

been spent living and working in the South Central part of the state – Wichita, Viola, Conway Springs, Hutchinson - and I love exploring the rest of Kansas, checking out the restaurants, shops, parks, and celebrations. There’s so much to do here! One of my goals is to visit every town in the state at least once.

Aside from road trips, I have other hobbies when there’s free time to be had: cooking – I’m usually outside smoking a brisket or some ribs, or indoors trying to recreate a Czech dish from my childhood; genealogy – my family is not large, so I wanted to learn more about those before me and what prompted them to settle in Wilson, Holyrood, Alden, and Hutchinson.

I’m very much looking forward to visiting even more communities across the state, meeting many of you, and providing any assistance and information that I can. Feel free to contact me at any time at jmsteen@ksu.edu. See you soon! – **Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension**

Week of PRIDE in Glasco



Figure 2: Glasco hosts a Stained Glass Tour that I highly recommend, and features two churches with WCTU windows, like the one featured here - Jaime

Quick forward note: In case your community has done a Week of PRIDE project and has yet to report, please [CLICK HERE](#) to report your impact. THANK YOU!

The Week of PRIDE designated by the Governor’s Office is May 21-27, 2017. PRIDE communities throughout the state harness volunteer power to make an impact locally during this time. Special projects are targeted and reported to Kansas PRIDE.

Glasco Chamber Pride is taking Week of PRIDE to report on current positive work in the community and to review on-going projects.

The private investment by businesses on Main Street can be seen right now in the re-pointing of the brick façade at Martin Electric and in the re-configuration of the former Bonham Auto Repair building. These investments follow years of Glasco Pride support for preserving Main Street buildings, with volunteer work and PRIDE funding.

The Glasco Pub is celebrating one year as a non-profit volunteer collaboration to provide a community café. A year ago this effort was recognized as a Glasco Week of PRIDE community project. The Glasco Pub is working to succeed as an economic success.

There are other on-going efforts to acknowledge. The Fun Day Committee works year round to create a fresh October festival each year. They have developed fund raising activities that have become new events in themselves.

Preparing for alumni over Memorial Weekend engages the Senior Citizens Center, the Glasco Historical Society and Museum, and the Glasco Community Foundation. All share in welcoming alumni home.

The Third Saturday Coffeehouse is a new tradition built around the Fisher Creek String Band and their desire to stir action on Main Street, in particular to restore the Dream Theatre. The monthly Saturday afternoon coffeehouse is a forum for naming new goals, while enjoying a variety of music.

The weekly Farmers Market reflects 14 years of year-round access to baked goods, jellies, eggs and produce in season. Many vendors have made an effort to bring food to Glasco. This volunteer effort is a good addition

to the groceries now available at Hodge Podge and meat at the Glasco Locker Plant. They are valuable and unique businesses in Glasco.

Throughout this Week of PRIDE reflection, you see volunteer involvement and businesses working toward the same goal: a viable, sustainable community.- *Joan Nothern, Glasco PRIDE*

Grant and Recognition Opportunities



The [Growth and Action Grants](#) are available for a second round for Communities of Growth and Communities of Action. These are limited to 5 awards (due August 15) and are extremely competitive so apply as soon as you can. The awards are for \$200 each. The link will be live soon!

Suggestions to apply:



Figure 3 Park City PRIDE Butterfly Garden

How about beautification? Park City PRIDE purchased flowers and tubing for a Butterfly Garden. Beauty and function!

Or Community Signs! One award will pay for one sign! Just a thought.

August 15 is also the deadline for eligible Communities of Excellence to apply for [Partners in PRIDE Grant Funding](#).

Also, 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, 2017**.

Also, if your community is designated a **2015-2017 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.

Communities must be in good standing (enrolled, resolution submitted, reporting up to date) to be eligible for awards. Have questions, don't hesitate to contact us at PRIDE@ksu.edu or at 785.532.5840 —*Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension* jmenon@ksu.edu

Events Calendar

Quarterly Report Dates:

April 15th

July 15th

October 15th

January 15

Award Dates:

August 15 (for Growth and Action and PIP)

October 15 – Community of Excellence Applications Due