joined by Bob Fettke, Regional Project Manager (RPM) of the Kansas Department of Commerce to discuss local food options, youth engagement and funding opportunities. We met in their wonderful community center (built by volunteers with KanSTEP funds in the 1980's) where their quilter's group comes together to design and create beautiful quilts to auction to benefit local projects.



Bob and I then made our way south to Potwin and met up with Renee Lippincott (RPM along with Bob Fettke in the South Central Region) and David Kehler of Butler

County Extension where we caught up on the more current happenings and harvest of the Potwin PRIDE's Plant a Row for the Hungry Project and discussed their reapplication for Community of Excellence. We also had a presentation of their STAR Capital Award for Excellence in Built Capital for their Ball Park Renovations! Congratulations Potwin PRIDE!!



Thank you so much to everyone who came together to assist and celebrate Burns and Potwin on September 8!

If your community is interested in a visit, do not hesitate to contact us at [PRIDE@ksu.edu](mailto: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](mailto:jmenon@ksu.edu)

### Community of Excellence Reminder

A final reminder, if your community is currently designated a Community of Action and your community is in good standing with Kansas PRIDE, your community should consider applying to become a Community of Excellence! The application can be found on our website

([CLICK HERE to go to the site](#)), and will be emailed out later this month. Applications are due **October 15, 2015**.

Also, if your community is designated a **2013-2015 Community of Excellence** it is time to resubmit an application to keep your status as Community of Excellence.

Community of Excellence are eligible to apply for Partners in PRIDE grants.

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## Awards System Webinar - Update

I (Jaime Menon) have not forgotten about the Awards System Webinar. There are updates to our webpage that have caused a delay. As soon as the information is uploaded you will be informed! Thank you for all that you do and if you have any questions about the Awards System contact me at 785.532.5840 or [jmenon@ksu.edu](mailto:jmenon@ksu.edu)

## Events Calendar

**October 15** - Community of Excellence Applications Due

**October 15** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Reports Due