Local Activities (Continued)

LINDSBORO

Jack Carlin, 1978 PRIDE Chairperson, said, "There is a core of 30 people who devote considerable time to the Lindsborg PRIDE Program. When projects like tree planting come along, as many as 200 residents pitch in." [From Kansas City Star]

BISON

"A fall project of the BISON PRIDE Committee was our "Welcome to BISON" project. Helpful information for new residents was compiled. Emergency numbers, fire alarm signals, names of churches, schools, organizations, and all businesses were listed. The paper was distributed to everyone, and the PRIDE Committee will continue to distribute it to new residents.

"The BISON PRIDE Committee hosted their annual Christmas party in December. One hundred and eighty people enjoyed skits, music, and magic, and all the children received candy during Santa's visit."

HAYSVILLE

Rosie Aispach, Co-chairman, along with Vi Darby, of the HAYSVILLE PRIDE committee, announced the awarding of a $2,300 grant for the purchase of six 8-foot tables, 48 chairs, a 25-inch color television set, a 100-cub coffee urn, a desk, and arts and crafts supplies for the HAYSVILLE Senior Center.

"The purpose of the PRIDE Committee is to aid other civic organizations in completing and obtaining funds for much-needed community projects.

"At present, the project being worked on is obtaining a permanent meeting place for senior citizens. The location under consideration is the present city building, which will be vacated in December of this year." [From Haysville Repoter]

BURLINGTON

In direct response to a PRIDE survey question, Burlington is getting a new women's clothing store.

Called Mode O' Day, the store is part of a larger Burbank, Calif., based company with over 700 stores across the nation. The outlet specializes in women's apparel, ranging from dresses, slacks and shirts to lingerie.

The store is the brainchild of Marjorie Borgen and Mary Norris. After response to the PRIDE survey made it evident that residents wanted a women's clothing store, Borgen and Norris decided they would open one.

They chose to be affiliated with the Mode O' Day Franchise.

The women have purchased the building, formerly occupied by Tom's Department Store. Their husbands, both Daniel employees, are remodeling the store, using plans supplied by the Mode O' Day firm in Burbank.

Those remodeling plans include all new carpeting; new dressing rooms; new paint, inside and out; and all new fixtures.

Both Borgen and Norris were involved with the PRIDE survey.

[From Daily Republican]
BETTER Communities Have 
(JOINT VISION POWER)

DEE MCKEE, Spearville, left front, adult representative for PRIDE Youth, and some of the 100 youth from 22 Kansas communities that attended the PRIDE Youth workshop and visited the Planetarium during State PRIDE Day.

Joyce Bleting, center front, of Spearville PRIDE Youth, was chairperson of State PRIDE Youth, and Patty Bernhardt, right front, Newton PRIDE Youth, was vice-chairperson.

The following are the results of evaluations of the youth sections by the teens.

- Forty-five said the event was helpful in terms of their becoming more involved in community involvement.
- Thirty-five plans to become involved in community betterment in their city or town this year.
- Ten would like an expert to come to their community to give information and assistance.

How do you plan to become involved next year? The youth replied: start a Youth Pride, Youth Center, improve recreational facilities, visit nursing homes, make a community survey, clean-up, clean streets, get people involved, and help shut-ins.

A bulletin of suggestions for youth programs will soon be available from the Department of Community Resource Development, Kansas State University.

In order to encourage youth to become active in the PRIDE Program, the State PRIDE Committee will provide PRIDE Youth cash awards in 1979. Where there has been significant youth achievements, three cash prizes will be given in each of the five PRIDE population categories. These cash awards will consist of: $50 - first place; $30 - second place; and $20 - third place.

It is the intent that youth determine, plan, carry out their own PRIDE projects of community improvement. The Youth PRIDE project must be documented in a separate section of the project book by the youth and labeled as "youth program". This documentation should be highlighted on the standardized forms provided by Kansas Department of Economic Development. It is essential that somewhere in this documentation, evidence be shown of how the youth efforts were encouraged and or coordinated by the adult PRIDE.

The youth programs will be judged by the regular PRIDE judges in conjunction with the annual PRIDE judging in September of each year.

Blue Ribbon 
Approvals

The State PRIDE Committee received twenty-nine applications for blue ribbons at their January meeting with the following approvals:

- COLUMBUS - Library
- DERBY - water
- Eureka - streets, highways, housing
- FLORENCE - Library
- GOESSL - education
- GRAINFIELD - beautification, education
- INDEPENDENCE - tourism
- JENNINGS - beautification, airport, highways, streets, police, waste, sewage, street lights, health
- McCracken - education
- ODGEN - education
- SUMMERFIELD - education

They did not approve applications for five towns in beautification, tourism, library, fire, planning, and recreation and parks.

Cities and towns may make application for evaluations anytime during the year. Forms are available through the County Extension offices or Kansas Department of Economic Development.

JAMESTOWN - Promotion of community and young families

In an effort to make new residents to Jamestown feel at home, each is now given a new PRIDE brochure describing Jamestown and its services, clubs, organizations, and businesses. In addition, since young families are one of Jamestown's "greatest resources," one young family is introduced to the community each week through the newspaper.

