PRIDE ENROLLMENT INCREASES 16%

Enrollment in the 1978 cash awards program reached 87 by the February 15 deadline date. This is 103 more than last year. Those enrolled this year are:

Alden
Altoona
Arkansas City
Ashland
Atwood
Baker Springs
Bargans
Beal
Belleville
Beloit City
Bison
Bucklin
Burlington
Burr Oak
Bushland
Canton
Cherryvale
Columbus
Concordia
Conway Springs
Council Grove
Courtland
Dahlone
Derby
Elsie City
Eureka
Florence
Ft. Scott
Frankfort
Gales
Garden City
Goessel
Goodland
Granfield
Greenleaf
Hills
Hillsboro
Hollins
Horton
Hoxie
Independence
Jamestown
Jenning
Johnson
Kanorado
Kirwin
LaCrosse
Lebanon
Leeds
Lindsborg
Lindon
Marysville
McCracken
McDonald
McIntosh
McPherson
Milford
Minneapolis
Moline
Natoma
Neodesha
Newton
Oakley
Oberlin
Odgen
Pawnee Rock
Phillipsburg
Pittsburg
Pleasanton
Pratt
Randolph
Russell
Sabetha
St. Francis
Sedan
Sharon Springs
Solomon
Spearville
Spring Hill
Sumnerfield
Topeka
North
Wakeeny
Wakefield
Walnut
Westmoreland

DOROTHY VARRENHORST, PRIDE chairperson, holds plaque presented to Marion by Governor Robert E. Bennett.

795 ATTEND TWO PACEMAKERS

There were 795 people in attendance at the Marion (525) and Hillsboro (270) Pacemaker ceremonies and programs and 49 communities represented. Blue ribbons were presented to Alden, Canton, Phillipsburg, Herington, Manhattan, Jennings, Burr Oak, Ulises, Lindsborg, and Council Grove in addition to Hillsboro and Marion.

The program in Hillsboro included presentations by Byron Wood, Kansas Department of Economic Development, and Governor Robert E. Bennett. The program in Marion included presentations by Governor Robert E. Bennett.

Talks were given at Marion by Dr. Roger Mitchell, vice-president for agriculture, Kansas State University, and Edward Bruske, Kansas Department of Economic Development.

When PRIDE chairperson, Dorothy Varrenhorst, was introduced, she was given a standing ovation.

GLEN DAVIS, Manhattan, PRIDE chairperson, was presented with a plague at Marion by Governor Robert E. Bennett.

In addition to the presentations, Governor Robert E. Bennett will present Pacemaker plaques to Pittsburg (May 10) and Ulises (May 12). Blue ribbons earned by that time will be awarded by the Governor. Both are evening meetings.
MARYSVILLE ADOPTS 100 PROJECTS

After inputs from a public meeting and dinner, the Marysville PRIDE committee adopted 100 goals for this year. There were 100 in attendance at the town meeting and 90 members of task forces present at a later event to hear an explanation of PRIDE and to receive project progress reports.

At the meeting of task forces, Dr. Robert Hughes, chairman, asked PRIDE task force members to report plans and progress. There were 64 responses.

Projects adopted by the PRIDE committee included: develop camp site; establish community-wide softball tournament; develop bike paths; blacktop cemetery roads; identify downtown parking problems and start efforts to find solutions; program to get proper number identification on all houses; remove irrelevant signs and ads; landscape lots across from Eagles Club; initiate flower planting project; develop cultural arts organization; start community theater production; rejuvenate community education program; expand library facilities and/or services; establish program; organize league of women voters; and encourage obtaining of grants.

CANTON SETS GOALS

Canton PRIDE held its second annual town supper and meeting October 25, 1977. Ken Albright, area extension specialist, acted as moderator of a crowd of approximately 100. The crowd split up in groups and gave suggestions for goals to the PRIDE officers. There were over 60 suggestions, which the PRIDE officers presented at their steering committee meeting. Twenty-four goals were established at the first steering committee meeting. Eight of the 24 goals were established as long range goals.

Some of the goals included: sponsoring a county-wide PRIDE Program; downtown beautification project; nature trail at Maxwell Game Preserve; new ball diamonds; and new sidewalks and curbing.

At the next steering committee meeting, chairman of goals and task forces were set up. PRIDE officers explained the duties of the chairman and information was handed out concerning energy.

On November 9, co-chairpersons Allen Hazard and Ingrid Olson met with foresters Steve Lindsey and Jim Nighswander about plans for the nature trail and the downtown beautification project.

On January 17, 1978, Canton PRIDE committee hosted a workshop in McPherson for all the communities in McPherson County. This is part of a county-wide PRIDE Program. Kansas Department of Economic Development representatives, Byron Wood and George Matthews, explained the PRIDE Program to approximately 20 persons. Concerning this same goal, Canton PRIDE officers made 2 trips to Roxbury and explained the program. Roxbury voted to join the program.
BYRON WOOD, Kansas Department of Economic Development, shows PRIDE notebook to participants at a meeting in McPherson. L. to r. front are Ken Allbright, area extension specialist; Byron Wood; Jack Groves, executive vice-president, McPherson Chamber of Commerce; back row, l. to r. - George McCune, executive vice-president; Elmer Bodine Chamber of Commerce; Dave Yearout, Winfield city planner; Dale Stinson, executive vice-president, Emporia; and Glyville Nuss, executive vice-president, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce. There was discussion on how the PRIDE Program would benefit larger cities. Hutchinson is the largest city to date to enroll in the PRIDE Program.

