

Leadership training to be offered

Community PRIDE leaders may be interested in participating in a Family Community Leadership (FCL) state institute which will be held in Wichita at the Ramada Inn-Airport. The date for the first session is April 27-29, 1993. The second session is September 27-29, 1993. Both sessions must be attended in order to graduate.

This FCL training program includes 30 hours of instruction in the six areas of leadership and communication, working with groups, issue analysis and resolution, community affairs and public policy, volunteerism, and teaching methods.

The main purpose of the FCL Institute is to help citizens prepare to participate in public policy decisions which affect their families and communities. The institute is sponsored by the Kansas Cooperative Extension Service and the Kansas Association of Family and Community Educators.

Additional information on the institute and participant registration fee can be obtained by contacting Gayla Randel, 343 Justin Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66506, (913) 532-5773.



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PRIDE

Kansans Building Better Communities

Bill Wood receives PRIDE Partner Award

Bill Wood, Doniphan County Extension Agent, was presented the 1992 PRIDE Partner Award during the county's annual Extension meeting held December 8, 1992. Presenting the statewide award was Northeast Area Extension Community Development Specialist Ralph Utermoehlen.

In making the award, Utermoehlen indicated that Wood was a key player in getting the PRIDE Program started in Troy. The Troy community placed second, in its population category in the 1992 Community Achievement Awards competition.

The major project in which Bill was involved was the renovation of the sidewalk around the Doniphan County Courthouse Square. Bill was

instrumental in working with the county commissioners to win their approval for such a large undertaking. The brick sidewalk has been completed on both the west and south sides of the courthouse square. The project was made possible by over 1200 volunteer hours.

In his nomination for Wood's award, banker Thad Geiger, Troy PRIDE president, summarized: "This sidewalk project has thrust Troy PRIDE into a position as a cooperative leader in the community. The community now looks to PRIDE for leadership in many projects."

The PRIDE Partner Award is made to the county Extension team or individual making the most outstanding contribution to the Kansas PRIDE Program on the basis of their

organizational and educational accomplishments in the PRIDE Program. Only one PRIDE Partner Award is given each year.

Blue Ribbon certificates approved

The following communities were evaluated and approved as meeting the requirements for Blue Ribbon recognition at the December 17, 1992 State PRIDE Board meeting.

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| Atwood | Energy, Health, and Streets |
| Colby | Education, and Recreation & Parks |
| Oberlin | Commercial & Industrial Development, Health, and Recreation & Parks |
| Stafford | Education, and Water |
| Wakefield | Housing |

Water conservation meetings held

Nine PRIDE communities held water conservation informational and planning meetings during January and February. The communities of Troy, Kinsley, and Elkhart developed water conservation plans. Plains, Agra, Lenora, Courtland, Lincoln, and Wakefield were informed as to the options available for local water conservation activities. Both planning and informational meetings were sponsored by Kansas PRIDE with technical assistance provided by the Kansas Water Office and the Kansas Rural Water Association.

According to a PRIDE community evaluation conducted by the Kansas Water Office, a net savings of \$160,717 resulted from reduced water consumption during 1992. A representative from the Kansas Water Office stated, "The water conservation aspects of the PRIDE pro-

gram is definitely a success and efforts should be made to increase its participation by more communities in the coming year."

Deadline for entry form approaches

April 15, 1993

Don't forget to complete and send in your PRIDE Entry form by April 15, 1993. This is a firm deadline for all communities desiring to compete in the 1993 Community Achievement Awards. An entry form can be obtained by contacting either the Community Development Unit, KSU Cooperative Extension Service (913) 532-5840 or the Community Development Division, Department of Commerce & Housing (913) 296-3485.

Important PRIDE Dates

February - April, 1993
Area-wide PRIDE Workshops
February 26, 1993
State PRIDE Board of Directors meeting, Abilene
April 15, 1993
PRIDE Entry form is due
April 18 - 24, 1993
National Volunteer Week
September 1, 1993
PRIDE Project book is due
September 20 - 24, 1993
PRIDE Judging Week
October 23, 1993
State PRIDE Recognition Day, Salina

Everyone is a winner with PRIDE

Each year about this time after the applause and cheers heard at the PRIDE Awards Banquet have died down, it is time to reflect, regroup and recharge for the next push toward community improvement. For many who have worked so hard and so long, it is difficult to believe the PRIDE judges could have been so blind as to not recognize their program and their community as the very best, deserving at least first place. And for some, the thought may have even crossed their minds that it might not be worth all the time and effort for no more recognition than they received.

Reflecting upon the difficulties, problems and hard work arising from the PRIDE Program over the years, it is timely to ask ourselves: Has it been worth it?

It was over two decades ago when a concerned group of Kansans met to discuss the possibilities of creating a program which would capture the interest of leaders and potential leaders in Kansas' communities. Such a program, they insisted, must focus the attention of these leaders upon the problems existing and arising which collectively were impairing social and economic growth throughout Kansas.

1992 Annual Report released

The Kansas PRIDE, Inc., Board of Directors has recently released the 1992 PRIDE Annual Report. According to David Furnas, 1992 Board Chairman, "The Kansas PRIDE Program successfully completed its twenty-second year of responding to the needs of Kansas communities by providing educational and technical assistance for, and recognition of, their community improvement efforts."

