STATE AWARDS BANQUET WORKSHOPS

The State PRIDE Workshops and Awards Banquet will be held at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Wednesday, October 30, 1974 starting with registration at 3:00 p.m.

The workshops will be starting at 4:00 p.m. and include presentations, discussions, and exchange of ideas on PRIDE procedures and methods, motivation for community development, and downtown improvement.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

McPherson (Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson) A slide and tape presentation "McPherson has PRIDE" is available through the PRIDE Committee. The 18 minute presentation explains the results of the PRIDE survey. It also shows projects which have been completed in McPherson and areas which still need attention to keep McPherson a progressive city." Many civic and service groups have used the presentation.

Salina (Jack Jones, Chairperson) The Hollins PRIDE Committee sponsors a gardening contest with special emphasis on getting as many young people involved as possible. Cash prizes were awarded in different categories and age groups. The categories were: vegetable gardens, flower gardens in full sun, flower gardens in partial or full shade, and plants in containers.

Chautauqua (Marie Aker, Chairperson) Recognizing dilapidated outdoor advertisements as influences on the appearance of the community, the PRIDE Committee endorsed the printing of a page in the Chautauqua Tribune showing deteriorating signs and asked owners to repair or remove them. The Committee undertook this phase of the project to clean up the approaches to the city in the spirit of a community taking PRIDE in its surroundings. The appeal was intended to call attention to a wide spread problem. It was not intended as an affront to any business or concern. The next phase of the project will focus on abandoned and dilapidated structures seen along the main arteries through Chautauqua.

KANSAS PRIDE COMMITTEE

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PRIDE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Twenty-four persons attended the ten hour leadership workshop at Kureks in July. It was conducted by Les Frazier, Extension Specialist, Community Resource Development, Steve Bittel, Area Extension Specialist, Community Resource Development, and Dr. Warren Pauw, Dr. William J. Juran, Coordinator, Staff Development, Kansas State University, will assist with future training.

The session was sponsored by the Kureks PRIDE Steering Committee. Participants included the Mayor, Chamber of Commerce Manager, Director of South Central Kansas Economic Development District, PRIDE Steering Committee members and other community leaders.

The purpose of the training was to help citizens become more effective in small groups and in their organizations. The cost to local participants was $2.00 each to cover miscellaneous expenses.

Seventeen participants' evaluation of the experience included the following: Five persons said it was one of the most rewarding experience I have ever had; Eight responded -- exactly what I wanted;
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Eleven commented -- I hope we have another in the near future;

Fourteen said -- it provided the kind of experience I can apply to my own situation;

Fifteen said -- the workshop would help them personally.

PRIDE Steering Committee or other community organizations interested in sponsoring the leadership workshop may contact Community Resource Development, Unaburger Hall, 115, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66506, and a representative will visit your community to explain the program and determine the expectations of local leaders.

Another workshop will be held in Eureka in October.

LEAVENWORTH AND LANSING, KANSAS leaders met to discuss the PRIDE Program. (Left to right): Jack Smith, County Extension Director; Alvin Bannam, Lansing Mayor; Mrs. Elizabeth Gregory, Lansing PRIDE chairman; Steve Chase, President, Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce; and Bill Thompson, Executive Vice-President, Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce. Leavenworth leaders voted to enter the program. Lansing had previously decided to enroll.

BLUE RIBBON APPLICATIONS INCREASE

The State PRIDE Committee approved the following blue ribbon categories and sub-categories at their August meeting:

- Arkansas City — Culture, Industrial Development, Street Lighting, Pollution Control
- Belleville — Industrial Development
- Gossel — Culture, Library
- Haven — Health, Police Protection, Pollution Control, Solid Waste Control, Water
- Horton — Culture, Library, Street Lighting, Pollution Control, Recreation and Parks, Water
- Junction City — Health, Tourism
- McPherson — Agriculture, Agri-business, Culture, Education, Industrial Development, Library, Street Lighting, Recreation and Parks, Sewage, Water
- Tribune — Recreation and Parks
- Wakefield — Industrial Development
- Whitewater — Health

This is almost twice as many as have been approved at other meetings. Ten applications for evaluations were not approved. Blue ribbons will be awarded by Governor Robert Docking at the State Awards Program at Lindsborg, October 30.

HARRISON JOHNSON, Past-President of the Kansas Association of Commerce and Industry and Dorothy Reck, Kansas Association of Commerce and Industry Office Manager, pose by the PRIDE sign at the State K.A.C.T. Convention in Overland Park, Kansas. PRIDE materials were exhibited and distributed at the event.

ALDEN LEADERS ACTIVE

It is truly a town growing in stature and respect by all those that come in contact with the community. A progressive "city" with progressive people.

The Alden Community Forestry Committee and Alden PRIDE Committee exemplify the close working relationship and functions of these two committees in many communities. Shown above from left to right are Community Forestry Committee members: Zeita Darling, Dale Gates, Tom Frederick, County Extension Director Bill Hunsley, and Shirley Proffitt. On the back row is Wendell Carter, Alden PRIDE Chairman.

The two committees have renovated a school ground area for a park, established a downtown tree planting project, an entrance tree project, and a downtown play area.

The group is pictured in front of the Alden restaurant, another project of the community.