



KANSAS PRIDE PROGRAM NEWS

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Year's End Wishes From the PRIDE Staff

As we wind down 2010, all of us with the Kansas PRIDE Program would like to thank PRIDE volunteers for all they have done for their communities. If not for your initiative and dedication, communities across the state would stagnate and suffer. It is through the investment of time, energy, resources and good will that you are building stronger communities. We look forward to starting a new program year with you in January, 2011!

Community Spotlight

40 Years of PRIDE in Wakefield

PRIDE has been a part of Wakefield for 40 years. The people of Wakefield credit PRIDE with giving its residents a sense of pride for the community. They feel good about their community and PRIDE has served as a vehicle to accentuate the positive attributes of the community.

A community wide garage sale has been an ongoing event in Wakefield over the years. Wakefield can boast, "The garage sale has been responsible for people moving to the community and buying homes as well as attracting campers to the area. Visitors enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of the community and decided it was a good place to call home" stated Fred Tillisch, chair of the Wakefield PRIDE Program. For a closer look at Wakefield, visit www.WakefieldKS.com.



PRIDE Day 2010

Silent Auction a huge success!!

Thanks are extended to the silent auction committee and the communities and sponsors who donated to the silent auction at PRIDE Day. Through the silent auction and donations for the signed basketballs, PRIDE raised over \$2,000 for the Partners in PRIDE grant program.

Welcome Aboard New KPI Board Members

We would like to give a special thank you to Sandy Williams, Eskridge, Jack Meyers, First National Bank of Cunningham and Lois

Loucks, Onaga, for their service as PRIDE community or sponsor representatives to KPI. Your service over the years is greatly appreciated. Coming on as new board members are Doug Helmke of Kansas Rural Water Association, Cheerie Baker of Council Grove PRIDE, Loree Krier of the Kansas Bankers Association, Nicole Godek of Grainfield PRIDE and Suzanne Lane of Westar Energy. We look forward to working with you as you serve your term.

News You Can Use

Kansas PRIDE Awards Program

Recognition of your work is important to us. The Kansas PRIDE awards program has been modified in 2011 to allow communities to apply for a variety of recognition awards. PRIDE will recognize outstanding projects through a competitive award process. Communities can submit project award nominations in any of the seven community capitals categories (See the 2010 Annual Review for examples of projects completed over the years in each of these areas). In addition, recognition certificates are still available on the web site and PRIDE communities can nominate a community partner for recognition with a Community Partner plaque.

Award nominations are due to the Kansas PRIDE Office by March 1, 2011. Nominations submitted in March can include projects completed in the second half of 2009 and all of 2010. We want to make sure your work completed in the last 18 months receives proper recognition. After this first round, the timeframe of projects to be considered will follow the calendar year. We know you'll have lots of questions so please do not hesitate to contact us at the [PRIDE office](#).

Mountain Bikes, the Boogieman and Big Success!

Mountain bike races in Kansas? Haunted River Trails? You better believe it! And once again, it's a PRIDE community setting the "pace of the race" to bring new people into their community through healthy recreational events.

On Sunday, October 10, Melvern and the Friends of the Trail team partnered with High Gear Cyclery in Emporia to bring a mountain bike race to Melvern's new Riverfront Trail and Park natural area. Thirty bikers and their families came from communities throughout SE and SC Kansas to ride walls of the old rock quarry and to speed through stands of native trees on the hills and along the beautiful Marais des Cygnes River.



This day has been a long time coming for the Melvern volunteer team. Melvern's Riverfront Trail and Park began with their PRIDE's Healthy Ecosystems-Healthy Communities (HEHC) program. The HEHC program assists PRIDE groups with natural resource planning which helps communities evaluate their natural resources and

identify water quality projects that are appropriate for their community.

Melvern is also using their new natural area for public events such as their second annual "Haunted Trail" event for families. This year the PRIDE group and the Friends of the Trail worked together on the event. The PRIDE group offered a hay rack ride to those going to the haunted trail and the Friends of the Trail organized the "haunts" on the trail and made food for the event. More than 300 people attended and the group brought in almost \$900 to use for upkeep and trail maintenance in the new park.

Melvern's success is testament of just one community's commitment to get "put on the map" and become recognized for its work to protect its natural assets while creating a high-quality recreational area for their community and for the citizens of Kansas.

Dates to Remember

December 15	Enrollment Forms Due to Kansas PRIDE Office
January 1	Start of New Program Year
January 15	Quarterly Reports Due
February 11	Partners in PRIDE Grant Applications Due
March 1	Award Applications Due

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