Local Pride Activities
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CHICAGO GROVE - (Mrs. Don Keelington, Chairperson) One of the most important projects last year -- Curtains in the upstair windows in the business district. Assistance was given in downtown improvement by Kansas State University.

Twenty project goals were established for the year.

Project progress -- "Burland Park is being developed according to plans by landscapers; community arts council had a Spring artists series; senior citizens' programs going well, working on a hospital improvement issue, fix-up, clean-up week; and bicentennial celebration."

BIRD CITY - (Ken Cram, chairperson) Forty project goals were established (population 650). They included: quilt for auction to raise money; hold leadership skills workshop (30 persons received certificates for attendance—it was eight hours in length); hold Kansas Day observance; sponsor flower show; district art show; achievement banquet to present PRIDE Did Something awards; community smorgasbord, (600 persons attended and $2000 was raised to build a tennis court); community holiday fair; a community calendar; involve youth; welcome new persons; hold tree pruning clinic; bicentennial flag presentation; trash pick up; remove dead and dying trees; write history of the city; continuous mental health program; support school education.

BURLINGTON - (Avnell Hayfield, Chairperson) Most important project last year -- completion of Senior Citizen Center with a program of recreation, health, and social services.

Five project goals were established for this year. The Pride representatives met with clubs and organizations to solicit help in obtaining Pride goals.

PRIDE
Record Books
Due September I

To be eligible in the Pride cash awards program this year, a community must submit their record books to K.D.E.D., 6th floor, 503 Kansas, Topeka, Kansas by September 1, 1976.

Contents of the books should include sections on: statement of goals, awareness, involvement, and accomplishment. A sheet containing guidelines was included with record books sent to communities this year. If you have questions, contact K.D.E.D. or Department of Community Development, Deborger Hall, Kansas State University.

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BLUE RIBBON
Recipients

Thirteen communities received blue ribbons from Governor Bennett at the Hazard Pacemaker award Dinner.

They were: Atwood, Education; Belleville, Community Services; Burlington, Community Utilities; Horton, Education, Housing, and Transportation; Hesston, Housing; Independence, Transportation; Lebanon, Community Utilities; Lindsborg, Community Planning; Sedan, Community Utilities; Ulysses, Community Services, Community Utilities, and Education; Wakefield, Housing; Winfield, Education; Walton, Economic Development.

In the blue ribbon phase of Pride, a community may make application for evaluation and recognition at any time after they are enrolled. Last year, 225 evaluation forms were received from Kansas PRIDE communities in 23 areas.

In order for a community to receive a blue ribbon, they must evaluate their own facilities and services on a form provided when they enroll in the program. Then, outside resource persons make appraisals and approve or disapprove the applications.

If a community is not approved, they may make improvements and submit another form for consideration. When all eight ribbons are received, a community is designated a Kansas Pacemaker City by the State Pride committee.
BECKY ANDERSON, Chairperson of Lindberg Pride committee, was awarded a blue ribbon for community planning. In order to be approved, a community must have: Community plans and development goals, an active city planning commission, codes adopted and enforced, zoning regulations, and subdivision regulations.

CHAIRPERSON OF INDEPENDENCE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, C.J. Klotz, visits with Governor Bennett as he receives the transportation blue ribbon. C.J. has been very active in Independence airport development.

PHILIE BELL, secretary of Lebanon Pride committee, and Gladys Kennedy receive blue ribbon from Governor Bennett for community services. This includes health, fire protection, police protection, and ambulance.

TRANSPORTATION has three sub-categories — highways, streets, and airport.

MRS. ROBERT HUD, Norton Pride chairperson accepts blue ribbons at Heaston Pacemaker program for education, housing, and transportation.

MORE WAYS, Chairperson of Wakefield Pride, receives blue ribbon for education at the Heaston Pacemaker award program.

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GOVERNOR ROBERT BENNETT congratulates Sue Elliott, mayor of Ulysses, for blue ribbon achievement in community services, utilities, and education. Ulysses has been approved for seven blue ribbons to date.

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NEPHIENSON — (Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson) Refuse Service, Inc., is cooperating with the central business district project for the Pride Downtown Beautification program, putting containers in the business district. They range in size from two to eight cubic yards. This was a $30,000 project and was no cost to merchants.