



# FALL NEWS

- GOFF** – Building renovation for fire and EMS departments;
- GRINNELL** – Community wide exercise/recreation program;
- LUCAS** – Grassroots Art Center;
- LURAY** – Building a community/teen center;
- PARK CITY** – 12-month cultural programming series;
- POTWIN** – New fire truck;
- ST. MARY'S** – Foundation to support community improvement.

## Twenty-two PRIDE communities win awards at PRIDE Day

Sixteen Kansas communities were honored by receiving "Community of Excellence" awards during the 2002 Kansas PRIDE Day Conference Saturday, Sept. 21 in Salina. Winners of the "Community of Excellence" awards include: **Alton, Argonia, Burns, Goff, Greeley, Grinnell, Highland, Kanorado, Lakin, Lenora, Lucas, Luray, Olsburg, Park City, Potwin and Spearville.**

The winning communities were selected by a panel of community development professionals from Kansas and surrounding states. All of the communities designated "Community of Excellence" demonstrated outstanding ability to involve their community in a process of community improvement. They had assessed the community's need, developed clear goals and projects to meet the needs, and had a "can-do!" attitude about improving their town! Some of the out-of-state evaluators were so impressed with these communities, they have asked the PRIDE program for more information on the community development process we encourage.

Each winner of the "Community of Excellence" award received a commemorative display and \$500 to apply to future projects.

## Star Award Winners

Fifteen communities received the "Star Award" in honor of outstanding community development projects. The "Star Award" recognizes communities for projects completed during the previous year that have had a great positive impact on the community. Each Star community was awarded a commemorative display award and a check for \$300. The 2002 winning communities were:

- ALTON** – Chocolate Festival;
- ARGONIA** – Recycling Program;
- BURNS** – City Park improvements;
- COURTLAND** – A new Chamber of Commerce and tourism center;
- ELK CITY** – Establishing a farmers' market;
- FORT SCOTT** – Christmas lighting contest;
- GAYLORD** – Community learning center;
- GLASCO** – Coordination of a community celebration;

## Thank You to PRIDE Sponsors!

The Community of Excellence and Star Project evaluation process and recognition banquet and awards are made possible through the generous support of Kansas PRIDE sponsors. We thank the following PRIDE sponsors for their support of the program and their support of community improvement efforts through Kansas PRIDE, Inc. during the 2001-2002 PRIDE program year.

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## Youth Leadership Award Winners

The Kansas PRIDE program recognized seven outstanding youth at the annual PRIDE Day Conference for providing leadership in their community.

**Megan Hays**, Almena - Megan has provided service and leadership for the City Library's annual Summer Reading Program for the past 7 years.

**Amanda Henriksen**, Courtland - Amanda organized and implemented a summer arts program for the youth of Republic County.

**Kitty Probis**, Fort Scott - Kitty initiated a community improvement program at the Fort Scott Community College.

**Nathan Gentry**, Glasco - Nathan involved his high school in a community building refurbishment.

**Crystal Harness**, Highland - Crystal took on the responsibility of reporter/photographer for the Highland school and community newspaper.

**Emily Langdon**, Lucas - Emily has taken an active leadership role and coordinated numerous activities for the Lucas Youth Group to meet community needs.

**Honorable Mention - Melissa Wolken**, Greeley - Melissa served as a reading tutor at Greeley Elementary and the Book-It program at the Greeley Library.

These youth are great examples of local persons stepping up to provide needed leadership for community improvement. Through their investment of their time, energy, and talents, these leaders have made an impact in their communities, and toward the betterment of Kansas. Kansas PRIDE applauds these outstanding youth for their initiative and dedication to improving their community.

## Technology Grants Available to Improve Local Government Operations:

The 3Com Corporation, a networking company based in Santa Clara, CA, is offering grants to cities and other local governments to help breach the digital divide. 3Com's Urban Challenge program awards U.S. cities with \$100,000 in 3Com technology to incorporate new uses for information technology into their communities. For more information, please visit the LGEAN web site at:

<http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=455>

Applications are due November 1, 2002.

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## CRA (Community Resource Act) Grants Approaching Deadline

Community Resource Programs are locally organized programs designed to meet the recreational, cultural, social, and educational needs of a community.

For grant applications or more details, please call (785) 539-8763 or email: [ufm@ksu.edu](mailto:ufm@ksu.edu). You can also visit the UFM website at: [www.ksu.edu/ufm](http://www.ksu.edu/ufm)

## KCRI Kansas Summer Teams

The Community Service Program invites communities to apply for 2003 Student Service Teams. The teams are an opportunity for K-State students to provide service to Kansas communities while learning. Kansas Summer Teams can assist communities by working community service projects. Technology Teams are also available to work with projects related to implementing technology in the community.

For information on hosting a team, please contact: K-State Community Service Program, 8D Edwards Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506, (785) 532-5701 or email: [ksuserve@ksu.edu](mailto:ksuserve@ksu.edu).

## Upcoming Seminars and Conferences of Interest

**Critical Skills for Community Leaders and Community Survival**

**4-State Heartland 2002**

**Community Development Conference**

November 7- 8, 2002

Bartlesville, OK

[www.uark.edu/depts/globmark/heartland2002/](http://www.uark.edu/depts/globmark/heartland2002/)

**2002 Kansas Rural Policy Symposium**

Kansas State University

November 21, 2002

Manhattan, KS

Register Online at:

<http://www.ksu.edu/kcri/rps>

**Wind Energy: New Economic Opportunities**

November 21-22, 2002

Minneapolis, MN

Visit [www.windustry.org](http://www.windustry.org) or contact Lisa Daniels at:

(612) 870-3462 or email: [info@windustry.org](mailto:info@windustry.org)

## Mark Your Calendars

**A Celebration of Leadership;**

**Past, Present and Future**

Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development

March 28, 2003

Manhattan, KS

**Kansas Center for Community and Economic Development (KCCED) Conference**

April 9-10, 2003

Hutchinson, KS

Registration information on both will be forthcoming.

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