Database News

The wait is over! **THANK YOU** to all those that assisted in testing the new database! We appreciate you!

There has been a lot of buzz about enrolling/reporting. To answer some questions:

- **No**, your community will not be considered late or penalized for not reporting as yet. The database migration took some time, and the older database had a mind of its own near the end (*like many of us, getting older gives us a few memory issues...and that was starting to happen with the database, having been an older program. My Mom always says that for her that retrieving memories was like going to an old filing cabinet that sometimes was locked. I think I now that feeling, more nowadays than ever before!*).
- Reporting issues will not affect your award status. If you have an outstanding award and were not able to report, that is fine. We
worked with most of you and can vouch for you!

The database is up and running...and I can honestly say, it is a work of art! For us as staff it feel so much more user friendly, and you will be able to upload photos to match your quarterly reports if you like! Such exciting times!

This also comes with trepidation, like with anything new. Don't worry, we're there for you! Like I mentioned before, I was there with you when we got the first database...and now Jan and I are with you for this new one! Don't hesitate to reach out to us, that is what we are here for!

Since there are quite a few changes that might make you feel both dazzled and lost (from personal experience), Jan has even made a pretty sweet video for you to preview the database, and some how to's along the way - we suggest to view the video before enrolling. You will also want to clear your cache on your browser so that you don't have issues getting to the new database. Here is an example of how to do this on Google Chrome:

**CLICK HERE for Clearing Cache in Google Chrome.**

You can likely do a search on how to clear the cache on your search engine (in case you do not use Google Chrome, we only gave Chrome as an example because we hear most of our volunteers use it).

Here is the video on how to enroll:

![Video](video-url)

You will note some differences, and we hope you find lots of positives - you might even see suggestions that you have made in this new system (flashback to earlier in the article - you can upload pictures!).

Thank you for all you do, as always, and we are here for you!

**CLICK HERE to start your maiden voyage in enrollment in the new Kansas PRIDE Database**

-Jaime Menon, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Co-Coordinator, jmenon@ksu.edu
Don't forget to report for **Q4 2020**! Now that the database is back online, it's time to report if you haven't done so already. Head over to the **Enrollment and Reporting page**, click on the gold "Report" button, and get started. You can also view a new instructional video on how to report here: [https://youtu.be/cdvRNGmCz9k](https://youtu.be/cdvRNGmCz9k)

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**Awards**

Thank you for your patience concerning our grant and recognition award system.

The Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Board met in December, and this month will be finalizing the awards system. Awards, deadlines, and requirements will be set, and then communicated, hopefully within the next month. We may do a special email, or if it is timely, will be unveiled in our newsletter.

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Some Housekeeping...and foreshadowing:

If you have outstanding grants, please keep reporting in the database to keep current for the upcoming award cycle.

If you have awards that you have completed, please reach out to report to keep current.

All communities will need to be in good standing - **Enrolled, Resolution of Government Support, and Reporting**...and a **BIG HINT** for the next award cycle...you might want to brush up on your **Kansas PRIDE Program Education**. Notably:

- Introduction to the Kansas PRIDE Program
- Enrolling in the Kansas PRIDE Program (Jan's video from the article above counts and will replace the one on the website).
- Reporting System
- Enrollment Levels
- Engaging your Community and Community Tools
- Volunteer Recruitment and Retention
- How to Handle Dollars
- Getting Organized - Board Roles and Responsibilities
PRIDE Community Happenings

Lecompton Community PRIDE has an upcoming art project in the works. They'll be installing an outdoor historic wall mural which will depict early settlement in the area from the 1800s. Van Go Arts' artist Rick Wright, who has roots in Lecompton, will be doing the piece. Expected completion date in June 2021 in time for dedication at Territorial Days. Follow Lecompton Community PRIDE's activities to see what else they're up to here.

