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Kansas PRIDE's 50th Year Highlight: Lecompton PRIDE

Ron Wilson of the Huck Boyd Institute for Rural Development has done it again! He has highlighted a PRIDE community to promote the 50th year of the Kansas PRIDE Program through Kansas Profile. The Program in question, Lecompton PRIDE (as if you couldn't tell by the title I suppose 😊 - Jaime)!

To read the full story, CLICK HERE.

To read AND listen to Ron's soothing and folksy voice, CLICK HERE.

Congratulations to Lecompton PRIDE for being highlighted, and for all PRIDE communities - you make this state great! - Jaime Menon, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Co-Coordinator, jmenon@ksu.edu
PRIDE Community Happenings

**Wichita’s SoCe Neighborhood PRIDE** team is in the process of planning an alley cleanup project. Their first project is Saturday, November 14th. An effort to educate business owners and residents of the importance of keeping the alleys clean and maintained is happening now, as well as a recruitment effort for volunteers. The group is working to improve their neighborhood one project at a time. **Potwin PRIDE** reports on their Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the Hungry garden project. By the end of September they had harvested 3,200 pounds (1.6 tons) of produce including: 291 lbs. of potatoes, 1,713 lbs. of tomatoes, 322 lbs. of turnips, and 186 lbs. of watermelon. Vegetables were given to the Potwin Food Bank, Salvation Army, and to the community as free-will donations on Mondays to help fund the garden (with $422 raised). **Riverton PRIDE** has started working on a walking trail. The Galena Fire Department provided a controlled burn to clear off the old grasses on the pasture and community members worked to disc the field and made plans to level it. Liberty Utilities has partnered with Riverton PRIDE for the use of the land and they will be providing a pollinator garden for the trail area. More activities from Riverton PRIDE can be found on their [Facebook page](#). **Ellis PRIDE** partnered with the local Chamber and Tourism committee to begin the process of fixing signage in town (a suggestion from First Impressions). Fundraisers are currently being investigated to help with the projects. Take a look at some other things Ellis PRIDE has been up to on their [Facebook page](#). The PRIDE program in Conway Springs ([Conway Springs Development Foundation](#)) has been busy learning how to run a rodeo which has also resulted in forging some new relationships… and speaking of relationships, they are also in talks with the Cardinals 4-H Club to use the Foundation’s building for classes that serve those not involved in agriculture/animals. PRIDE happenings in Conway Springs are on their [Facebook page](#) as well.

Share your happenings with us: **PRIDE@ksu.edu**

**Program Updates - New Faces!**

Recently there came some new faces to the Kansas PRIDE Program Board,
through our partners at K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas Department of Commerce. Join us in welcoming Dr. Rick Peterson, Associate Director of Agriculture and Natural Resources at K-State Research and Extension, and Kayla Savage, Community Development Division Director for the Kansas Department of Commerce!

**Rick Peterson, With K-State Research and Extension**

Dr. Peterson is a Kansas native and is no stranger to Kansas State University. He earned his Bachelor of Science (Agriculture), Master of Science (Human Development and Family Therapy), and Doctor of Philosophy (Human Ecology Family Studies) at Kansas State University.

Dr. Peterson’s vast professional experience includes farming, serving as a Crisis Intervention Specialist with the Farmer Assistance and Training Service (the forerunner to our Kansas Agriculture Mediation Services), and as an Extension specialist at Virginia Tech University, Colorado State University, and Texas A&M AgriLife. His focus as a specialist included mediation and family life education. His professional experience has made him extremely knowledgeable and visionary regarding local unit programming, distance and digital Extension program delivery, inter- and transdisciplinary programming, and non-appropriated program funding generation.

**Kayla Savage, with The Kansas Department of Commerce**

Kayla Savage is the Community Development Division Director at the Kansas Department of Commerce. She provides oversight for the following Community Development programs: Kansas Main Street, Kansas Creative Arts and Industries Commission, Rural Opportunity Zones, Kansas Angels, Community Service Tax Credits, and Community Development Block Grants. She represents Commerce on the Kansas Water Authority and Kansas State Fair Board. Before coming to Commerce, Kayla spent 14 years in nonprofit management and community development. She earned her BFA in Communications-Public Relations from Emporia State University and Master of Science in Community Development from Kansas State University.

