Simpson - (Community Library) In an effort to have a community library, Simpson PRIDE established a library outlet within their community building. This facility provides them with excellent local library services and insures their participation in the central Kansas library system which provides many and varied regional library services.

Roxbury - (Cemetery Repairs and Cleanup) Through the concerted effort of several organizations in Roxbury, the Valley View and Eureka Cemeteries are now community show places. Over 300 volunteer hours were donated in repairing headstones and in general cleanup.

Ford - (Community Center) Following the closing of the Ford Grade School, the people of Ford rallied together to clean-out, clean-out and organize a functional community center. Several hundred volunteer hours were spent in fund raising, cleaning, and changing this facility into a variable multi-purpose community center.

Minneola - (Minneola Brochure) "Welcome to Minneola - Gateway to Clark County State Lake, Big Basin and St. Jacob's Well." Thus reads the title of Minneola's new brochure representing two years of planning and money making projects to promote the community as a positive and progressive city. More than 300 hours were contributed to this project.

Natoma - (Razing of Dangerous Buildings) In a major effort to beautify downtown Natoma, several old, dangerous buildings were razed. The removal of these buildings was a tremendous improvement to Natoma.

Cherryvale - (Fund Raising - Emergency Equipment) Approximately 2,000 hours were contributed by young and old alike in Cherryvale's major effort to raise funds. Hill City - (Park Project) "Frolic in the Park," was the title given to Hill City's major park clean-up and spruce-up project. Described as PRIDE's most successful project since PRIDE was first initiated in Hill City, the people of this community have a right to be proud of this undertaking. Over 160 men, women and children worked on this project; contributing more than 600 hours.

Garnett - (Economic Education Program) With the dual purpose of presenting an exciting program to Garnett's High School students and in teaching the students about economics, the Garnett PRIDE Committee sponsored Milton Friedman's Economic Series "Free to Choose." This video tape series, on the basics of a free enterprise and on our economic system, proved to be an excellent teaching and learning experience.

Haysville - (City wide Garage Sale) Designed to bring people into the Haysville area and to get Haysville citizens involved, the PRIDE Committee sponsored the first annual city wide garage sale. The endeavor was a huge success with over 60 different garage sales occurring during the day.

Junction City - (Neighborhood meetings) To poll the Junction City citizen's views of the community's strengths and weaknesses, seven PRIDE neighborhood meetings were held in Junction City. As a result of these meetings, many excellent project ideas were determined and several work committees were formed.

PRIDE Adds Energy Category

Energy management and conservation was added to the Kansas PRIDE Blue RIBBON Program by the Kansas PRIDE Committee. It will be a requirement for Pacomator after July 1, 1981. However, communities may start using it anytime. Forms have been sent to PRIDE Chairpersons.

Ly. Goltz, Kansas Energy Office, said, "PRIDE is a self-help, citizen involvement program. These characteristics are important to successful energy conservation efforts.

Six communities were recognized for energy accomplishments in the PRIDE cash awards program last year. They were: Haddam, Jennings, Roxbury, Oberlin, McPherson, and Hillsboro.
Ogden, Jennings, Grinnell, Marysville, Fort Scott - 1st Place Winners

The following comments about Youth PRIDE were made by the presenter at Kansas PRIDE Day:

Ogden - (1st place) The PRIDE judges said of the Ogden Youth Program, "Without any doubt, the Ogden Youth Program surpasses any we have seen. We realize that one of a community's greatest resources is its youth and this fact is certainly recognized by Ogden's PRIDE Committee."

Jennings - (1st place) Jennings's young people are very much a part of the community's PRIDE Program. They were active in such activities as taking the PRIDE project book pictures, working at the Flea Market and Christmas Gallery, and competing in an essay contest entitled "My Community -- If It Is To Be, It Is Up To Me."

Grinnell - (1st place) Sparked by their PRIDE cash award in 1979, the youth people of Grinnell formally organized in 1980 and enthusiastically accomplished many worthwhile projects. A few of these included: sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt; making posters for the Harvest Festival; and painting city crosswalks.

Marysville - (1st place) The PRIDE judges said of Marysville, "Your Youth center effort was an outstanding project and your youth should be commended for their efforts." The young people of Marysville are active in all aspects of the PRIDE Program from the actual decision making process right down through implementation.

Fort Scott - (1st place) Fort Scott has now won first place in the youth PRIDE awards for spring clean-up, cards to the hostages; activities involved with the vandalism/work release program; aluminum recycling and numerous fund raising events.