BIRD CITY - Library

Through the concerted efforts of over 100 local volunteers, the Bird City Library space has more than doubled. The ceiling was lowered, fluorescent lighting and central heating and air conditioning were installed, bathrooms were built, new carpet was laid, and everything was completely repainted and redecorated.

WAKEFIELD - PRIDE Breakfast

The monthly Saturday morning PRIDE Breakfast has proven to be Wakefield's most successful ways of keeping community goals and problems before the public. At any one of these breakfasts, there will be present - representatives of businesses, city councils, lodges, schools, 4-H clubs, churches, Jaycees, Lions Club, museum board, library board, and retirement center. During 1978, these breakfasts have had an average of 34 people in attendance.

ASHLAND - Golf Course

A new nine-hole grass greens golf course will soon be open in Ashland as a result of voluntary effort from a lot of hard-working people. Hundreds of people have been involved in this project, either through providing donations and pledges; or through the physical work, such as surveying and laying out the course, fencing, watering, shelter house construction, building, bridges, etc.

ODGEN - Community Center

After moving an army barracks from Ft. Riley to Odgen, citizens of Odgen went to work to restore the facility to what will soon become one of the best community buildings in the State of Kansas. Volunteers laid the foundation, replaced all the windows and doors, and installed the utilities. Several money-raising activities netted over $4,000 for this project.

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More Kansas PRIDE Day 1978

Awards, Recognition, and Workshops
PRIDE Youth Awards

With new and stronger emphasis placed upon youth involvement in the PRIDE Program, six cities were recognized for their outstanding youth programs at State PRIDE Day.

The communities were: Jennings, Newton, Spearville, Sabetha, Oberlin, and McPherson.

PRIDE Outreach Awards

Four communities received special 1978 "Community Development PRIDE Awards," at the Awards Banquet. The four communities rendered outstanding services to other Kansas cities in recruiting them into and assisting them with their PRIDE Programs.

These communities were: Courtyard, Westmoreland, Canton and McPherson.

PRIDE Energy Awards

Five cities were recognized for their outstanding efforts to encourage voluntary accomplishments which promote energy savings within their community at State PRIDE Day. Merit Awards went to four communities that made notable contributions to energy conservation. An Excellence Award was awarded to the fifth community as a result of its extraordinary distinguished contribution.

The communities were: Merit - Cunninghamfield; Canton, Horton, and Pittsburg; Award of Excellence - McPherson.

Wakefield - "Another PRIDE Project" Sign

As a part of their PRIDE awareness program in Wakefield, three signs have been constructed proclaiming "Another PRIDE Project." These signs are then placed at the appropriate PRIDE project locations emphasizing that PRIDE is very much alive in Wakefield.

St. Francis - Sawmill Park Restoration

For the second consecutive year, St. Francis will receive this Judges' Award for the community's tremendous efforts in the continued restoration of Sawmill Park. Some of the accomplishments this year included: tree planting, new sidewalks; new sprinkler system; and the restoration of the fountain.

Lindsborg - Downtown Tree Planting

More than 200 of Lindsborg's citizens donated their labor and saved the city $10,000 when they went to work to prune up their downtown area. After several months of planning, this tree beautification project became a reality in Lindsborg. Teams of volunteers saved out chunks of sidewalks, node beds, and planted 59 trees in a four-block downtown area.

Oberlin - Newcomers Club

Newcomers to Oberlin now receive a royal welcome since the establishment of the Newcomers Club. Planned activities offering social events and making friends are an important part of this club. Ninety-eight percent of Oberlin merchants are actively participating in this program through providing special offers and discounts.

Baxter Springs - Youth Job Service Program

To aid youth in the community to find employment, Baxter Springs PRIDE furnished an office during the summer for the Opportunity Service. Young people wanting jobs, both temporary or longer-lasting, signed up and received jobs through this service.

Fort Scott - First Time Drug Offenders Program

The reduction in the use of undesirable drugs took a significant step this year in Fort Scott. Through a lot of hard work by several dedicated people, a program was established for first-time juvenile drug and alcohol offenders. The juvenile is given the choice of probation or participating in the new program, which consists of five family counseling sessions and four education sessions.

McPherson - Kater Conservation Program

A savings in water of 1,400,000 gallons per day was achieved in McPherson through a concentrated water conservation program this past year. The task force, which led this major promotional campaign, included PRIDE representatives, city council, board of public utilities, chamber of commerce, plumbing contractors, county extension office, and Kansas water resources board.

Newton - Medical Information Project Card

This innovative project has already been successful in treating several individuals with health problems. The "Family Emergency Medical Program" consists of filling out a medical information card and placing it in a convenient location in the refrigerator. In case of an emergency, the ambulance department can walk into the home and go to the refrigerator to get all the needed information to treat any member of the family.

Beloit - First Un-Incorporated Community in the PRIDE Program

Beloit, the "Liveliest Town in Kansas - Hours: 1-4," has the distinction of being the first un-incorporated community in the PRIDE Program. Their major projects this year included: conducting a community attitude survey, community-wide clean-up and beautification; constructing street signs; and making and displaying an area-wide bulletin board.

Local Pride Activities

Pittsburg

The construction of a multi-purpose convention center was overwhelmingly endorsed by the Pittsburg PRIDE Committee. It would be financed through an urban development grant plus an additional $2 million in private investment.