TELENET To Focus on The Future Of Downtown

"The Future of Downtown as a Retail Shopping Center" is the title of a statewide TELENET conference to be held Friday, October 6, from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. This conference will be held at TELENET sites across Kansas.

The main purpose of the conference is to inform PRIDE leaders, other community leaders, and decision makers about key trends and issues that influence the downtown as a shopping center. The conference will stimulate participants to critically analyze their downtowns as shopping centers. Participants will be asked to evaluate their downtown and determine if it shows signs of physical, functional and/or economic depreciation.

The panel of experts conducting the conference include: David Darlig, Community Economic Extension Specialist; Ken Stone, Extension Economist at Iowa State University and nationally recognized expert on small-town, main street business trends; Brenda Spencer, State Main Street Coordinator for the Department of Commerce; and Steve Bittel, Ryan Holbro, Ralph Utternhoft, and Stan McAdoo, State and Area Community Development Extension Specialists.

For further details on the conference and for the location of the TELENET sites, contact your local county Extension agent.

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Michael Braude to Keynote PRIDE Day

Michael Braude, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Kansas City Board of Trade, will deliver the keynote address at PRIDE Day.

Braude's topic is "The Economics of the 80s." His message will concentrate on the changes taking place in today's economy and how community leaders can become more versatile and better prepared to cope with those changes.

Braude will also address the PRIDE youth session. His topic, "Place the Real World Will Draw Upon his Several Books and Experiences in Explaining the Free Enterprise System to Young People. For Several Years Braude has Hosted a National Public Radio Show Called "Managing Your Money."

Northwest Kansas Begins PRIDE Newsletter

WE-KAN PRIDE is the title of the new newsletter that Northwest Kansas has just begun. The newsletter is conceived on June 21, 1989, at an area-wide PRIDE workshop held in WaKeenee, where representatives of many PRIDE communities were present.

Barbara Williams of Russell PRIDE expressed an interest in having a forum for the exchange of ideas between PRIDE communities, such as sharing what works, what doesn't, and how to overcome such barriers as burnout and community relations problems. According to Barbara, "This newsletter can be a forum to help each of us pull together and strengthen each other."

Gary Sherrer to Speak on Leadership

Gary Sherrer, President and Chief Operating Officer of American Water Purification, Inc., and renowned Kansas orator and civic leader will be speaking on leadership development at PRIDE Day.

Sherrer is co-founder and past chairman of "Leadership Kansas," founder of "Leadership 2000," (Wichita's leadership program), and serves as a consultant to leadership programs throughout Kansas.

Some of Sherrer's civic and leadership activities include: President, Wichita Airport Authority; Vice Chairman, Emporia State University Endowment Association; Chairman, Salvation Army of Wichita; and Board of Directors, Leadership Kansas.

Judging Critique to be Returned to Communities

Following PRIDE Day, the PRIDE staff of the Kansas State University Cooperative Extension Service and the Kansas Department of Commerce will visit each PRIDE community and will go over the judge's critique sheets with each PRIDE committee.

The critique sheets consist of comments from the judges regarding each community's strengths, weaknesses, and noteworthy projects. The critique sheet will also have the total point score of the community. Points are broken down as follows: Projects (15 points maximum), Awareness (15 points maximum), Involvement (30 points maximum), and Accomplishments (40 points maximum).

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PRIDE Day to Feature Eight Workshops

Eight community development workshops will be presented at PRIDE Day. They include: (1) Leadership Development, (2) Managing the Medics, (3) Kansas Striving for Economic Excellence, (4) Water: Making Every Drop Count, (5) KSU Community Service Program, (6) Kansas Highways—Community Lifelines, (7) Tourism: Grassroots Style, and (8) Risk Management: Prepare for the Unpredictable.

