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 led 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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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 Durnan, 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

"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 developing 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.

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

"Sit What You’ve Got," is the title of the PRIDE Banquet speech this year. Monte Reese, the presenter, is stronger to crowds being the youngest member in a family of 15 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 has 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:

Colby: Beautification, and Community and Industrial Development.

Columbus: Airport

Fall River: Beautification

Goodland: Sewage Disposal

Junction City: Sewage Disposal

Lenora: Emergency Medical Services, Fire Protection, and Solid Waste Management

Lucas: Energy

Minnesota: Library

Oberlin: Airport, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Protection, Solid Waste Management, Streets, and Tourism

Monte Reese

1992 PRIDE Day Banquet speaker

Community booths are encouraged.

All PRIDE communities that have participated in one or both special emphasis (Water Conservation and Waste Reduction/Recycling) during the 1991/1992 PRIDE year are encouraged to have a booth at PRIDE Day. The purpose of the booth is to display information associated with local efforts in these two areas.

An eight-foot tall booth will be available to each community wishing to have a display. The display might include such things as pictures, leaflets, brochures, plans, posters, promotional memorabilia, etc. To reserve a community table, call either Bev Wilhelm at (932) 205-1346 or Stan McAdoo at (932) 532-5840.

Record number compete in Special Emphasis

The 1992 PRIDE year set a record in the number of communities entering 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 Minimal 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 200 of the 447 species of birds known to occur in Kansas have been recorded at the Bottoms. There are 160 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 McElroy. 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 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.

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/Pace Setter 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 banquet.

Number of People planning to attend:____

Total Enclosed:_______________________

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* 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.