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Vibrant communities with a positive future.

Visit to Wilson and Lucas



On August 14, Nancy Daniels and I had the pleasure to attend a meeting for the Rural Partners in the Czech Capital of Kansas, Wilson, KS at the [Midland Railroad Hotel](#). We received a history of the Czech Opera House by a representative of the Czech Opera House Board Chair, a detail of plans for its future after the notorious fire that took place there and their hopes to repurpose the building as an amphitheater! We were eggstatic to get a picture in front of the finished Czech Egg, and had lunch back at the hotel (so it is a wonderful place to stay AND eat!).



We then made our way to Lucas so that Nancy could experience the Folk Art Capital of Kansas, which of course like Wilson, did not disappoint. These visits are a great reminder of all of the great things that Kansas PRIDE communities do for the state of Kansas! No project is too small or too big, and building on your community capitals is a great way to highlight your strengths!

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

Community of Excellence Reminder

Just a 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.

Questions? Contact us at PRIDE@ksu.edu.

Awards System Webinar

I (Jaime Menon) will be hosting a Webinar to discuss the Awards system, and explain details regarding Recognition and Funding opportunities. Please use the following Doodle Poll to indicate when would be best for those interested in participating:

<http://doodle.com/ce44k7x5qpymtys3>

Please indicate your email address in the comment box so that we can create a list serve for immediate response. The link to the webinar will also be sent by email and be posted on Facebook when the dates/times have been determined. Thank you!

Jaime Menon, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Program Manager jmenon@ksu.edu

Survey Results

Thank you everyone who participated in the survey! Your responses are very much appreciated! Here are the results:

Out of **64** Kansas PRIDE Communities, **20** communities participated. This represents **31.25%** of Kansas PRIDE Communities.

Week of PRIDE: Majority report praise, excitement of new ideas from other communities, kudos to other communities and acceptance of the new format. Many voice concern about the roll out and timeline. It was a first year with a slow start, so this is a valid opinion.

Educational Opportunities interest is as follows:

1. Fundraising – ideas and possibilities
2. Strategies, sharing, leadership and working with youth
3. Events and Event in a Box
4. Working with Volunteers, recruitment, involvement, coordinating, youth
5. Other: park innovations, beautification of downtown/main street, drought tolerant landscaping.

Delivery Method of Educational Opportunities:

75% prefer a Face to Face format vs 25% Webinar

With lack of time, webinar is preferred if the webinar can be recorded and sent out for later review.

The **preferred method of interaction** to get news is Email, then Facebook.

Thank again for your participation, and for all that you do for Kansas!!! –*Jaime Menon, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Program Manager* jmenon@ksu.edu

You Are Part of the Family

In our personal lives, “Engagement” is a big commitment—it means “someone’s getting married.” At K-State, engagement is a commitment of a different kind. It means that we are committed to moving beyond outreach and public service to a new concept of engagement with the community in ways that are mutually beneficial.

K-State takes its land grant mission and its commitment to be engaged with local communities very seriously. Although we have thousands of gifted faculty in Manhattan, Salina and Olathe, we also have faculty in all 105 counties of Kansas. You call them Extension Agents. As you know, these agents are a huge asset in connecting the research and teaching of the university to the local communities where real people are solving problems, developing skills and building a better future for their communities. Your work often influences the work of the University. If you need something from K-State, we’re here to help you make connections. Our K-State family is rooting for you to succeed. Warmly –
Nancy Daniels, Community Vitality nkdaniels@ksu.edu

Events Calendar

October 15 - Community of Excellence Applications Due

October 15 – 3rd Quarterly Reports Due