THE State PRIDE Committee selected Salina as the place for 1980 PRIDE Day. It will be held Saturday, November 8. At the meeting in December, it was a consensus that there should be more of a financial reserve for the State PRIDE Committee in 1980. A desire was expressed for Facemakers I and II signs.

It was voted to adopt "PRIDE: A Decade of Progress" as the 1980 PRIDE theme. It was suggested by Pat Jacobs,衫林, Kansas, the first Facemaker II, was invited to have a representative on the State PRIDE Committee.

Commissions were appointed by the chairman to develop a PRIDE audio visual slide presentation - Lue, Ahlstrom, chairman; policy development - D. Clark, chairman; a committee to develop a plan for soliciting and attracting PRIDE financial sponsors - Harold Book, chairman.

Ervin Wood was issued an invitation to serve on the State PRIDE committee because of his distinguished service in the PRIDE program. Blue ribbon categories were approved for Arkansas City, Bute Oak, Columbus, Grinnell, Newton, Haverhill, Marion, Maryville, Minnola, Natoma, Newton, Oakley, Rocksburg, Smolih, and Syracuse.

The next State PRIDE meeting will be held January 30 at Salina.

FLOYD KENNEDY, Junction City PRIDE chairperson, was awarded PRIDE blue ribbons in education and utilities by President Donna Acker, Kansas State University, at the Governor's award banquet.

President Donna Acker, Kansas State University, presented 29 ribbons to 22 communities at the awards banquet.

In making the awards, President Acker said, "The blue ribbon phase of PRIDE is a very significant part of the PRIDE program. It reinforces, and in turn is reinforced by the cash awards approach."

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In the current year, the youth will make a survey of needs and desires of young people. Projects now being considered include: shoveling snow for shut-ins, more park improvement, trash removal, youth center and aluminum recycling. It is anticipated that 120 young people will take part in PRIDE youth projects this year.

Doc Miller, youth PRIDE sponsor, said, "When the kids make up their minds to accomplish something, it will be done. Because of their activity, they feel more like a part of the community. The 18 who attended the tours and youth workshop at PRIDE Day at Wichita had a tremendous time. They were bubbling over when they came back."

The Baxter Springs PRIDE youth committee will consist of two representatives from each of seven civic classes in the school. Officers will be elected from members of this committee.

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**PRIDE CALENDAR**

**FALL OR WINTER**

1. Elect officers and make entry by February 15.
2. Conduct a county survey every two or three years.
3. Establish PRIDE projects.
4. Ask organizations to take projects.
5. Set up PRIDE project task forces.
6. Hold public meetings to get citizens support for projects.
7. Make application for blue ribbons (can be made anytime during year).

September 1 - Submit project record book.
September - Cash award judges visit communities.
November 8 - Kansas PRIDE Day at Salina.

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**NOTICE**

Neyling, third from right, chairperson of Kansas PRIDE youth, was another for youth presentations during PRIDE workshop at PRIDE Day. On the demonstration panel were, left to right, Thelma Garden, Baxter Springs PRIDE youth; Sue McCune, PRIDE youth sponsor from Spearville; Steve Higginbotham, El Dorado; Tony Stahl, associate Kansas 4-H leader; Joyce Metzler, Burlington PRIDE; and Rusty Redding, Sussex PRIDE youth.

Sixty-five youth toured the plants at and Topeka East Shopping Center, attended the afternoon workshop and participated in the question and answer period with Kansas Governor Paul Ferguson.

Eighteen PRIDE youth attended from Fort Scott, Kansas.

Fifteen communities were awarded cash prizes for PRIDE youth accomplishments this year in five population categories. First place received $50, second place $30, and third place $20.

**PRIDE Entry**

Deadline - February 15

All communities interested in participating in the 1980 cash awards program this year must send an entry to KEDS, 530 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas by February 15.

The state PRIDE committee increased the number of potential cash awards from 25 to 50 this year in five population categories. They will be given only if a community merits a prize. First place was reduced from $700 to $500.

First place - $500
Second place - $400
Third place - $300
Fourth place - $200
Fifth place - $100
Five additional awards of $25 each
Lewis New Chairman

Charles Lewis, Topeka, was elected 1979-1980 chairman of the State PRIDE Committee. He has been serving as treasurer.

