

### Miss Kansas to perform at PRIDE Day

Pam McKelvy, Miss Kansas 1992, will be featured during the entertainment segment of the PRIDE Day Banquet. Pam is a talented vocalist, winning the talent award at the 1992 Miss Kansas Pageant. She is from Kansas City and has worked as a reporter for television stations in Kansas City, Topeka, and Amarillo,

Texas. Pam's interest in intergenerational programs has lead her to become an active volunteer in retirement homes. She is an advocate for and frequent speaker to groups that have an interest in bringing youth and senior citizens together, bridging the gap of loneliness and frustration for both age groups.



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# PRIDE

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## "Re-Discover Community Spirit Through PRIDE"

PRIDE Day  
October 24, 1992  
Great Bend, Kansas

"Re-Discover Community Spirit Through PRIDE" is the theme for PRIDE Day 1992. PRIDE Day will be held at the Holiday Inn in Great Bend, Kansas, on Saturday, October 24, 1992. This issue of the PRIDE Newsletter highlights PRIDE Day activities, events, and speakers.

### Governor Finney to attend PRIDE Day

David Furnas, Chairman of the Board of Kansas PRIDE, Inc., received confirmation that Governor Joan Finney will attend and participate in the 1992 PRIDE Day Banquet and Awards Presentation. Governor Finney's active support of PRIDE during her Administration is greatly appreciated.

### Important PRIDE Dates

September 21-25, 1992  
PRIDE Judging Week

October 24, 1992  
State PRIDE Recognition Day,  
Great Bend

November - December, 1992  
Return of Judges' Critiques  
to Communities



### Workshops focus on sustaining and strengthening

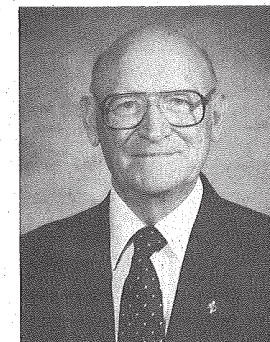
"Sustaining Rural Development Projects" is the title of the workshop that will be presented twice by Mike Wisdom, Director of the Yuma County Economic Development Commission located in Wray, Colorado. Mike has many years of experience in implementing successful rural development projects and devising creative strategies for rural development. Mike will emphasize various alternatives for financing projects. In addition, Mike will share ideas on renewing and replenishing leadership for community development projects, maintaining momentum for projects, and implementing successful projects.

"Strengthening Rural Communities" is the title of the second workshop which will also be presented twice. The keynote speaker, Dr. Ed Nelson, will present this workshop, which will include information and ideas to help in setting community goals and creating a community vision.

### Dr. Edwin Nelson to deliver PRIDE Day keynote address

"Everyone is a leader, it is just a matter of getting them to believe they are." - E.C. Nelson

Dr. Edwin C. Nelson will deliver the keynote address at the PRIDE Day opening session. The title of his presentation is "Who Cares."



Dr. Edwin C. Nelson  
PRIDE Day 1992, keynote speaker.

Ed strongly believes that, "no small town has to die." He says, "Whether a small town does well or not is determined by the people in the town." Ed travels throughout Nebraska and South Dakota to help small towns believe in themselves and work to "revitalize" their town. He tries to bring out the leaders in the towns he visits. He says, "Everyone is a leader, it is just a matter of getting them to believe they are."

Ed served as President of Chadron State College in Nebraska until he retired in 1986 to begin his own company, "Leadership Seminars."

## Monte Reese to be featured speaker at PRIDE Banquet

"Stir What You've Got," is the title of the PRIDE Banquet speech this year. Monte Reese, the presenter, is no stranger to crowds being the youngest member in a family of 19 children. He has a unique perspective on community development which was gleaned from his experience as a farmer, economist, chamber of commerce executive, banker, writer, and broadcaster. A true professional on the speaker's platform, Monte likes nothing better than to entertain an audience with humor, stories, and motivation.

Monte currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Nationwide Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board in Englewood, Colorado. Also, as a member of the National Speakers Association, he de-

votes a considerable amount of time to what he likes best - delighting audiences from coast to coast with a message of laughter and encouragement.



