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PRIDE Community Happenings

Yates Center and its PRIDE group had a special day recently when they were able to work on a community project that was originally pushed back due to COVID-19. From Emily Beesley (RevitalizeYC/Woodson County Revitalization Alliance): "I am just completely amazed at the High School woodshop class. These cedar benches look
incredible and we are all excited to have more seating around the Historic Town Square so visitors and community members can sit and enjoy the beautiful picturesque square. Great work team! Thank you to everyone who showed up for this bench dedication. It was great to see the community supporting our youth!"

Axtell PRIDE reports that they were able to hold their annual Community Fish Fry fundraiser as well as their annual Hot Dog BBQ fundraiser. Axtell PRIDE members volunteered their time and efforts to host both events in order to raise funds for community projects and scholarship awards.

Kinsley PRIDE runs a second hand store to offer needed items to the community and to generate funds for local projects. The store, Twice Is Nice, was just made a little more cooler than it was with the installation of a new air conditioner unit. Kinsley PRIDE also purchased some new equipment for the Main Street and received a $2,500 grant from Bayer.

What do you do when local businesses and individuals donate 1,000 eggs? You hold an Easter Egg Hunt! Olsburg PRIDE’s hunt was a success, and the Easter Bunny even made an appearance. Also on Olsburg PRIDE’s plate recently has been the creation and sending on a community survey to residents asking what was most needed in the community. New officers were also elected at their annual meeting.

Harper PRIDE reports that they are in the planning process of the new Harper Activity Center. They’ve also started up a Free Paint Program grant for local citizens to paint the exteriors of their homes and the Rural Community Vision Team stands ready to help anyone who needs assistance applying the paint.
Note that sessions are recorded, so if you miss one you can view it later at the above link!

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 under "Events" on the right side you can register at a scheduled workshop or ask your local extension 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 nk.daniels@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 Downing Family Foundation** offers grants for projects that are in the following areas: community development and enrichment, services to the disadvantaged, children’s causes, early education, and the arts. June 30th is the letter of inquiry deadline. You can find out additional details on their website: [https://www.downingfoundation.org/apply-for-grant/](https://www.downingfoundation.org/apply-for-grant/)

**The Clif Family Foundation** submission deadline is June 1. Priorities for the Operational Support grants are: strengthening food systems, enhancing equitable community health outcomes, and safeguarding our environment and natural resources. Application and guidelines are available here: [https://www.cliffamilyfoundation.org/grants-program](https://www.cliffamilyfoundation.org/grants-program)

**The Kansas Office of Tourism and Travel** has an ongoing grant program to assist communities with market and advertise themselves. Due date for the October 2021 award is August 1st. Find a timeline, application, and other resources for the Tourism Marketing Grant Program here: [https://www.travelks.com/industry/grants/marketing-grants/](https://www.travelks.com/industry/grants/marketing-grants/)

Are you looking to build or renovate a baseball/softball field or start an after-school ball program? **The Major League Baseball Players Youth Development Foundation** may have some funding for your project. Application materials and eligibility details are on their site: [https://www.mlbplayers.com/ydf](https://www.mlbplayers.com/ydf)

If you are in a low-income or underserved area that needs a small library, needs to rebuild or add to a library, or serves children who would benefit by being given new books to take home, the **Lisa Libraries** offers books to
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

Up for a Virtual 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! Look for schedule updates on our Facebook page linked below.

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/. The upcoming May 7th session will be Jonathan Clayton, In-State Development Manager from the Kansas Department of Commerce and his presentation about the Kansas Certified Sites Program.

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!

Holiday Office Hours

The Kansas PRIDE office will be closed on May 31st in observance of Memorial Day. We will open again on June 1st. Have a safe holiday!
EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Awards Deadlines:
- May 1st, September 1st

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.

- Admire
- Alton
- Anthony
- Arlington
- Ashland
- Axtell
- Belleville
- Blue Rapids
- Bushton
- Caldwell
- Caney
- Clifton
- Columbus
- Conway Springs
- Council Grove
- Delia
- Dover
- Leon
- Leonardville
- LeRoy
- Lewis
- Lincoln
- Lucas
- Luray
- Macksville
- Marion
- McFarland
- Melvern
- Moran
- Mount Hope
- Newton
- Norton
- Olsburg
- Osawatomie
- Dwight
- Elk City
- Ellis
- Glasco
- Grainfield
- Grinnell
- Harper
- Herndon
- Highland
- Humboldt
- Independence
- Iola
- Kinsley
- La Harpe
- Lakin
- Larned
- Lecompton

- Overbrook
- Ozawkie
- Perry
- Potwin
- Quenemo
- Randolph
- Riverton
- Rossville
- Rozel
- Saint George
- Sheridan County
- Stockton
- Toronto
- Vermillion
- Wakefield
- Wichita (South Central)
- Wilson
- Yates Center