QnA about Awards - March 29

Now that awards are back (don’t hesitate to check out the new the opportunities for recognition/promotion and grants) there have been a lot of questions...mostly concerning the new folio system. I could explain it here, but wouldn’t it be more fun to interact? I even have placed a picture of myself here to show you (that this isn’t a robot typing - JUST KIDDING!) the sincerity of the hopes of interaction (we miss you all!!). I tried a picture of me waving but because I am not selfie savvy I dropped my phone and decided not to be so adventurous. Not long after I found a tool to put words over my picture, so now I feel accomplished (HOORAY for learning new things)!

Save the date for March 29 at Noon (12pm Central Time) to join us via Zoom
and Facebook Live to dive into the details of the folios, check out the opportunities, and for Jan and I to answer your questions. Just to make sure you are aware, since we will be streaming our Zoom session to Facebook Live, so you will be live with us. If you aren't comfortable with that, that's ok - you can still watch the recording on Facebook.

Email us at PRIDE@ksu.edu to get registered, and we will send you the link closer to the date. You can even send us questions ahead and we will be sure to include them in the session.

Thank you for all you do, and look forward to seeing you then! - Jaime Menon, Co-Coordinator of the Kansas PRIDE Program, jmenon@ksu.edu

Haven't Enrolled? We're Here to Help!

There's been a lot going on lately, and we're sure that enrollment has been on your list, but may be put on the backburner while you work through your work and family life things - we're not judging, we have those things too so we definitely empathize.

That's why we want to let you know that we are here to help! Jan has made a handy video for view at your leisure, just click the image of Kansas Community PRIDE in this article to be taken to YouTube to view it, and if you need more guidance, don't hesitate to reach out to us at PRIDE@ksu.edu and we can set up a time with you to guide you through it by phone or Zoom to get you enrolled and ready to report OR apply for any awards you fancy...or in case you just want to be part of the in crowd. The PRIDE In Crowd is a pretty cool group that is happy to network and share information, and connect you with resources you might need for your community.

Always happy and excited to connect with you! - Jaime Menon, Co-Coordinator of the Kansas PRIDE Program, jmenon@ksu.edu

Reporter Email - Watch Your Inbox!

Quick note - we will be sending out an email to reporters soon...you may be the reporter...or you may not be...If you aren't please confirm that your reporter received it, and if that reporter has changed don't hesitate to email us at PRIDE@ksu.edu and let us know who to put on the list for your community!
PRIDE Community Happenings

Grainfield PRIDE shares with us some of their fundraising ideas. They sold 740 bierocks to raise money. They also use Amazon Smile as an ongoing fundraiser. They say it’s never a large amount, but every little bit helps. Other news from Grainfield includes working on the new bathrooms in the city park, and some great successes with the Lil Hawks After School Program.

Norton PRIDE focuses some of their efforts on beautification and community promotion. Part of that includes working with the city’s Downtown Flower Group. It’s reported that planters were decorated, cleared out of the previous season’s flowers, and prepared for the next season. The photo shows just some of the great work they’re doing.

Wakefield PRIDE shared pictures of some of their projects with us. Each month they fill commodities boxes each month for those in need in the community, either low income or impacted by COVID-19.

You can keep up with Wakefield PRIDE’s activities on their Facebook Page.

Obtaining Medical Care in Tough Times

Last month we had a lot of great responses from our Mental Wellness article, so we decided to see what resources there might be for anyone that may find themselves without health insurance in the time of COVID. The main reason that I (Jaime) decided it might be a good idea is because I know of hard working people (family members and friends) that have found themselves in a time of financial crisis, and the stress of an illness on top of the fear of being unable to pay for care should not be anything that anyone should bear. I have no shame in telling you that I have been there myself (years ago) and it nearly cost me my life (because I waited too long)! We don't want that for you or someone you love or care about...so here is some information for anyone that might need it.

We reached out and heard from Elaine Johannes, State Specialist with Family and Consumer Sciences with K-State Research and Extension. Here is her advice:
• Check to see if their community or one near by has an FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Clinic). These clinics are more likely to provide care when someone is not insured. The list of FQHCs and Safety Net Clinics in Kansas can be found HERE.

• Depending on the size of the community, several Kansas communities have free or reduced cost clinics (For example - Flint Hills Community Clinic in Manhattan - check out their link HERE). So there is an opportunity to do an internet search for local free or reduced cost clinics hear you.

• Finally, though not the best option, emergency rooms seldom turn people away. However, COVID restrictions may make this option difficult. Often times, hospitals, emergency services have access to foundation or funds for indigent care so people aren't embarrassed, shamed, billed when they can't afford medical care.