One hundred and three communities participated in the program during 1992 with fifty-six competing for the Community Achievement Awards. Although it is hard to allocate a monetary value to PRIDE's 1992 endeavors, they are conservatively valued at \$1,240,180. This represents the time expended by 52,196

Most of the problems had been identified and were centered around the simple fact that many of our communities were not providing the physical and social needs for growth or even survival. The results of this situation were the outmigration by the young adults and the general business decline in all too many of our communities. As we all are well aware, it is most difficult to reverse a pendulum in its downward swing; it is possible but only with the full support and hard work of the people involved.

Each year the PRIDE judges have confirmed ever increasing levels of citizen involvement within the PRIDE communities. In reviewing some of the projects reported, it is obvious that only with a high percent of the citizenry actively involved could such tasks be performed. They are, in general, building the physical and social environment necessary for a better quality of life and potential growth.

Are the problems, hard work and disappointments worth all this effort? You bet they are! This is how we have come as far as we have, tugging at our bootstraps. Our congratulations to all the PRIDE communities, award winners or not, you are all

volunteers contributing approximately 248,036 hours to achieve 2,238 projects. In addition, 105 PRIDE Blue Ribbon applications were processed for evaluation in local facility and service areas. One Kansas community, Goodland, celebrated the coveted PACEMAKER designation to join a select group of 1992 certified PACEMAKER communities in the State."

Those of you who have not already received a copy of the PRIDE Annual report will find one enclosed with this newsletter. Additional copies are available upon request from Stan McAdoo, KSU Extension Service, (913) 532-5840, or from Bev Wilhelm, Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing, (913) 296-3485.

winners.

This article is as true today as when it was written in 1978 by Byron Wood, then Director, Division of Planning & Community Development, Kansas Department of Economic Development.

Involvement months

January and February are involvement months for the PRIDE Program. PRIDE committees throughout the state are submitting their enrollment forms—April 15 deadline, establishing goals and projects and studying alternative solutions, identifying community improvement projects of other organizations, working on blue ribbon applications, making the community aware of the year's goals (speaking bureau), and contacting resource people for project assistance.

Commerce gets new CD director

Marty R. Miller has recently been named the new director of the Community Development Division in the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing. In this role, Marty will supervise the PRIDE Program for the agency.

Marty comes to the department from Oral Roberts University (ORU) where he worked in administration. Prior to ORU, he served on the faculty of Friends University in Wichita where he taught Organizational Theory and Group Decision Making, as well as several other business courses. In addition Marty spent seven years in private industry. Marty also has public service experience while working with the District Attorney of the Eighteenth Judicial District and in both the Sedgwick and Johnson Counties Sheriff's Departments. On behalf of the PRIDE Program welcome Marty, to the Department of Commerce & Housing.

Area workshops scheduled for February – April

Kansas State University Cooperative Extension Service and Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing will sponsor a series of area workshops this winter and spring. Nine workshops are scheduled.

The focus of each workshop will be the sharing of PRIDE projects and ideas by area communities. In addition, staff from the two PRIDE Program administrating agencies will be present to offer training and answer questions. Bring the past year's PRIDE project book to share with others.

The workshops are free and open to anyone with an interest in improving their community. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. Each session will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end by 9:00 p.m.

Both enrolled PRIDE communities and communities interested in beginning a PRIDE Program are encouraged to attend. The scheduled dates, host communities and locations are listed below.

February 15 – Kinsley
City Building, 721 Marsh Street

February 16 – Maize
Community Building
401 S. Khedive

February 17 – Lyndon
Carnegie Library
127 E. Sixth Street

February 18 – Fall River
Senior Citizen Center
On the main street

February 23 – Holton
Fair Building, 5th and Dakota
1 block east of HWY-75

March 8 – Wakefield
Community Center, HWY-82

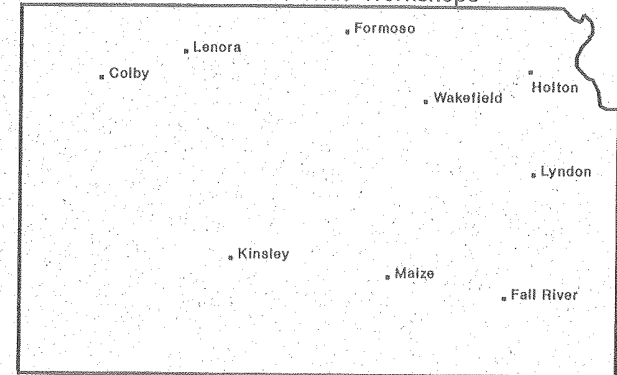
March 9 – Formoso
Senior Center, North Main St.

April 19 – Colby
Farm & Ranch Realty, Board Rm.
1420 West 4th St.

April 20 – Lenora
Grade School

*We can think, "I do my share,"
and be satisfied,
or we can ask, "Can I do more?"
and become prosperous.*

Sites For The 1993 Winter/Spring PRIDE Area-Wide Workshops



Know your State PRIDE Board members

Kansas PRIDE Inc., is governed by an executive board of six sponsor members, five first place winners in the Community Achievement awards from the previous year, a PACEMAKER community, the Secretary of the Department of Commerce & Housing, and the Director of the Cooperative Extension Service. Your Board is as follows:

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Commerce & Housing
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Service

State PRIDE Board elects new officers

Members of the State PRIDE Board of Directors elected Chuck Stones as their 1993 chairperson. Chuck, who has been a member of the PRIDE Board for the past three years is Director of Research for the Kansas Bankers Association (KBA). He has been with the KBA for the past six years and assists in their lobbying efforts.

Loren Medley, Economic Development and Marketing Coordinator for the Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., (KEPCo) was elected PRIDE Treasurer. Loren has been on the PRIDE Board for the past two years.