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Vibrant communities with a positive future

Vision of Grainfield—If I Were Mayor

The following is an essay that was sent to our office in December. It was a wonderful read, especially to know who is passionate about this youth is concerning his hometown of Grainfield, KS. It goes to show that while youth may be quiet, they are very aware of what is going on around them, and are eager to help make things happen.

“He’s a quiet participant, but obviously very observant. I love how PRIDE and change in our community can start at such a young age!” - Nicole Godek, Grainfield PRIDE



If I were mayor of Grainfield, KS I would first fix up Main Street by asking local people to bring their bulldozers, dump trucks, and loaders to help demolish old abandoned buildings. If this could happen for a cheap price, it would let businesses come into Grainfield. Also, I would fix the bathrooms in the City park.

After tearing down the abandoned buildings in town, put land for sale for businesses to start. This would help our town in many ways, such as bring more jobs into town. This brings more people in town and more kids to school. Then if this would happen we would need more housing. As you can see one thing can lead to many things happening in small towns. To try to pay less for this, I would try to get grants.

Another thing would be buying more lots on the surroundings of Grainfield. If we could do this we could build more housing and expand the town. Expanding the town and getting more families in town is one of the best things because it contributes to everything.

Doing these things would take a lot of work and dedication, but I believe in these things in the near future. Even though our town doesn't have a lot of money, that's why we need volunteers to help communities. If you don't have people like we do your town won't be able to accomplish everything they want.—If I were Mayor, by Kyler Haffner

Community Capitals and Community Partner Applications

Have a great community project that you would like to highlight, but not only that, receive state recognition of your work? All Kansas PRIDE communities are eligible to apply for Community Capital Awards! Not only that, did you know that each community is guaranteed a plaque for recognition of one person or entity that has gone above and beyond for their Kansas PRIDE community? This award is the Community Partner Award. If your community has such a person or entity we strongly encourage you to nominate them for this award! The application for both the Capital Awards and the Community Partner Award are on our website. [Click Here](#) to visit our page. **Deadline for applications and nominations is February 15, 2015.**



Nadine Sigle to Serve Northwest Kansas

With many thanks to the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, we have a new Community Vitality Specialist to serve Northwest Kansas Communities through K-State Research and Extension. That new Community Vitality Specialist is Nadine Sigle! For the full story, [Click Here](#).

Welcome Nadine to our Community Vitality Team—nsigle@ksu.edu

Events Calendar

January 15—Quarterly Reports Due. Click [HERE](#) to report

February 15—Community Capital Awards and Community Partner Applications are due

February 15th—Partners in PRIDE (PIP) grant applications due

Have a Community Event? Contact us to add it to Community Events Calendar!

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