I also found a resource from KanCare, which is a guide for Assistance for People who are Uninsured that might be of help. You can find that resource HERE. It is a bit out of date, but could give you an idea of what resources are near you.

Take care of yourselves and stay well! - Jaime Menon, Co-Coordinator of the Kansas PRIDE Program, jmenon@ksu.edu

CONTINUING OPPORTUNITIES SECTION

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS ARE BACK!

In 2021, K-State Research and Extension Grant-writing workshops are going online.

The online workshop is designed to be presented to participants in two 3-hour courses and will cost $60. Local Extension agents are the hosts for the workshops, but since workshops are online, you can attend any workshop in the state. There are two ways to participate: go to our website (https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/community/) and register at a scheduled workshop or ask your local agent to host.

The workshops are based on the same workshop that has been conducted statewide to more than 1,700 participants in 60 local communities. In-person workshop participants who responded to a survey 6-12 months after their grant workshop (36% response), reported writing $48.5 million of grants with $24.8 million of successful grants.

For more information, contact Nancy Daniels nkDaniels@ksu.edu
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 **Hart Family Fund for Small Towns** is available to communities of under 10,000 that are members of either Main Street America or Organizational Level Forum of the National Trust. Grants range in amounts from $2,500 to $15,000 and can be used to provide seed money for local preservation projects. Deadline is May 3, 2021 and you can find more information here: [https://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/hart-family-fund](https://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/hart-family-fund)

The **Ben and Jerry's Foundation** offers funding through their Grassroots Organizing for Social Change program. Programs must include activities and strategies that create social change. Grants are awarded for up to $30,000, and the pre-application deadline is coming up on June 1, 2021. To see if your organization/project qualifies, and stories about previous grantees, visit the Foundation’s website: [https://benandjerrysfoundation.org/the-grassroots-organizing-for-social-change-program/](https://benandjerrysfoundation.org/the-grassroots-organizing-for-social-change-program/)

**Sony** offers a continuous grant opportunity for art, culture, technology, and environmental projects. The grant application guidelines and contact information can be found on the Sony Corporation’s website: [https://www.sony.com/en_us/SCA/social-responsibility/giving-guidelines.html](https://www.sony.com/en_us/SCA/social-responsibility/giving-guidelines.html)

**PeopleForBikes’ Community Grant Program** will open in June for the Fall 2021 grant cycle. Letters of Interest will be due by July 3 with full applications due by October 15, 2021. Award amounts are up to $10,000 for projects such as bike paths/lanes/trails, mountain bike/BMX facilities, bike parks, repair stations, and bike advocacy initiatives. All of the latest details can be found here: [https://www.peopleforbikes.org/grants](https://www.peopleforbikes.org/grants)

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
K-State Garden Hour

Here's a great opportunity to get some gardening knowledge for your community or home landscaping projects (we know the February and March 3 live sessions have passed, but don't worry! They are recorded so you can view them at your convenience.):

The K-State Garden Hour returns in 2021 with a brand new lineup of free gardening webinars. Learn how to improve your gardening success by joining the K-State Garden Hour live from noon to 1:00pm on the first and third Wednesday of each month. This free webinar series is hosted by K-State Research and Extension, and includes both gardening presentations and live question and answer sessions.

There are two ways to participate, complete the one-time registration online to join the live webinars each month, or view the recordings and handouts online following each presentation. The K-State Garden Hour Spring Series lineup includes:

· March 3 – Best Plants for a Beginner’s Landscape
· March 17 – Pruning Like a Pro: Tips for Trees and Shrubs
· April 7 – Raised Bed and Container Gardening
· April 21 – Gardening in the Shade

Register for upcoming webinars, see the full 2021 schedule, or view recordings of past webinars online at: www.ksre-learn.com/KStateGardenHour
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 some 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/

Shout Out to Our Newest Sponsor
Welcome to our newest sponsor, HireAHelper.com! Kansas PRIDE program sponsors help make educational, recognition, and funding opportunities available to communities across Kansas. If your company or organization would like to sponsor Kansas PRIDE, click the link below. To visit HireAHelper.com's site, click on their logo.

Sponsor Opportunity

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!
EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Spring Awards Deadline:
- May 1st

*Due to the database transition, 2020 report editing and submission will be available until March 15, 2021.

2021 Kansas PRIDE Communities
The following communities have enrolled in the Kansas PRIDE Program for the year of 2021.

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

- Alton
- Anthony
- Arlington
- Belleville
- Blue Rapids
- Bushton
- Caney
- Columbus
- Delia
- Kinsley
- Lecompton
- Lucas
- Luray
- McFarland
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