Monte Reese  
1992 PRIDE Day Banquet speaker

## Blue Ribbon certificates approved by Board

The following communities were evaluated and approved in meeting the requirements for Blue Ribbon recognition at the August 13, 1992 State PRIDE Board meeting:

<b>Colby</b>	Beautification, and Community and Industrial Development
<b>Columbus</b>	Airport
<b>Fall River</b>	Beautification
<b>Goodland</b>	Sewage Disposal
<b>Junction City</b>	Sewage Disposal
<b>Lenora</b>	Emergency Medical Services, Fire Protection, and Solid Waste Management
<b>Lucas</b>	Energy
<b>Minneola</b>	Library
<b>Oberlin</b>	Airport, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Protection, Solid Waste Management, Streets, and Tourism

## Record number compete in Special Emphasis

The 1992 PRIDE year set a record in the number of communities competing in the two special emphasis cash awards. Project book documentation has been received from twenty-six communities in Water Conservation and from twenty-nine communities in Waste Reduction/Recycling. Because of the importance of these two issues, the Board of Kansas PRIDE, Inc. has extended them for the 1993 PRIDE year.

## Special activities are planned for youth

The 1992 PRIDE Day will be an exciting time for all young people who attend. Following the opening, which begins at 12:30 p.m., a tour of the Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area is scheduled. Cheyenne Bottoms is considered the most important ecosystem in Kansas and has been designated as a "Wetland of International Importance." It is considered the most important shorebird migration point in the western hemisphere. At least 320 of the 417 species of birds known to occur in Kansas have been recorded at the Bottoms. There are 100 species that breed and nest in the area, 95 species that winter there and 63 species that are permanent residents.

Following the tour and prior to the awards banquet, the youth will be treated to "A Time of Discovery" with Miss Kansas, Pam McKelvy.

Pam was an active youth volunteer and continues to be involved in community service activities.

## Bring your camera



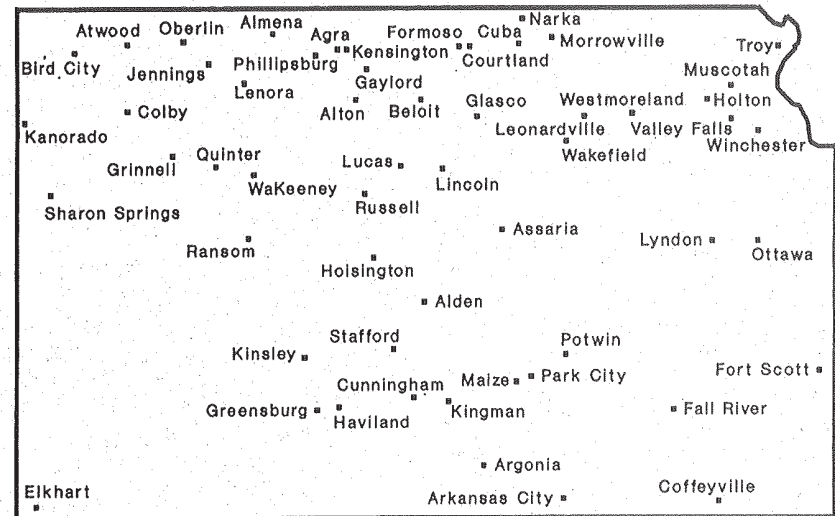
## to PRIDE Day

Following the 1992 Award's Banquet, all communities receiving a community achievement award will be given the opportunity to take a group picture with Miss Kansas. Since there will not be a staff photographer, communities are encouraged to bring their own camera. Remember, 1992 PRIDE Day pictures will make excellent documentation for your 1993 PRIDE Record Book.

## Dress to be casual

As a result of the overwhelming positive response to a casual dress code at last year's PRIDE Day, the attire will be the same this year. Anything and everything goes. Come relaxed, ready to learn, and have fun.

## PRIDE COMMUNITIES COMPLETING THE 1992 COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS COMPETITION



JUDGING OCCURS SEPTEMBER 21-25, 1992

## PRIDE Day Registration Due October 16

The PRIDE Day Planning Committee has planned an exciting program for PRIDE Day 1992. A special thank you goes to Elkhart for making table decorations, Westmoreland for assisting with workshops, Hiawatha for helping with the awards presentation, Arkansas City for providing information and advice on the Blue Ribbon/Pacemaker Program, Stafford for providing hospitality, and Courtland for assisting with youth arrangements.

For your convenience, a PRIDE Day Registration form appears below. Please complete the form and mail by October 16 to PRIDE, Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing, 400 SW 8th, 5th Floor, Topeka, Kansas 66603-3957.

## PRIDE Day Registration Form

I plan to attend:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a list of any additional names and addresses.

Cost of Banquet: \$ 12.00 \*  
\* \$13.00 on day of the banquet.

Number of People planning to attend: X \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

• Please complete and mail by October 16 to PRIDE, Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing, 400 SW 8th, 5th Floor, Topeka, Kansas 66603-3957.

• Make check payable to: Kansas PRIDE, Inc.

• Tickets may be picked up during registration; no tickets will be mailed.