Final Webinar of 2018! What Do You Want to See in 2019?

Can you believe 2018 is almost over?! It seems like it was April just yesterday!

Well, here is the information for the final webinar of 2018:

**Tuesday, December 18 at 10:30am to 11:30am**

– How to Tell Your Story

As per usual, the lesson will be facilitated by Jaime and/or Jan, with special guests to join us for sharing their expertise in the Q and A concerning the topics covered.

Register by emailing us at PRIDE@ksu.edu. Some of the sessions will have handouts that go along with the lesson.

In 2018 we started doing regular webinars to provide information to your local volunteers by covering topics such as handling money, writing grants, and board organization, to name a few. Though we do offer recorded versions of the webinar on our Education page, there’s an interactive question and answer session at the end of each live webinar for you to participate in, so live attendance is encouraged if possible.

Which brings us to 2019...what would you like to learn? When would you like to learn it? What topics would you like us to cover? Are there any issues you face or questions you have that more information would help? We’ve been holding sessions on Tuesday mornings once a month. Is there a better day or time that works for you? Let us know by clicking on the survey link HERE, or pasting the following link into your URL: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8tOiN5zFYdiwoT3

Thank you for your participation! And don’t forget, all of our previous webinars are now
Crunch Time: Don’t Forget our Warning on Reporting!

Just a friendly reminder about reporting...

We have been told that reporting opportunities will end December 31, 2018 for the 2018 reporting year.

This means that the system will “shut off” at midnight of December 31 and you will no longer be able to report. You may find that you can still go in and report BUT there is no guarantee your information will be recorded.

We are to await further instructions on how enrollment will proceed after January 1, as in we will be waiting to hear what our database gurus have to say, then pass the word on to you.

So in close, don’t forget your reporting (before December 31) and as always, THANK YOU for all that you do for the great state of Kansas! – Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension jmenon@ksu.edu & Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension jmsteen@ksu.edu

If it’s broken…

Fix it! I ran across this potential project idea and thought I’d share in case you might be looking for ideas in your community.

There’s a chance that something you use regularly broke in the last year. Did you repair it? Was it less expensive just to replace that bicycle, DVD player, or vacuum cleaner? Communities around the world are starting regular social events called “repair cafes” to help people fix those broken items in order to reduce waste, save money, and get to know their neighbors.

How does it all work? A group, perhaps a Kansas PRIDE committee, organizes a crew of handy volunteers who are confident in the ways of repairing electronics, appliances, power tools, etc. Dates and a location are set, and the public is encouraged to come in with their once functional item so that they can be paired up with a friendly face to work together on the device’s repair. Participants learn maintenance and repair skills to extend the life of their newly fixed item, helping their budgets in the process. Networking happens by having people interact with each other where they may not have had an opportunity to do so before. Reduction in waste also means less ends up in the landfill.

If your PRIDE committee is interested in organizing a repair cafe community event there are many resources online as examples and some even have guides available. Use your favorite web browser and search engine to search for “repair cafe”.

- Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension jmsteen@ksu.edu
Epsilon Sigma Phi Conference

Some of you might be asking, what is Epsilon Sigma Phi? Well, I am glad you asked!...or maybe were just curious.

Epsilon Sigma Phi, or ESP, is an Extension professional organization that provides professional development opportunities, grants and scholarships for those that are members of the organization.

This year both Jan and I were given scholarships to attend the National ESP Conference in Manhattan, KS in October (yes, like at the beginning of October. I am just getting around to it now in December, life happens fast so better late than never!). We had volunteered for the conference and had a proposal accepted (spoiler alert – it featured you Rock Stars), but were allowed to attend the entire conference thanks to ESP. If that had not occurred, the following events might not have taken place.

During our session titled Endless Possibilities of Community Planning, Jan and I related K-State Research and Extension’s Community Vitality programming, and how it has evolved into a process. We also featured the videos that we have currently on our website that highlight some of your activities: http://kansasprideprogram.k-state.edu/

One participant, from Alabama, asked questions about the Kansas PRIDE Program. She wondered if there were any communities nearby that she might be able to visit that benefited from the program. I was floored, but humbled, that she would be that interested.

Fast forward to the conference capstone speaker’s presentation where we were to find someone we didn’t know and give them our “AH HA!” moment of the conference. That same participant sought out Jan to tell him that her “AH HA!” moment was in our session, seeing how passionate Jan and I are about our communities. What an honor to be someone’s moment of inspiration, for them to feel how much we care, and how much you care about your communities! In truth, I think that was because they feel the same way about the people they serve. That common thread is the greatest strength of Extension, in my opinion.

That said, caring is important. It is a great thing to care. Like Dr. Seuss’s Lorax says, “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it’s not.”

It is because you care that you strive toward community betterment. So, as always, THANK YOU for all that you do, you Rock Stars really make a difference! And don’t forget, K-State Research and Extension, The Kansas Department of Commerce, The Kansas Masons and Kansas PRIDE, Inc. are your partners in your process, don’t hesitate to reach out to us, whether it be for ideas or funding, or anything else, we will always do our best to get you the resources and information you need! – Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension jmenon@ksu.edu
Board Leadership Series

K-State Research and Extension will be hosting sessions during the month of February. Registration deadline is January 10th! Follow the link below to see locations for sessions and dates. [https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/community/civic-engagement/boards-commissions.html](https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/community/civic-engagement/boards-commissions.html)

PRIDE Communities in the News

Congrats to those communities!

Up for a Community Visit?

Would your PRIDE organization like to be brought up to speed on available opportunities? Have you had a leadership change and would like to make sure you’re on the right track? Let us know and we’ll work on scheduling a time to meet with you. Send us an email at [PRIDE@ksu.edu](mailto:PRIDE@ksu.edu). – Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension [jmsteen@ksu.edu](mailto:jmsteen@ksu.edu)

Events Calendar

**Quarterly Report Dates:**

April 15th  July 15th  October 15th  *January 15th*

**Opportunity Dates:**

December 31, 2018- LAST DAY TO REPORT for 2018  
February 15, 2019- Award Applications Due

* Q4 date this program year is Dec. 31, 2018

Facebook News

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook if you haven’t already. We post there often, and some of that information isn’t available in the newsletter – webinar announcements, community news, alerts. Head over to [http://www.facebook.com/KansasPRIDE/](http://www.facebook.com/KansasPRIDE/) to check us out, or “Like” us to see opportunities that are upcoming! Also invite us to “Like” your page if you have one! – Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension [jmsteen@ksu.edu](mailto:jmsteen@ksu.edu)

Holiday Office Closure

The Kansas PRIDE office will be closed from Monday, December 24, 2018 through the New Year, reopening on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. We will answer any emails, messages, and other correspondence as soon as possible upon our return. From all of us, have a save and happy holiday season!

- Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension [jmsteen@ksu.edu](mailto:jmsteen@ksu.edu)
These communities have enrolled in the Kansas PRIDE Program this year. If you’re meeting as a local PRIDE group and don’t see your community name here, it’s not late to enroll! Go to: http://kansasprideprogram.ks-state.edu/enrollment-reporting/index.html

Then click on the blue “Enroll” button.