

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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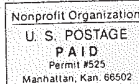
This newsletter is published to provide communication among communities participating in the Kansas PRIDE Community Improvement Program. Your input is welcome.

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PRIDE

Kansans Building Better Communities

"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. Mil and Marci Penner of the Kansas Sampler Foundation, in Inman will be the presenters. The purpose of the foundation is to nurture pride and awareness in the diversity of Kansas' rural culture (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 Patton, Rural Health Planning Consultant, Topeka.

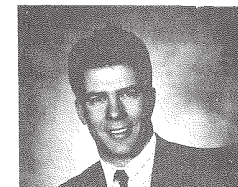
Also offered is, "Revitalizing Strategies in Rural Economic Development." Presenters include Cal Lantis, Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing, Patty Sloan, Chanute Area Chamber of Commerce, and Ned Webb, Russell County

Economic Development.

In the same economic development theme, Loren Medley with the Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Topeka and Betty Nelson, with the Eastern Kansas Economic Development Group, Manhattan will present a session titled, "A Strategy For Small Town Economic Development: Rural Enterprise Assistance Project."

In addition to the above mentioned workshops, both a rural health care sharing session and a general PRIDE sharing session will be held.

Bill Cordes to keynote PRIDE Day



Bill Cordes, Director of Educational Development International, Great Bend will deliver the keynote address at PRIDE Day. His topic is "Together Everyone Achieves More." Bill has been a consultant for numerous conferences, seminars and conventions. His keynote programs have been featured in Iowa, Kansas, Ohio, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Indiana, Texas, California, New

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 inquiring, 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 draping, will be available. To reserve a space or to ask questions contact Stan McAdoo (913) 532-5840.

Mexico, Nebraska, Missouri, Florida, Hawaii and Guam.

His mission is to present programs, seminars and workshops at the community, state, national, and worldwide level that promote the joy of learning, living passionately, effective communication, and a commitment to working together while understanding diversity.

Bill will also lead the PRIDE Day youth in their afternoon retreat entitled, "So Easily Conditioned."

Important PRIDE dates

September 26-30, 1994
.. PRIDE Judging Week
October 29, 1994
.. State PRIDE Recognition Day, Great Bend
November/December, 1994
.. Return of Judges' Critiques to Communities

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 Kansan who is familiar with the PRIDE Program and one out-of-state community development professional. The 1994 judges include: Rose Marie Barden, Osawatomie; Margie Brull, Lucas; Jim Cuer, Leavenworth; Lucy Thomas, Valley Falls; Joe Van Horn, Kinsley; Lucia Smead, Denver CO; Ted McFeders, Kansas City, MO; Chloe Johnson, Austin, TX; Mark Butzberger, Little Rock, AR; and Elden Soll, 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 point 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, promotion, 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 point 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 the 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, 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 narrator 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.

Youth will benefit from PRIDE Day

PRIDE communities are encouraged to bring young people to this year's PRIDE Day. What better way to promote the growth and development of your community than to get youth involved and excited about volunteerism.

Following the opening session which begins at 12:30 the youth will depart by bus to the Area Resource Center of Central Kansas. Here, Bill Cordes will lead a youth retreat entitled, "So Easily Conditioned."

Bill specializes in working with young people. In Hawaii, Bill is known as the "Master Motivator" for his continuous work with teens who attend the highly acclaimed Winners' Camp program. This

accelerated learning program is known for creating lasting positive changes in teens.

Following the retreat, the youth will return to the Holiday Inn for the PRIDE banquet and presentation of awards.

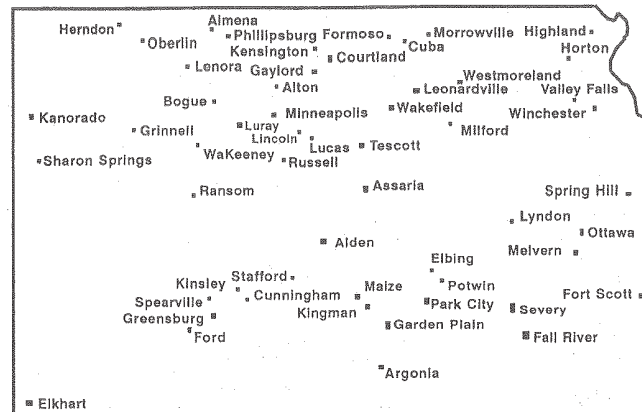
Dress to be casual

As a result of the positive response to dressing casual at the last several PRIDE Days, the attire will be the same this year. Anything and everything goes. Come relaxed, ready to learn and have fun. If your town has garments that represent and/or promote your community (hats, shirts, vests, etc.) wear them.

Blue ribbon recipients

The following communities were evaluated and approved as meeting the requirements for Blue Ribbon recognition at the July 7, 1994 State PRIDE Board Meeting: **Kingman**--Airport & Library; **Lyndon**--Culture & Arts, Health, Recreation & Parks, & Solid Waste Management; **Oberlin**--Housing, Sewage Disposal, & Water; **Ottawa**--Beautification, Commercial & Industrial Development, & Streets; **Park City**--Emergency Medical Service, Fire Protection, Police Protection, & Streets; **Russell**--Community Planning, Culture & Arts, Education, Emergency Medical Services, Energy, Health, Library Recreation & Parks, Sewage Disposal, Tourism, & Water.

PRIDE communities completing the 1994 Community Achievement Awards Competition



Entertainment to be exceptional

The PRIDE Day planning committee has planned an excellent program of entertainment this year. "Strings," a group of banjo players from Great Bend will be performing during the breaks and between workshops. A group of talented Great Bend high school seniors known as, "First Harmony" will lead the opening of the award's banquet, followed later by the music of Amy Keller of Wichita who won the talent competition in the 1994 Miss Kansas Pageant.

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 number 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.