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President Wayne Acker, Kansas State University, presents Marysville PRIDE Chairperson, Charlotte Pazo, blue ribbons in Transportation and Planning at PRIDE Day Luncheon.

Approves Blue Ribbons

Twenty blue ribbon areas were approved by the State PRIDE Committee at their January meeting.

Burton - Appliance, Agriculture, Andrew - Ambulance, Beautification.
Dodge City - Health.
Fort Scott - Airport, Streets & Highways.
Garnett - Library, Culture and Arts.
Morrisonville - Library.
Moundridge - Beautification, Health.
Osawatomie - Appliance, Agriculture, Health, Spraying & Solid Waste.

Applications were not approved in the areas of housing, street lighting, and industrial development.

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Ten other PRIDE youth cash awards were made:

801 to 2,000 Population Category:

Moundridge - (3rd place) Moundridge's youth were active in many of Moundridge's PRIDE projects. A few of the projects that the youths had major responsibilities included: A bicycle safety campaign; community clean-up; and assisting with the "Market on the Meadow," celebration.

Sharon Springs - (2nd place) Sharon Springs' youth people were busy this past year in such activities as: encouraging people to take field trips to historical sites in Wallace County; participating in "Earth Clean-Up Day"; and activities to make Halloween a more constructive time.

0 to 300 Population Category:

Ford - (3rd place) Ford was very active in the PRIDE Program. A few of their 1980 accomplishments included: assisting with a community auction helping stranded motorists; providing entertainment at community functions; delivering of PRIDE newsletters; and the painting of city trash barrels.

Walton - (2nd place) Youth clubs and organizations worked on several of Walton's projects this past year. Two of the projects included running the concession stand during the Walton Alumni Day and helping construct and dedicate the Law Memorial Picnic shelter.

300 to 800 Population Category:

Gravettel - (3rd place) in an effort to determine youth needs and wants, the young people of Gravettel conducted their own attitude survey. From this survey came many good ideas for potential projects. Other youth activities included: A "Get Out and Vote Campaign"; the distribution of newsletters; and special youth fund raising events.

Speerville - (2nd place) Spearville's young people have now won a youth cash award for the second consecutive year. Some of their 1980 noteworthy projects included: improvements to the park equipment; assistance with the fourth of July celebration; and helping with summer reading and recreation programs. In addition, Carolyn Preiss, formerly of Spearville and now residing in Dodge City, was the 1980 State PRIDE Youth Chairperson.
2,001 to 6,000 Population Category:
Oberlin - (3rd place) A teen-center headed the list of needed projects as revealed by a youth survey in Oberlin. With this information, the youth found a location in one of the downtown stores and in the process of establishing a teen-center.

Baxter Springs - (2nd place) The major youth activity in Baxter Springs in 1980 was the establishment of a youth activities center. Other 1980 projects directly or indirectly involving young people were the summer youth fishing tournament; the pre-schoolers play group; the rotating art display and the watering of the memorial dogwood grove.

6,001 and Up Population Category:
Pittsburg - (3rd place) The Pittsburg PRIDE Program included the youth PRIDE Committee in most all of their PRIDE projects. Youth awareness and involvement were very heavily stressed. Extensive time and effort of the youth were put into such projects: City clean-up, fund raising activities, and city recreation improvements.

McPherson - (2nd place) A youth PRIDE Club was organized in McPherson in March 1980 with thirty-five junior and senior high school students involved. These young people developed and distributed 1,200 surveys and received back 860 completed surveys. In addition to this project, they were extensively involved with the "Keep McPherson Beautiful" project.

Area Holds PRIDE Workshop

Twenty-two people attended an area PRIDE workshop in Welton in January. Ken Albright, Area Community Resource Development Specialist, gave pointers for officers to be successful; Steve Lindsey, Area Extension Forester, made suggestions for beautifying communities; and Les Frazier, Community Resource Development Specialist, talked on cash and credit for projects: PRIDE for children.

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JUDGES COMMENT

PRIDE Communities

The PRIDE Judges visited 60 communities last September to select those making the best efforts in selecting PRIDE projects involving people in PRIDE, awareness of PRIDE and PRIDE accomplishments.

801 to 2,000 Population Category

Ashland - (1st place) According to the judges, Ashland is an excellent example of a successful, on-going PRIDE Program. This community's enthusiastic PRIDE Committee is not only effective and efficient but also skilled at involving all facets of their community. Ashland's progress in economic development, beautification, and programs for the youth and elderly are readily apparent. Ashland is particularly adept at using all available resources.

