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Help Us Better Serve You
Participate in our Tri-Annual Survey

Every three years we do what we ask your communities to practice, Kansas PRIDE, Inc. conducts a survey to find how we can better serve our communities. The results are very important to how we administrate and apply the programming

that we provide. Please take a moment to **CLICK HERE** or type:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dbUMkvW90cCx393

into your URL and take our survey to let us know what we can do for you, and as always, THANK YOU for all that you do to make Kansas a great place to work, play and live! – *Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension* jmenon@ksu.edu

Getting to Know You

With my first two months winding up, I've had some great opportunities to visit some of the great PRIDE communities in my area.

My first stop was Haysville, Kansas. Members of Haysville PRIDE took me on a great tour of the city, highlighting areas that had been rebuilt after a tornado passed through years ago, taking me to the new Haysville Activity Center, and some new housing developments. The tour was topped off with dinner at Johnny B's Hamburger Heaven. After the tour, I was joined by Jaime at the Haysville PRIDE meeting, where we learned of all the great activities and volunteer support happening all over town. Thanks Haysville PRIDE for an informative and fun evening!

 In both Park City and Haysville, we saw new potential partnerships forming between the PRIDE groups and local Masonic lodges – and definitely new ideas starting the flow back and forth. The next visits on my list include Macksville and Kinsley, and I hope to add many more soon.

 – *Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension* jmsteen@ksu.edu

The next stop on my list was Park City. While in Park City, I learned about the many programs and successes Park City PRIDE has had over the years, including starting the library, a food bank, butterfly garden, and movie nights. I was given a tour of the parks and got to see the newly placed Park City PRIDE Butterfly Garden sign. You can tell a lot of work went into the sign, and maintaining the butterfly garden. Thank you for the tour, and for taking the time to meet with me, Bob Fettke from the Kansas Department of Commerce, and Angela Jobs from the Sedgwick County Extension office.

48 Hours of 4-H
October 8-9, 2017

Don't forget that we partner with Kansas 4-H for Week of PRIDE, see if your community can get involved with

your local 4-H Clubs as they gear up for their 48 Hours of 4-H projects!

Need assistance contacting your local 4-H Clubs? Contact us at **PRIDE@ksu.edu** or **CLICK HERE** to view a map of county offices to find your local county information.

– Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension jmenon@ksu.edu

Prepare Kansas

K-State Research and Extension is providing a four-week program via Facebook to help Kansans be more prepared to handle emergency situations. The 2017 Prepare Kansas Challenge will run through the month of September. You can learn more about these four weeks on their Facebook page. For more information, please go to this blog.

– Madison Blevins, Student Office Professional, K-State Research and Extension madisonmb@ksu.edu

Crawford County Internship

This summer I had the wonderful opportunity to intern at the Crawford County K-State Research and Extension Office in Girard, Kansas. I was able to work under some amazing extension faculty and assist in the development and implementation of research-based educational programming.

I was exposed to all five of the grand challenges: Water, Health, Global Food Systems, Community Vitality and Developing Tomorrow's Leaders. I had an amazing time interacting with the community members and especially loved helping prepare for and run the 101st Crawford County Fair. I participated in a wide variety of programs such as Kids Can Cook, Youth Sewing Camp, Research Plot Development, Animal Shows and much more.

This intern program is open to college students who have the opportunity to commit to pre-professional work experience. I cannot say enough good things about my experience in Girard and I am really looking forward to possibly having a future with extension! Thank you Crawford County Extension!

– Madison Blevins, Student Office Professional, K-State Research and Extension madisonmb@ksu.edu

Events Calendar

Quarterly Report Dates:

April 15th

July 15th

October 15th

January 15

Opportunity Dates:

August 15 (for Growth and Action and PIP)

September 11 – September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance

October 15 – Community of Excellence Applications Due