Know your 1995 State PRIDE Board of Directors

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

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United States Department of Agriculture cooperating. All
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the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

PRIDE Program celebrates 25 years

1995 is the beginning of the 25th year of the Kansas PRIDE Program. To help celebrate this milestone, the state PRIDE Board has appointed a 25th anniversary committee to make your 1995 PRIDE Day activities memorable. This committee will be meeting several times this year and would like community input. If you have any ideas, please pass the information along to a member of the state PRIDE Board or PRIDE staff.

Several PRIDE committees are utilizing the PRIDE Program’s 25th anniversary as an opportunity to accomplish a special activity within their community. Take the challenge to dedicate at least one local project to help celebrate 25 years of Kansas PRIDE.

Deadline for PRIDE entry form approaches

Don’t forget to send in your completed PRIDE Entry form by April 15, 1995. This is a firm deadline in order to compete in the 1995 Community Achievement Awards. April 15 is also the deadline for entry forms for communities wishing to compete in the Community Outreach competition. Both entry forms may be obtained from either the PRIDE Office, KSU Cooperative Extension Service, at (913) 532-5840 or the PRIDE Office, Dept. of Commerce & Housing, at (913) 296-3485.

PRIDE special emphasis awards

Rural Health, Leadership and Community Outreach have been approved by the Kansas PRIDE Inc., Board of Directors as the 1995 special emphasis awards. All three have been carried over from the previous year.

In addition, an expanded media award has been approved. The new award is called “Communications,” and includes a separate media category for both “Print Media” and “Electronic Media.” Each participating community may enter one or both media categories.

PRIDE Day - 1994 rated "Excellent"

The 133 people that completed the 1994 PRIDE Day evaluation form gave the day an overall rating of excellent. Ranking highest was the Keynote Speaker Bill Cordes (excellent 89%), then Mil & Marcia Penner for their workshop entitled, “Your Community is Unique” (excellent 81%), followed by First Harmony, the opening entertainment at the banquet (excellent 77%).

Approximately 300 people from more than 50 Kansas communities participated in the day’s activities. A sampling of comments on PRIDE Day ranged from: "I enjoyed every minute!" and "I had fun this year," to "It lacks enthusiasm," and "The prime rib was overcooked and tough.

A copy of the full evaluation can be obtained by contacting Stan McAdoo.

Russell achieves PACEMAKER

During their October 28, 1994 meeting, the Kansas PRIDE Inc., Board of Directors approved Russell as a Kansas PRIDE PACEMAKER Community. This designation means that Russell has been approved in all 19 PRIDE categories of community development. Russell has now been certified three times as a PACEMAKER community in its 10-year history of participating in the PRIDE Program. Russell is a good example of what can be accomplished through hard work and a commitment to excellence. A recognition celebration is being planned for late winter.

Important PRIDE Dates

March 28 - State PRIDE Board of Directors Meeting, Russell
April 15 - PRIDE Entry form is due
April 23 - 29 - National Volunteer Week
September 1 - PRIDE Project book is due
September 25 - 29 - PRIDE Judging Week
October 21 - State PRIDE Recognition Day, Salina

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HM Coha

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The scheduled date for the 1995 PRIDE judging will be the week of September 25-29.

Blue Ribbon applications approved

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1993-1994 PRIDE sponsored projects

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If you see any particular project(s) your committee might wish to receive additional information about, contact Sta McCaw at 913-532-5840. Based on your request, either a copy of the PRIDE project sheet or the same, address, and telephone number of the local PRIDE chairperson will be made available.

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Several years ago, the bylaws of the State PRIDE Board were changed to allow community representatives to serve on the board. This change made the board more broad based and, for the first time, gave community PRIDE members a chance to help set policy and provide direction for the PRIDE Program.

Since the addition of community representatives to the State PRIDE Board, the quality of the program has not been improved. Not only has this program improved, but also, according to at least one community board member, the experience has been helpful.

Sandy Morris from Wakefield, presently serves as the PAMECMAKER community representative on the Board. Sandy says, “I now have a better idea of how the sponsors for PRIDE think of the Program. I hope the sponsors have an idea of how small towns try to get things done with volunteer help and how we depend on the incentives that are provided by PRIDE to help finance our projects.” Sandy goes on to say, “I also hope that my input has been of some value to at least one other person from the communities on the Board. As a result of my Board experience, I am able to tell the Wakefield PRIDE members more fully what is going on and what is happening at the state level. This helps them to get ready for the PRIDE judges and PRIDE Day activities.”

If you or a member of your community would be interested in attending a State PRIDE Board Meeting, you are welcome. For information on future meetings contact either Bill Wilhelm or Stan McAdoo.

1994 PRIDE annual review

The Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Board of Directors has recently published the 1994 PRIDE Annual Review. Data from the Review indicates that 91 communities from across the state participated in the PRIDE Program in 1994. Of these, 54 completed the community achievement competition by completing a PRIDE project: 19 did not qualify. They were judged. In addition, Oburn and Russell received the “PAMECMAKER” designation, which signifies that they achieved “Blue Ribbon” standards in 19 facets of community development.

Lorrie Medley, 1994 Board Chairman says, “Although it is difficult to allocate a monetary value to PRIDE’s 1994 endeavors, they are conservatively valued at $1,171,775. This represents the time expended by 46,585 volunteers contributing approximately 223,55 hours to achieve 2,016 projects.” The PRIDE Annual Review is enclosed with this newsletter.

Come alive in ’95

If PRIDE Program participants wish to learn how to “come alive” and make a difference in their community, plan to attend the 1995 Leadership Institute, April 25-28.

The purpose of the institute is to show how to develop and reinforce valuable leadership skills. The 3 1/2-day event—sponsored by the KSU Cooperative Extension Service, Kansas Association for Family and Community Education, and Kansas Family Community Leadership (FCL) will be held at Rock Springs Ranch, 8 miles south of Junction City.

Pizza coupons are available

Due to a communications breakdown, there were no reservations at the Friday night retreat. The Great Bend Convention and Visitors Bureau apologizes for this oversight and has contacted a local business to help make amends. Pizza Hut will give a pizza coupon to each youth that attended the retreat.

All PRIDE communities that had youth attending the retreat should call Sue Wilhelm at (785) 237-3845 and give her the number of your group that attended. The PRIDE Program appreciates the generosity of Pizza Hut.