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Ottawa receives PRIDE PACEMAKER award

PRIDE's highest award was presented to the community of Ottawa on Jan. 13 at the 67th Annual Meeting of the Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce. Several PRIDE and state officials joined the approximately 200 people to recognize Ottawa for meeting predetermined standards in 19 areas of community development.

Mary Faye LaFaver, director of the Community Development Division, Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing, was the featured speaker for the event. Carolyn Gostin, chairperson of the Kansas PRIDE Inc. board of directors, represented Sprint United Telephone of Kansas and Daryl Buckholz, assistant director, Extension Agriculture & Natural Resources, Cooperative Extension Service, made the PACEMAKER plaque presentation. Accepting the award for the Ottawa PRIDE Committee was Ottawa City Manager Scott Lambers.

Ottawa will maintain its PACEMAKER designation for four years, at which time it must reapply. The other current Kansas PRIDE PACEMAKER communities include Waterfall, Oberlin and Russell.

Deadline for PRIDE entry form approaches

Don't forget to send in your completed PRIDE entry form by April 15. This is a firm deadline in order to compete in the 1996 Community Achievement Awards. An entry form may be obtained by calling either (913) 532-5640 or (913) 296-3485.

Important PRIDE Dates

April 15: PRIDE entry forms due
April 19: State PRIDE Board of Directors Meeting, Junction City
April 21-27: National Volunteer Week
September 3: PRIDE project book is due
September 23-27: PRIDE Expo Week
November 9: State PRIDE Recognition Day, Great Bend

National Volunteer Week

April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week. PRIDE communities may wish to celebrate this week by organizing a major community clean-up, recognizing outstanding PRIDE volunteers, sponsoring special community improvement projects, promoting downtown beautification efforts, etc.

Promotional materials for National Volunteer Week can be obtained by calling (202) 225-9186.

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"The best exercise for the heart is reaching down and lifting people up."

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1994-1995 PRIDE—sponsored projects

The inset in this newsletter is a compilation of all the PRIDE-sponsored projects that were submitted by the 58 communities completing the 1994-1995 PRIDE year. If you see any particular project(s) your committee might wish to receive additional information about, contact either Stan McCandless at (913) 532-5840 or Bev Wilkinson at (319) 296-3485. Based on your request, either a copy of the PRIDE project sheet or the name, address, and telephone number of the local PRIDE chairperson will be made available to you.

Communities receive awards at PRIDE Day Activities

At the PRIDE Day Activities in Salina on October 21, 1995, awards were presented to the following Kansas PRIDE communities:

Population 1-300
1st Gaylord
2nd Kansas City
3rd Larned
4th Morristown

Population 301-700
1st Garden Plain
2nd Kansas City
3rd Larned
4th Morristown

Population 701-1,700
1st Garden Plain
2nd Kansas City
3rd Larned
4th Morristown

Population 1,701-4,000
1st Gaylord
2nd Kansas City
3rd Larned
4th Morristown

Communities that received awards:
- Gaylord
- Kansas City
- Larned
- Morristown

Awards were presented for various categories, including:
- Outstanding Community Outreach Project
- Best PRIDE Project
- Outstanding PRIDE Committee Member

These awards recognize the efforts of communities in enhancing their PRIDE projects and activities.

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