HOMER BAIN, Ulysses city manager, receives blue ribbons in recreation and parks from Governor Bennett at Marion Pacemaker event to qualify for Pacemaker city.

PROJECT BOOKS DUE SEPTEMBER 1

All project record books must be submitted by September 1 before a community can be considered for cash awards. Stan McAdoo, Kansas Department of Economic Development, gives some suggestions:

PRIDE PROJECT BOOK

"The PRIDE project book is an important historical document. Its purpose is to tell the individual story of each community's PRIDE experience, briefly and to the point. This book is divided into (1) Statement of Goals, (2) Projects, and (3) Summary of accomplishments.

Statement of Goals (or projects, as the case may be):
- list each goal
- explain how each goal was selected
- list the projects selected under each goal

Projects:
- list each project
- explain how each project was accomplished
- awareness
- involvement

Summary of Accomplishments:
- list each goal
- list each project under each goal
- give percentage that each project was completed and a brief explanation

The PRIDE judges are instructed to evaluate each project book by using the following point system:

Goals-------------------------------15 points
Projects-----------------------------15 points
Awareness------------------------45 points
Involvement---------------------15 points
Accomplishments--------------------45 points

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KEN KRIZEK, Jennings chairperson, takes ribbons from Governor Bennett at Marion Pacemaker for education.

MIKE WHITNEY, Johnson PRIDE chairperson, on right, and participants and speakers at PRIDE meeting look at project record book. Speakers were, left, George Mathews, Kansas Department of Economic Development; 2nd from left, Larry Hennings, area extension specialist; and 3rd from right, standing, Stan McAdoo, Kansas Department of Economic Development. Paul Hartman, county agent, is in back row, 4th from left, and Ken McGough, city manager is 5th from left.

Johnson was approved in 15 of the 25 blue ribbon areas during their first year in the PRIDE Program.

MARY LEE FISCHER, left, was acting PRIDE chairperson for the workshop and dinner in Courtland. From l. to r. are Ralph Utermohlen, area extension specialist; Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson, and Bob Gilbert, county agent. The 48 persons in attendance wrote 44 possible projects. The PRIDE committee adopted 12 goals from those suggested and are establishing task forces.
Ribbons this year, pausing to take a breath and to capitalize on its accomplishments and successes of the past three years, and to take the time to assess the community as a whole and to give recognition where it was due. People truly rallied to this and became involved in assessing their community - new people as well as the old. "It truly is an on-going process. It has enabled us in Eureka to rally our people, and generally bring our forces together to promote our community for the betterment of all, a spirit, if you will, of togetherness as one for Eureka." We have developed much in our town as a direct result of the PRIDE concept or process, from a downtown improvement plan, to a new water plant, to continued adult education, a street improvement program and a new hospital wing, just to mention a few. "If it had not been for PRIDE these accomplishments would have been difficult. Because we wanted more, we chose PRIDE. We all need motivation. PRIDE provides that, and therein lies your most dynamic resource, your key ingredient -- people power: people helping people to help their community, their state, our state and your state, Kansas. PRIDE definitely provides the programs and the ideas for bettering our individual communities, and if our communities are improved, our state is the greater for it."

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EVELYN FINK was elected chairperson of the Kansas PRIDE Committee at the last meeting. She is secretary-treasurer of Charlama Fiber Glass Company of Cherryvale and has served on the State Committee since 1970. Evelyn represents the Kansas Business and Professional Women's Clubs of the state; a financial sponsor of PRIDE. She also serves on the State Subscribers Council for Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Evelyn replaces Tom Kline who resigned to accept a position in customer relations in Northern Natural Gas Company where he has been employed as director of community development.

COMING EVENTS
April 29 - Northeast Kansas Regional PRIDE Share and Show with Winners Row at Westmoreland, Kansas
May 5, 6 - Governor's Conference on Business and the Arts in Wichita
May 10 - Pacemaker Banquet at Pittsburg
May 12 - Pacemaker Banquet at Ulysses
June 14 - Kansas Economic Development Conference at Topeka (Information on these events can be obtained from Department of Community Resource Development, Kansas State University, or Kansas Department of Economic Development in Topeka)

MARION WORKSHOP
There were 60 persons in attendance at Marion workshop to look at the results of the last community survey, identify opportunities for community involvement, and suggest citizens for action projects. There were 121 projects suggested at the meeting, and the PRIDE committee adopted 63 for implementation by task forces. This is the second year Marion has held a leadership workshop conducted by Kansas State University.

This is the eighth action workshop conducted by Cooperative Extension Service since the PRIDE year began. PRIDE committee interested in workshop assistance may contact the Department of Community Resource Development at Kansas State University, or the county extension agents located in most county seat towns.