Welcome Rick and Kayla to the Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Board of Directors, and our awesome team!

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**How Are You 6-7 Months Into COVID?**
There has been a lot happening over the last few months, and all that I can say is that it has been one interesting ride. There it is again, "interesting." I have yet to have someone join me in finding a new word for 2020, still open to suggestions though...

We are wanting to touch base with you to see how you are, and what you may need. We had a great response to the initial survey, and are hoping we can help you even more now! The response you give allows us to give a tailored response to your community, so please, take about 2 minute to fill out the survey provided - CLICK HERE or on the image to take the survey.

"Hang in there!" is easier said than done, and I think many of us can give comfort but find it hard to take comfort. We know that you all have been through a lot, pivoted, and found new ways to get things done, and to that we say "BRAVO!", "AMAZING!" and "PHENOMENAL!!" Thank you for being an inspiration to us and communities across Kansas, the North Central Region of the US, and the United States (yes, we share your stories through channels that reach farther than Kansas. Don’t believe us? Check out our newsletter to the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals and K-State Research and Extension to the National Institute of Food and Agriculture).

As always, thank you for all that you do! Take care, stay well, and don't hesitate to reach out to us! - Jaime Menon, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Co-Coordinator, jmenon@ksu.edu

CONTINUING OPPORTUNITIES SECTION

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS
Did you know that K-State Research and Extension's Nancy Daniels presents grant writing workshops (she also does First Friday E-Calls, another AWESOME resource for communities, which are listed on a link later in the newsletter)? Check out the link below for more grant workshop locations and registration information. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, some of the upcoming in-person workshop dates may be subject to change, so keep checking back here or on the website for updates. We are also working on an online format for the future. More details to come.

Grant Writing Workshops
External Funding Opportunities

Want to put your new grant writing skills to use? Here are some opportunities for project funding outside of the Kansas PRIDE grants:

**The American Academy of Dermatology** awards public schools and non-profits up to $8,000 for purchasing and installing permanent shade structures in outdoor locations not protected by the sun (playgrounds, pools, recreation spaces). They also provide a sign for display near the structure. December 31, 2020 is the next deadline for this grant, so be sure to check it out at the link above for more details.

**The National Gardening Association** awards grants to non-profits, public or private schools, and youth programs in order to support school and youth educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life for students and their communities. Grants are available from $700 to $1,700 and the deadline to apply is December 18, 2020. More details are available by clicking on the link.

**ecoTech™ Grants** were created to combat the notion that students need to choose between “the screen” or “the green” and encourage educators and students to explore technology’s role in designing and implementing solutions to environmental challenges. If your PRIDE group works with schools or youth programs in your community, this $2,500 grant may be useful. Visit the link for more information and eligibility requirements. The current cycle closes January 15th.

**MLK Day of Service Mini-Grants** from the Kansas Volunteer Commission through AmeriCorps to host volunteer projects and service activities. The grant period is January 15-24, 2021, and the application deadline is December 9, 2020. Grants are for up to $500. More details can be found by clicking the link.

**Additional Funding Resources**

Is your Kansas PRIDE community looking for funding to help with certain projects? Let us know what the project is, how much you’re seeking, and what your timeline looks like. We have access to a grants database and likely can give you some links to potential funding sources. Just email us at PRIDE@ksu.edu with your request and project idea.

Not a Kansas PRIDE community? This resource is a great reason to join! You
can also reach out to your local Extension office which should have access to the database as well. - Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, jmsteen@ksu.edu

From the History Books

Some wise words from our September-October 1997 Kansas PRIDE Newsletter. If you’d like to read that edition or any others, click on over to our Newsletter Archives page for more. You might find some historic treasures about your own community!

