Oberlin makes PRIDE history

During the PRIDE Board of Director's meeting on July 7, Oberlin was approved as meeting all Blue Ribbon requirements and was designated a PRIDE Pacemaker community for the fourth time. The designation makes Oberlin the only community to reach pacemaker status four times since the inception of PRIDE in 1970. Oberlin also joins Wakefield as the only communities to have participated in the PRIDE Program for all 24 years.

State evaluators approved Oberlin as meeting or exceeding the community development standards in the following areas: airport, beautification, commercial and industrial development, community planning, culture and arts, education, emergency medical services, energy, fire protection, health, housing, library, police protection, recreation and parks, sewage disposal, solid waste management, streets, tourism, and water.

The Oberlin PRIDE committee, along with Governor Joan Finney, is planning a local recognition celebration on October 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at "THE GATEWAY" in Oberlin. Out-of-town guests are welcome. Dinner tickets are $12.50. For more information, contact the Decatur County Chamber of Commerce, 132 S. Penn Ave., Oberlin, KS 67749, 913-475-3441.

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"A Time of Celebration"

PRIDE Day, October 29, 1994, Great Bend, Kansas

"A Time of Celebration" is the theme for PRIDE Day 1994. PRIDE Day will be held at the Holiday Inn in Great Bend, Kansas, on Saturday, October 29, 1994. This issue of the PRIDE Newsletter highlights PRIDE Day activities, events, and speakers.

PRIDE Day to feature several workshops

"Your Community is Unique" is the title of the motivation workshop that will be presented at PRIDE Day. Mill and Marcel Pennor of the Kansas Sampler Foundation, Inman, will be the presenters. The purpose of the foundation is to nurture pride and awareness in the diversity of Kansas' cultural heritage (history, architecture, geography, commerce, cuisine, art, and customs).

"Rural Health: Community-Based Health Care" is the title of another featured workshop. This session will be led by Thomas Simpson, M.D., Sterling and Pat Parnas, Rural Health Planning Consultant, Topeka.

Also offered is, "Revitalizing Strategies in Rural Economic Development." Presenters include Cal Lantis, Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing, Patsy Sloan, Chautauqua Area Chamber of Commerce, and Ned Webb, Russell County Economic Development.

Projects to be exhibited

All communities are encouraged to exhibit projects at PRIDE Day. This is an opportunity for your community (PRIDE or non-PRIDE) to display and demonstrate activities to a statewide audience. It will serve to publicize your efforts, provide resources and offer learning opportunities for other communities. In addition, booths lend significantly to the inviting, sharing, networking, festive, community atmosphere of the conference. Possible ideas for a booth might include local efforts in leadership development, health care, outreach, or other specific projects that have contributed to the improvement of your community.

Free space, including an eight foot table, piping and drooping, will be available. To reserve a space or to ask questions contact Stan McAdoo (913) 532-5840.

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PRIDE judges will visit communities in September

During the week of September 26-30, a judging team will visit each city enrolled in the Annual PRIDE Achievement Recognition competition that submitted a completed PRIDE record book by September 1, 1994. Each judging team will include one Kansas who is familiar with the PRIDE Program and one out-of-state community development professional. The 1994 judges include: Rose Marie Barden, Osawatomie; Marjig Bruff, Lucas; Jim Curr, Leavenworth; Lucy Thomas, Valley Falls; Joe Van Horn, Kinsey; Lucie Smeral, Denver CO; Ted Mccode, Kansas City, MO; Claire Johnson, Austin, TX; Mark Bartelberger, Little Rock, AR; and Elden Sott, Murray, IA.

Each community will be notified by the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing at least one week prior to judging as to the exact date and time of the judges’ visit. Each PRIDE chairperson should have a location for the visit confirmed prior to this notification.

The judges will spend one hour in communities with a population less than 5,000 and one and one-half hours in communities over 5,000.

The State PRIDE Board of Directors have determined the following post-judgment system for judging:

Effective Organization, 30 points; Knowing the PRIDE Program, 10 points; Assessment of needs, survey, and analysis, 20 points; Annual program of work, 20 points; Awareness, communication, and publicity, 20 points; Involvement, 30 points; Accomplishments, 40 points; Recognition, 20 points; and Evaluation, 10 points. The PRIDE Judges’ Score Sheet can be found in Appendix A of the “Community Achievement Awards” section of the PRIDE Manual.

The community should be in control and set the format for the judges’ visit. Use the time allotted to best showcase your program. Remember to present only PRIDE’s efforts and not the community as a whole. Following are a few suggestions:

1. In planning the judges’ presentation, stress judging criteria with the highest possible value due to its importance in evaluating program efforts.
2. Practice the presentation prior to the visit.
3. After a short welcome, distribute an agenda.
4. To show involvement, have a number of different people describe various projects. Invite local citizens to the presentation so they may learn more about PRIDE’s accomplishments and show the judges your community’s awareness and involvement. Invite the media so the judges visit and the local improvements can be publicized.
5. Describe the projects in terms of the judging criteria mentioned.
6. If planning to serve refreshments, keep them simple. The PRIDE judging rules do not allow communities to host any meals prior to, during, or after the presentation.
7. A quick tour highlighting the improvements made during the program year may be considered to show the judges your accomplishments.
8. If a tour is planned, the tour should have an organized presentation. It is important that the judges see the same things. Use only one vehicle.
9. Allow time for the judges to ask questions.
10. Judges must leave at the appointed hour. Out of courtesy to them and the next community, please do not detain the judging team.

11. Time is limited. The better organized, the more effective the presentation will be.
12. Relax: be positive and enthusiastic, and have fun showing off your PRIDE accomplishments.

PRIDE communities completing the 1994 Community Achievement Awards Competition

Hordon *
Alma
Phillipburg
Cuba
Morrowville
Highland
Cuban

Garden
Huron

Lecombeville
Vallely

Winchester

Kanorado
Grinnell
Lincoln
Tusco
Ransom

Bogue
Minneapolis
Washburn
Russell

Rasor
Sun

Kinsley
Stafford
Duncan
Kingman
Ford

Speerville

Greensburg

Elkhart

Syracuse

Sutton

Tyng

Wallace

Fort Doolit

Spring Hill

Lyndon

Ottawa

Sturgis

Holliday

Abilene

Keller

Ames

Rockford

Hays

Larned

Garden Plain

Fall River

Angola

PRIDE Day registration due October 21

The PRIDE Day planning committee has planned an exciting program for PRIDE Day 1994. The theme is "A Time of Celebration." Keeping in line with the theme, a celebration atmosphere is planned to honor the PRIDE volunteers who have worked to make their community a better place.

A PRIDE Day Registration form appears below. Please complete the form and mail by October 21, 1994 to Kansas PRIDE, Inc., 700 S.W. Harrison St., Suite 1300, Topeka, KS 66603-3712.

PRIDE Day Registration Form

I plan to attend:
Name
Address
City & Zip
Daytime Telephone

Please attach a list of any additional names and addresses.

Registration is $16 per person (which includes materials, breaks, and the banquet).
Total amount of people registering: ___________ X $16
Total amount enclosed: $___________

* Please complete and mail by October 21 to Kansas PRIDE, Inc., 700 S.W. Harrison St., Suite 1300, Topeka, KS 66603-3712.
* Make check payable to: Kansas PRIDE, Inc.
* Tickets may be picked up during registration, no tickets will be mailed.
* Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations, please contact Stan McAdoo (913) 532-5840 by October 14.

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