Since leadership development is one of the special emphasis awards this year, each workshop includes a community leader participant. Following are the PRIDE community leaders who will be sharing their ideas: Tim Conner, Kingman PRIDE; Elsa Moore, Westmoreland PRIDE; Myra Lassie, Courtland PRIDE; Peter Wieland, Russell PRIDE; Mary Asher, Fort Scott PRIDE; Jane Johnson, Colby PRIDE; Marie McVay, Oberlin PRIDE; Nancy Hoch, Edgerton PRIDE; Evelyn Emberton, Elkhart PRIDE; and Robert Dye, Independence PRIDE.

In addition to PRIDE community leaders, other workshop presenters include: Gary Sherrer, President and Chief Operating Officer of American Water Purification, Inc.; Greg Svboda, District Manager for Economic Development, Southwestern Bell; Carol Peak, Director, KSU Community Service Program; Brenda Bernier, Executive Director, Wallace County Economic Development Corporation; Deb Miller, Director, Division of Planning and Development, Kansas Department of Transportation; Ralph Utermohlen, Area Community Development Specialist, Kansas Cooperative Extension Service; Joseph Harkins, Director, Kansas Water Office; and David Puran, Executive Director, Kansas Press Association.

Judges Visit PRIDE Communities

In order to commemorate the centennial of the birth of one of the state's most distinguished citizens—Dwight D. Eisenhower—the Kansas PRIDE PRIDE Program, in cooperation with the Kansas Eisenhower Centennial Commission, will be presenting the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award to PRIDE communities this year. The goal of the commission is to make Kansas of all ages more familiar with Eisenhower's life and times, and to recognize the activities through the Kansas PRIDE Program. PRIDE Communities will have the opportunity to initiate educational and commemorating programs which will reflect the uniqueness and resources of participating communities. The award for outstanding activities commemorating Dwight D. Eisenhower is to be a $250 cash award and certificate in each population category for first place with certificates awarded to second and third place. A separate loose-leaf notebook of documentation will be the award for second and the third place.

A separate loose-leaf notebook of documentation, approximately 10" x 12", must be received on or before October 27, 1990, (5:00 p.m.) for judging. Any community enrolled in the 1989/1990 PRIDE program, and has visited each of the PRIDE communities that submitted a PRIDE project record books.

The judges included: Category #1, Tim Conner, PRIDE Chairman of Kingman, and Janet Pennington, Community Development Specialist, Kansas Industrial Development Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas; Category #2, Agnes Miller, PRIDE Chairman of Merriam, and Mark Gustafson, Director, Minnesota Beautiful Program, 411 West, Minneapolis; Category #3, Kathy Richards, PRIDE Chairman of Waynecoy, and David Hammond, Interim Community Resource Development Program Leader, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa; Category #4, Melissa Jones, PRIDE Chairman of Potwin and Gerald Hall, Community Affairs and Development Division, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Category #5, Darrell Davidson, PRIDE Sponsor Representative of Centel Electric, Kansas, and Dean Adams, University Extension Service, Missouri.

Time to Look Ahead

Now that the PRIDE project record books have been completed, the judging is over, and Kansas PRIDE Day is complete, it is time to turn to the next PRIDE year. If your PRIDE committee has not developed a mission statement or undertaken a community attitude survey within the last three years, now would be a good time.

Start setting goals and planning your community projects early in the year. Ask yourself if the goals of your PRIDE committee members and community volunteers are being fulfilled. This task and project work is very important. Remember, the whole idea behind a successful PRIDE Program is to get people working together for the good of the whole community.

PRIDE Registration Due October 4

The PRIDE Day Planning Committee has planned an exciting program for the PRIDE Day. A special thank you that submitted a PRIDE project record book.

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Oberlin, who will be providing hospitality, and to Goodland and Wakefield for the overall planning of the PRIDE Day events and activities. For your convenience, a PRIDE DAY REGISTRATION FORM appears below. Please complete the form and mail by October 4 to PRIDE, Kansas Department of Commerce, 5th Floor, 400 W. 8th, Topeka, KS 66603-3957.

Registration

If necessary, please attach a list of any additional names and addresses.

Name ___________________________ Address ___________________________
City, Zip ________________________ Telephone __________________________

Tickets Number Price Total Price
Banquet * __________ $12.00 __________
* $13.00 on day of Banquet