The ten most important two letter words
“If It Is To Be, It Is Up To Me”

The youth attending PRIDE Day will be treated to a workshop taught by Robert Simon of Wichita. Simon is well known for finding creative ways to teach young people to help themselves become empowered enough to find joy in helping others. It starts with developing self-worth and ends with following the kind of advice expressed very well by John Wesley when he wrote, “Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can at all times you can, to all people you can, as long as you ever can.”

According to Simon, the world always has been and always will be full of needs. The same can be said for the world having people in it who can address those needs. The problem is that sometimes the people who can meet the needs of people in communities don’t put forth very much effort because they believe “Someone else will do it,” or they say “There’s nothing I can do.” Neither is necessarily true. It is much more helpful to believe, “If it is to be, it is up to me.”

Up for a Community Visit? We Are, Too!

Our offer at the end of each newsletter is to come to your community so we can present an overview of the program, should you be interested in enrolling, or to discuss the program and any of its components or training modules in person if you’re already in the program. Travel restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 situation prevent us from visiting in person currently, but we still would be more than happy to host a Zoom meeting where your PRIDE group members, city council members, chamber participants, Masonic Lodge, or other groups could individually log in to see the presentation and ask questions. Just e-mail us at PRIDE@ksu.edu to set up a schedule.

To view pre-recorded webinars giving an introduction to the program, step-by-step instructions on how to enroll or report, fundraising, recruiting volunteers, and more, head over to our Education page for more. - Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, jmsteen@ksu.edu
Aside from posting news and information on the Kansas PRIDE Facebook Page between newsletters (we don't want to end up in your junk folder!), we (as in Jan and Jaime) are now hopping on Facebook Live on some Fridays for some education and small talk - and sometimes the odd trivia question! Join us on Fridays (usually around 10am or a bit later - Jan and I (as in mostly I) are still getting used to it!) for some learning opportunities!

Like Us On Facebook!

First Friday e-Calls: Check'em Out!
K-State Research and Extension offers entrepreneurship webinars every first Friday of the month, and there have already been several great sessions this year. If you missed them, they've been recorded and are available to view at your convenience along with the slides and some notes. Visit: https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/community/business/entrepreneurship/ for all past sessions. Registration information for upcoming sessions can be found here: https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/community/events/

Have a local event going on? Got great places to visit? Eat? Play?

Why not send your ads here and we will place them in our newsletter? You just have to send a high quality photo and the verbiage you want to use and we will place them in our newsletter for one month!

Send Your Ad Here!
Quarterly Report Dates:
- January 15th, April 15th,
  July 15th, October 15th

Office Closed for Thanksgiving:
- November 26th & 27th

2020 Kansas PRIDE Communities
So far the following communities have enrolled in the Kansas
PRIDE Program for the year of 2020.
And if you'd like to enroll go here and click on the blue "Enroll"
button: https://kansasprideprogram.k-state.edu/enrollment-reporting/index.html

- Admire
- Agra
- Alton
- Anthony
- Arlington
- Ashland
- Assaria
- Axtell
- Blue Rapids
- Burden
- Lakin
- Larned
- Lecompton
- Leonardville
- LeRoy
- Lincoln
- Linn Valley
- Lucas
- Luray
- Luray
- Macksville
- Bushton
- Caldwell
- Caney
- Centralia
- Clifton
- Columbus
- Conway Springs
- Council Grove
- Delia
- Dover
- Dwight
- Elk City
- Ellis
- Fort Scott
- Glasco
- Grainfield
- Grinnell
- Harper
- Haysville
- Herndon
- Highland
- Hugoton
- Humboldt
- Iola
- Independence
- Kinsley
- La Harpe
- Marion
- McFarland
- Melvern
- Moran
- Mount Hope
- Newton
- Nickerson
- Norton
- Olsburg
- Osawatomie
- Ozawkie
- Perry
- Potwin
- Quenemo
- Randolph
- Riverton
- Rossville
- Rozel
- Russell
- Savonburg
- Stockton
- Toronto
- Vermillion
- Wakefield
- Wichita (South Central)
- Wilson
- Yates Center