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Introducing Madison!



Many changes and transitions have happened over the last year in the Kansas PRIDE Office, as we all know, and we are excited to announce that we have a new addition to our office for the spring semester of 2016. Madison Blevins, an Agricultural Communications and Journalism major, is working with us this semester to learn more about community vitality and growing tomorrow's leaders.

Madison is originally from small-town Greeley, Kansas and grew up on an 80-acre farm made up of a few cattle and crop fields. Madison has always had a strong love for agriculture and said organizations such as FFA and 4-H were and still are a huge part of her life. After graduation she hopes to find a career handling communication factors for an agriculture company.

She is not sure where she plans to go, but is eager to see

all the opportunities that await after receiving her degree.

Madison says that she is excited to have the opportunity to work with communities, learning more about the PRIDE program, and meeting YOU! If you have any questions or would just like to welcome her aboard, she can be reached via email at madisonmb@ksu.edu, or can be found in Umberger 101 on K-State's campus.

**Kansas PRIDE + 48 Hours of 4-H
= AWESOME!**



At the end of last year, having heard about the wonderful works of 48 Hours of 4-H and how similar it was to Week of PRIDE, I began to think PARTNERING! After many conversations, and acknowledging the potential for mutual benefit, Kansas PRIDE and 48 Hours of 4-H have decided to cross promote programs!

What does this mean?

It means that 4-H Groups across the state have been invited to partner with local PRIDE groups to help identify needs and assist in implementing projects!

It also means that local PRIDE groups have the potential to benefit from Youth Leadership and Youth can benefit by gaining experience - and we all benefit when we volunteer!!

Hooray for a new partnership, and HUGE thank you to 4-H Extension Specialist Beth Hinshaw for helping us to promote Week of PRIDE in the 4-H network!

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



Register for ROC!



Plan to attend the Rural Opportunities Conference (ROC) - April 5-6, 2016! ROC will be held at:

United Wireless Conference Center
4100 W. Comanche Street
Dodge City, KS 67801

There is a fantastic line up of speakers and sessions! See more information at:

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

See you there!

Potwin Receives BlueCHIP Award

We would like to recognize Potwin PRIDE as one of six Kansas communities that earned a BlueCHIP award and \$2,500 to continue their health-focused community activities! Potwin PRIDE Inc. plans to invest its BlueChip award funds into a garden project that allows adults and youth to work together to grow healthy foods for the needy as well as for themselves. The grant will be used to replace the garden's irrigation system so they are able to continue growing vegetables. Any additional money will be used to purchase seeds, plants and fertilizer, and to purchase non-perishable food items for the food pantry. Congratulations to Potwin PRIDE!

You can read the full article at the following link: <http://www.bcbs.com/healthcare-news/plans/6-ks-towns-earn-bluechip-awards-to-continue-health-focused-community-activities.html>

-**Madison Blevins, Kansas PRIDE Student Office Professional** madisonmb@ksu.edu

Technology Tip



Looking for a fun and easy way to display your community and its highlights? Try Instagram! Just download the app on your phone and get started. Instagram is one of the top social media apps used today.

Its function is to provide a platform for you to post content, including photos, comments and other

materials. You can change filters on your different pictures and make them look like they were professionally done. It would be a fantastic way to highlight your community and achievements while still having a fun time doing it!

Not only that, but you can follow other people and their communities to see their experiences and the awesome photos they post!

One con of this social app is the fact that your pictures can be seen by anyone that chooses to follow your account, so make sure that **if you only want certain people to see your posts**, go to **Settings** and set your account as **Private**. Other users may search for, see, use, or share any of your User Content that you make publicly available through the Service if your account is not private.

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Events Calendar

April 15 – Quarterly Reports are Due

May 22-28 – Save the Date - Week of PRIDE!!