Friends of Vermillion held a drive-through Thanksgiving dinner. Utilizing COVID-19 guidelines and requiring reservations, this well received event made $1,950 for the group. Keep up with Vermillion's efforts by visiting their Facebook page.

Linn Valley was in the Christmas spirit by supplying gifts to local children thanks to donations and community support. They also set up a store for the local kids to buy affordable gifts for their families, provided snacks and activities, and helped wrap the gifts. For more on Linn Valley's activities, and all other Kansas PRIDE communities back through 2013, visit our Search Reports part of the database and take a look at the great work going on!

Share your happenings with us: PRIDE@ksu.edu

Keeping Groceries Alive

For those of you with grocery stores in your communities, this may be of interest to you: Keeping Groceries Alive from K-State Research and Extension and the Rural Grocery Initiative. Webinars running from January 28th through March 18 addressing topics to help keep your local grocery stores open. For more information on the webinars and how to
Community Cleanup/Fix-up Campaigns

Are you thinking about organizing a community cleanup or fix-up event this spring? Use K-State Research and Extension's *Conducting a Community Cleanup/Fix-up Campaign* publication for guidance.

BUSINESS TRANSITION

Coming up in February (February 5 to be exact!) K-State Research and Extension's First Friday e-Call will be highlighting resources for Business Transition:

The Kansas Center for Business Transition is a new free resource to help small business owners plan and execute their business transition. Their mission is to support the continuity and growth of small businesses with education and resources that benefit both the businesses and their communities.

Jack Harwell, Certified Exit Planner with the Johnson County Small Business Development Center, will share information about the Kansas Center for Business Transition and review resources which can be found on their website, [https://ksbiztransition.com/](https://ksbiztransition.com/).

Mark your calendar for the First Friday e-Call, or contact Nancy Daniels at nkDaniels@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.
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 Skatepark Project offers grants in the amount of $1,000 to $25,000, as well as technical assistance, for the construction of skateparks. The next deadline is coming up January 27th, but if you miss it the grant is offered approximately every six months. For more details and how to apply: [https://skatepark.org/the-skatepark-project-grants/](https://skatepark.org/the-skatepark-project-grants/)

The Clif Bar Family Foundation Small Grants cycle is open once again. Priority is given to projects that create a robust, healthy food system; increase outdoor activity opportunities; build stronger communities; protect Earth's beauty and bounty; and reduce environmental health hazards. Deadline is February 1. You can reach the application link here: [http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants](http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants)

Humanities Kansas has two grants with upcoming February 24th deadlines (and both are offered twice more this year if February is too soon for your projects). The Humanities for All Grants can be applied to projects such as interpretive exhibitions, short films, panel discussions, or town halls, to name a few. You can view the guidelines and application here: [https://www.humanitieskansas.org/grants-programs/humanities-for-all-grants](https://www.humanitieskansas.org/grants-programs/humanities-for-all-grants). The Culture Preservation Grants are available to preserve stories, increase public access to shared cultural heritage, and enhance organizational capacity: [https://www.humanitieskansas.org/grants-programs/culture-preservation-grants](https://www.humanitieskansas.org/grants-programs/culture-preservation-grants)

Here are some recent opportunities through the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture):

Community Connect provides financial assistance to eligible applicants that will provide broadband service in rural, economically-challenged communities where service does not exist.

This program is designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Small means that the business has fewer than 50 new workers and less than $1 million in gross revenue.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program

**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

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**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 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!

Holiday Office Closure

The Kansas PRIDE office will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We look forward to serving you upon our return!

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/
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EVENTS CALENDAR

Quarterly Report Dates:
- January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, October 15th

Office Holiday Closing:
- January 18th

Click here to learn more about K-State Research and Extension's First Impressions Program!

2020 Kansas PRIDE Communities

The following communities have enrolled in the Kansas PRIDE Program for the year of 2020.

To enroll your community for the 2021 program year, visit our Enrollment and Reporting page and click on the light blue "Enroll" button to get started.