Judging critique to be returned to communities

Following PRIDE Day, the PRIDE staff of the Kansas State University Cooperative Extension Service and the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing will visit each PRIDE community and will go over the judge’s critique sheets with each PRIDE committee.

The critique sheets consist of comments from the judges regarding each community’s strengths, suggestions for improvement, and noteworthy accomplishments. The critique sheet also will have the total point score broken down into the nine areas that the judges evaluated.

Blue ribbon approvals

The following communities were evaluated and approved as meeting the requirements for Blue Ribbon recognition at the July 13, 1995 State PRIDE Board meeting:

- Ellsworth -- Police Protection, Solid Waste Management, and Streets;
- Highland -- Fire Protection, Recreation & Parks, and Health;
- Ottawa -- Community Planting.

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25th Anniversary Celebration of the Kansas PRIDE Program

“Values of the Past -- Visions of the Future”

PRIDE Day, October 21, 1995, Salina, Kansas

The theme for the 25th Annual PRIDE Day is “Values of the Past -- Visions of the Future.” PRIDE Day will be held at the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kansas on Saturday, October 21, 1995. This issue of the PRIDE Newsletter highlights PRIDE Day activities, events, and speakers.

Bob Allen to Keynote PRIDE Day

By popular demand, Bob Allen, founder and president of the Allenkals Educational Foundation, has been invited back to speak at PRIDE Day. Bob was the 1991 PRIDE Banquet speaker where his topic was “Gold Bricks and Magic Bullets.”

A humorist with a meaningful message, Bob does what he does because he believes in the importance of entertaining audiences while motivating them to strive for improvement in the quality of their lives. He makes his points with real-life stories, drawn from years as an educator, camper, family man, aviator, and outdoorsman. Come, listen, laugh, and learn as Bob shares with you his common-sense philosophy on “The Joy of Better.”

Miss Kansas to perform at PRIDE Day

During her year as Miss Kansas, she will speak out about alcohol abuse. Preventing alcohol abuse and helping people learn to take responsibility for their actions is the message Amy will be telling the hundreds of Kansas youth during her year as Miss Kansas. She has developed a four-step program: (1) Taking advantage of education, (2) Setting goals, (3) Involvement in community, and (4) Choosing positive role models. She believes these steps will ultimately help young people develop the self-confidence everyone needs to be responsible citizens.

Amy is from Great Bend and is currently a senior seeking a Bachelor’s of Fine Arts Degree from Wichita State University. Following her graduation, she plans to pursue a Master Degree in vocal performance and eventually becoming an opera singer in music theatre productions.

Important PRIDE dates

- September 25-29, 1995
  PRIDE Judging Week
- October 20, 1995
  Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Annual Meeting
- October 21, 1995
  State PRIDE Recognition Day, Salina
- November/December, 1995
  Return of Judges’ Critiques to Communities
PRIDE judging to begin September 25

During the week of September 23-29, a judging team will visit each community enrolled in the Annual PRIDE Achievement Recognition competition that submitted a completed project book by September 1, 1995. Each of the six judging teams will include one Kansas who is familiar with the PRIDE Program and one out-of-state community development professional.

The 1995 judges include: Donna Betzina, Arwood; Jack Meyers, Cunningham; Bob Mosier, Greensburg; Courtney Riley, Sedalia; Gary Saxer, Valley Falls; Judi Withers, Sharon Springs; Brent Stewart, Pierre, South Dakota; Corrine Pedersen, Lincoln, Nebraska; Lina Russell, Longview, Texas; Deloy Johnson, Lexington, Nebraska; Dr. Richard Hallock, Pueblo, Colorado; and Ann Brown, Marshall, Arkansas.

Each community will be notified by the PRIDE staff at least one week prior to judging as to the exact time and date of the judges’ visit. The judges will spend one hour in communities with a population less than 4,500 and one and one-half hours in communities over 4,500.

Bring Your camera
to PRIDE Day

Following the PRIDE Day Banquet, all communities receiving a community achievement award will be given the opportunity to take a group picture with Amy Keller, Miss Kansas - 1995. Since there will not be a staff photographer, community representatives are encouraged to bring their own cameras. Remember, 1995 PRIDE Day pictures will make excellent documentation for your 1996 PRIDE Record Book.

Tourism is PRIDE’s new special emphasis

At their July 13, 1995 meeting, the Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Board of Directors approved tourism as a new PRIDE special emphasis. Communities are encouraged to consider adopting tourism related projects for the 1995/1996 PRIDE year which begins September 1, 1995. Special emphasis areas that were continued include rural health, outreach, and communications. The leadership special emphasis was discontinued. The PRIDE Staff is planning a series of local Tourism Workshops to be presented upon request.

PRIDE communities completing the 1995 Community Achievement Awards Competition

Still time to reserve a booth

Communities wishing to reserve a booth at PRIDE Day need to do so within the next few weeks. Free booth space, including an 8-foot table and piping and draping will be available to all interested communities. This will be an excellent opportunity for your community to help celebrate the PRIDE Programs’ 25th anniversary by showing your local PRIDE achievements to a state-wide audience.

To reserve a space or to ask questions, contact Stan McDade at (913) 532-3840.

PRIDE Day registration due October 13

The PRIDE Day planning committee has planned an exciting 25th anniversary celebration for PRIDE Day 1995. The theme, “Values of the Past, Visions of the Future,” represents a powerful, and compelling statement of what the PRIDE Program stands for and strives to create. PRIDE Day 1995 will honor the many community 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 13, 1995 to Kansas PRIDE, Inc., 709 SW Harrison, Suite 1300, Topeka, Kansas 66603-3721.

PRIDE Day Registration Form

I plan to attend:
Mr., Mrs., or Ms. (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, reception, a special 25th anniversary souvenier and the steak banquet. This year a special meal will be prepared for YOUTH ONLY (hamburger & French fries).

Youth registration is $7 per person, which includes materials, breaks, reception, souvenier, and YOUTH ONLY meal unless a steak dinner is preferred.

Total Number of people registering:
Number of Adults at $16 each (steak banquet) = $_________
Number of Adults at $16 each (steak banquet) = $_________
Number of Adults at $7 each (special meal) = $_________
# of Youth/Adults at $16 each (no banquet meal) = $_________
Total amount enclosed ____________________________ = $_________

* All persons attending PRIDE Day must register and pay the registration fee.
* Following each registered name, indicate an "A" for adults.
* Make check payable to Kansas PRIDE, Inc.
* Tickets may be picked up during registration, so tickets will be mailed.

Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations, please contact Stan McDade (913) 532-3840 by October 6.

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