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Vibrant communities with a positive future.

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link to make sure it fits with what we're looking for, then put it online. If you'd like to see the current "Communities" page, it's located under the "About Us" section at kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu – **Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension** jmsteen@ksu.edu

Community Partner Awards: Natoma PRIDE

Help Us Promote Your Community



The Kansas PRIDE website has a "Communities" page listing each of this year's participating communities. We'd like to update this page to add more links back to community PRIDE or city websites and Facebook pages.

To have your site listed, or updated, send the address to us at PRIDE@ksu.edu. We'll review the



Dawn Phlieger from Natoma PRIDE receiving the Community Partner Award from Dan Steffen, Kansas Department of Commerce Regional Project Manager

Dawn Phlieger, a volunteer with the Natoma PRIDE Program has been honored for her work in the community.

Phlieger was named a winner of the 2016 PRIDE Community Partner Award, given by the Kansas PRIDE program, a partnership of K-State Research and Extension, the Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas PRIDE, Inc. and the Kansas Masons.

Natoma PRIDE is fortunate to have Dawn as a volunteer for numerous reasons. Some projects and activities she has been involved in are as follows:

- Raising funds for the planting of several trees in the City Park.
- Secured grant money for the complete renovation of the City Park basketball court and six new benches for the City Park.
- Was instrumental in getting the PRIDE program started for Natoma, and since its inception, has assisted with securing grants from Dane G. Hansen and the CDBG to renovate a large part of the City Park. Renovations include the building of an accessible bathroom and a large play structure for the older children in the community.

Congratulations to Dawn! If you have a community member or entity that has gone above and beyond for your local PRIDE organization, you may consider nominating them for a Community Partner Award in the spring of 2018. Visit our [Capital Awards Page](#) for more information. – **Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension** jmenon@ksu.edu

The Benefits of Reporting

We all get busy sometimes. Or maybe all the time. Family, work, school, bills, the kid's [insert activity or activities here], - enough to make your head spin! We understand, and we know that enrollment and reporting may be the last thing on your mind

when the time comes every quarter, but we very much appreciate that you do.

Not only that, others do too. How? Let's touch on today's burning question: What are the benefits of reporting.



Here are a few important benefits:

- Reporting allows us to accurately reflect your work to communities, local government, state government and federal government
- It allows you to have a record online, and hard copy if you chose to print them, stored concerning the history of your projects and progress
- Allows local Extension Agents and Regional Project Managers to access your information and potentially connect with you for applicable programming or opportunities
- Reporting keeps your community eligible for recognition and funding opportunities
- Reporting makes you part of something bigger. It allows you to search through and find ideas, see what others are doing, and connect with other communities

As always, thank you for all that you do, and thank you for taking the time to report, especially around April 15th when we know that you have other pressing matters to attend to (we understand COMPLETELY!). – **Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension** jmenon@ksu.edu

Perry PRIDE Water Garden Project

Perry PRIDE would like to share that Adam Tucker and his crew from Fantasy Falls and Water Gardens repaired and reset the Water Garden at Perry Elementary School last week. It looks like it was a pretty big job and they were there working/volunteering most of the day. Some pictures were on [Perry PRIDE Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Adam also shared on his business Facebook Page and the school district also shared.

Adam had volunteered to do this work as part of our Day of PRIDE clean-up at the PES Learning Garden but realized would take more than we anticipated. Even so he offered to come back out this summer with his crew and made good on his word. We would like to highlight his work as an “add on” to our original 2017 Week of PRIDE.

Below is a before and after picture. – **Kathy Youngquist, Perry PRIDE**



Before: Perry Elementary School water garden



After: The repair and reset looks great!

Reminder: Grant Writing Workshop

The flier for the Grant Writing Workshop in Nortonville went out recently, but in case you missed it, or got busy, don't forget to register – there's still time!



When: September 11, 2017

5:30 PM meal, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Workshop

Where: K of C Hall, 105 Norton St, Nortonville, KS

Learn about sources of data for community needs, elements of a great grant proposal, practicing the grant elements, and where to find grants. Contact David Key, K-State Research and Extension Meadowlark District Director, by email dkey@ksu.edu or his office at 785-336-2184 to register or for more information. Registration is free, but the deadline is September 8!

If your community is interested in participating in a Grant Writing Workshop, contact your local K-State Research and Extension Office to see if your local Agents are available to host! – **Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension** jmsteen@ksu.edu

Funding Opportunity: America's Farmers Grow Communities



The program below is a great opportunity for Kansas PRIDE Communities. If you have any questions about the program, you may direct them to us at PRIDE@ksu.edu.

GROW YOUR RURAL COMMUNITY WITH AMERICA'S FARMERS:

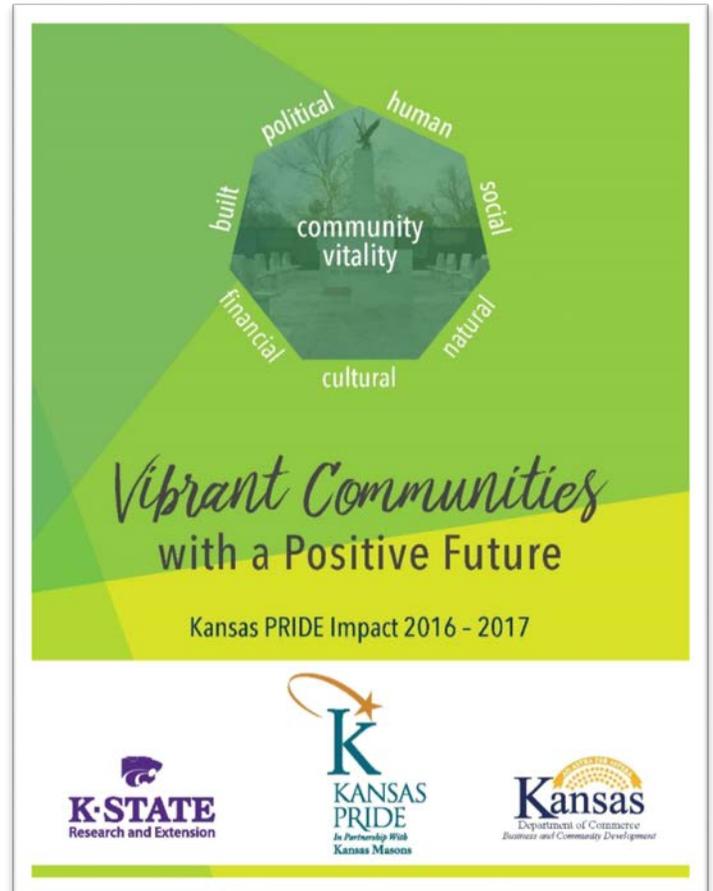
With just a couple of clicks, you can enroll in the America's Farmers Grow Communities program for the chance to direct \$2,500 to your favorite local nonprofit. The deadline to enroll is November 1.

Sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, the Grow Communities program has awarded more than \$26 million to 8,000+ nonprofits across the country. Don't miss out on the chance to support your rural community by enrolling today and sharing the news with other farmers in your area!

Enrolling is easy: visit GrowCommunities.com or call toll-free at 877-267-3332.

2016-2017 Annual Review

The 2016-2017 Kansas PRIDE Annual Review, "Vibrant Communities with a Positive Future" is now online. You can view it under our website's News section, [here](#).



Events Calendar

Quarterly Report Dates:

April 15th

July 15th

October 15th

January 15



Opportunity Dates:

August 15 (for Growth and Action and PIP)

September 11 – [September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance](#)

October 15 – Community of Excellence Applications Due