Check represents the United Telephone Company of Kansas, a PRIDE financial sponsor, on the State Committee. He is director of his company’s governmental relations departmen, vice chairman of the public affairs committee of Kansas Association of Commerce and Industry, and a member of Shawnee Heights Optimist Club. One of his interesting experiences was serving as telephone coordinator with Disney World during its development in Florida in 1965.

Harold Sheehan, director of youth and public affairs for Kansas Electric Cooperative, was elected treasurer of the State PRIDE Committee.

Donna Fink, who represents Kansas Board of Business and Professional Women's clubs, served out one and one-half terms as chairman of the State PRIDE Committee. During her tenure, PRIDE enrollment increased from 87 to 102 communities; the record book was simplified; communities were added to the State Committee after a State PRIDE Day sub-committee advisory committee was appointed; youth PRIDE was initiated; several new financial sponsors were obtained; and participation at workshops and Table Topica increased from 310 in 1977 to 700 in 1979; PRIDE spot announcements were aired to 30 Kansas radio stations; new PRIDE packets of materials were prepared and distributed; many more communities became involved in the blue ribbon program; and 11 towns became PRIDE communities.

Harley Wallis, second from left, Burr Oak PRIDE chairman, receives a completion plaque from Jim DeCourtoy, Jr., secretary, Kansas Department of Economic Development, at State PRIDE Day. Left to right are: Ralph Bixler, Chilton-74 Extension Specialist; Shelly Harrig; Opal Winder, Burr Oak PRIDE; DeCourtoy; and Willy Wood, Jewell County Extension Agent. Burr Oak reported on two projects this year. They included: city beautification, renovation of scout building, senior citizen housing, city park improvement, swimming pool, heritage day, and renovation of city building.

Arkansas City

Attains Pacemaker

ARKANSAS CITY is the 15th City to evaluate themselves in 22 areas and be approved for PRIDE Pacemaker status. Governor John Carlin will present a plaque to a community in Arkansas City March 4th. Representatives of PRIDE Chambers of Commerce, City Governments, Extension, and Mayors and others from the state, are invited to make reservations to attend.

For reservations, call 316/661-0230 at Arkansas City.

Community participation in blue ribbon participation increased greatly this year. In the last 12 months, 48 communities submitted 389 applications for evaluation and recognition.
500 Attend PRIDE Banquet Continued

"I would like to thank the many people that have participated in the PRIDE program. It doesn't just happen, it takes leadership. I would certainly want to add my additional comments about the fine work that Cheryl Fink has done as chairperson of the State PRIDE Committee. Chuck, you have your cut out for you to lead in the future. Also, all the rest of you community leaders, with your volunteer efforts have had your work cut out for you, working with the Extension Service and Government Agencies to make PRIDE the success it is.

Although you have very real problems in the communities, I am optimistic that somehow we can put it all together to solve or at least make progress. We live in rough times, but being optimistic is very important. You have always looked at the bright side or you wouldn't be here tonight. One of the reasons I am optimistic is the great people we have in Kansas. Our greatest resource is our people, and if we can work together, put the best interests of our communities and states in front of us, I have every confidence we can look forward to even better communities in greater Kansas."

Other cash winners were:

Population under 350
Alida
Blevins
Summerville
Morrison

Population 351-775
Westmoreland
Griswold
Jamestown
Marshall
Bird City

Population 776-2000
Ashland
Wakefield
Canton
Weston
Conway Springs

Population 2001-5000
Harrison
Sublette
Seneca
Oberlin
Mountville

Population over 5000
McPherson
Arkansas City
Port Scott
Baxter Springs

ALISON DUNN, Recuton County Extension Agent, was awarded a PRIDE completion plaque for a Recuton County community by Jim McConkey, Secretary, Kansas Department of Economic Development. There are three PRIDE communities in the county and Oberlin and Oberlin won cash awards this year.

This year Recuton reported on 23 projects, Oberlin ten, and Jennings nine. Oberlin and Jennings are participating in the blue ribbon program and Oberlin is now starting on November 18.

BUDDY HARRELL, Ashland chairperson, received first place award from Governor John Carlin in the 776-2000 population category at Wichita. The Ashland PRIDE committee reported on 24 projects last year that included: new swimming pool, fairgrounds improvements, more trees downtown, youth recreation center, yard of the week, improving city park, new golf course, senior citizens center, fall trail ride, and face lifting of commercial buildings.

BUY BLUE RIBBONS

The large PRIDE blue ribbons that were exhibited at the PRIDE Day banquet are available at $9.00 each, from Kansas Department of Economic Development. They are 18 x 2½ feet in size.