Moundridge - (2nd place) Moundridge, a first-time PRIDE community, exemplifies the true PRIDE philosophy of local citizens working together to make their community a better place in which to live. The Judges found it most exhilarating that a beginning PRIDE community can be so organized, efficient, and effective. The Judges indicated that they felt there is a tremendous potential for continued positive development and cooperation in Moundridge.

Canton - (3rd place) Canton, the "Buffalo Capital of the World," excelled this past year in obtaining a tremendous amount of community involvement and support. They have made effective and efficient use of needs assessment surveys which will enable them to draw from a great number of potential projects. Successful projects in health, recreation, beautification and safety all have contributed to a better quality of life in Canton.

Johnson City - (4th place) The PRIDE judges were very impressed with the enthusiasm of the Johnson City PRIDE Committee. The Judges state that the community's concern for positive communication and PRIDE awareness is one of Johnson City's greatest assets. They went on to say that Johnson City has a well-rounded program and one that will continue in years to come.

Florence - (5th place) As the rocks are positioned on the hill just east of Florence, the Judges indicated, "Florence is a City of PRIDE". The Judges stated, "We feel that the broad, diverse base of leadership in Florence is what has enabled them to have a most successful year". The Judges go on to say that the selection of their 1980 projects were representative of the needs of all segments of the community and that the number of hours volunteered indicates a high degree of community involvement.

2,001 to 6,000 Population Category

Marion - (1st place) Marion, A Kansas PRIDE Pacesetter community received 100 out of a possible 100 points from the PRIDE Judges. The Judges had nothing but compliments for the Marion program and the seventy-two organizations that are a part of this program. The Judges commented that "All areas of their program stand out as exceptional..." The people of Marion, once again, are well justified in proclaiming their slogan, "Marion, Kansas - Best Place I've Seen."

Marysville - (2nd place) The Marysville PRIDE Program accomplished many exciting projects in 1980. Tremendous achievements were made in the area of youth involvement and youth projects. The new Marysville youth center should be utilized as a model project for other communities. The Judges were very impressed with the good support given by the media in Marysville. Congratulations Marysville on an exceptional year.

Baxter Springs - (3rd place) Baxter Springs, the first cow town in Kansas, and winner of a PRIDE cash award in 1979, in each of the six years it has participated, continued to make tremendous strides during 1980. The Judges praised their efforts to promote tourism. Other noteworthy projects included: an excellent youth program; a retail workshop; and a legislative forum.

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County Meeting Held

Representatives from Dodge City, Ford and Butler met in Dodge City with County Extension Agent, Nancy Jo Kent, to study PRIDE Blue Ribbon procedures in the PRIDE Program. Bucklin has received approval in 14 of 22 areas; Ford eight, and Dodge City has received 19.

Sabetha - (4th place) Sabetha has now placed in PRIDE cash awards for each of its five years in the program. The judges were especially impressed with how well their program is organized. The judges listed meals-on-wheels, culture arts, housing, and senior citizen programs as some of their outstanding accomplishments.

Oberlin - (5th place) Oberlin, one of only two Kansas PRIDE Pacemaker II communities, has a very solid PRIDE Program according to the judges. Being a PRIDE cash award winner for eight out of the past ten years says a lot for this outstanding northwestern Kansas community. A few of Oberlin's major accomplishments included: youth survey and teen center project, energy conservation measures, and work toward becoming Pacemaker II.

Haddam - (4th place) The PRIDE Judges stated of the Haddam PRIDE Program "Strong leadership and implementation is evidenced throughout their program." They went on to say, "The effective use of outside resources complemented their local efforts." A few of Haddam's most notable projects included park improvements, adult education activities, and downtown beautification.

Denison - (5th place) Denison had a record setting 120 projects undertaken during the 1989 PRIDE year. The PRIDE Judges commented that Denison had a "well-rounded program of activities with projects diverse enough to serve the entire community. A few of their major projects included: Upgrading of fire protection; Library improvements; and fund raising events.

Jennings - (2nd place) Completing fifteen of sixteen projects, Jennings had a very successful PRIDE year. The judges indicated that the projects that Jennings completed had noteworthy diversity serving many interests in the community. A few of their projects included: training for the volunteer fire department; new low rent housing units; and community development fund raising events.

Walten - (3rd place) Walton, A Kansas PRIDE Pacemaker community and the T-shirt Capitol of Kansas, had an exciting PRIDE year. The judges comments were all very favorable concerning the projects that Walton undertook in 1980, their PRIDE record book, and their presentation to the Judges. Major accomplishments included: the completion of the "Old Post Office Museum"; construction of a new fire house; and a unique senior citizen Thanksgiving Dinner.

Arkansas City - (1st place) Arkansas City, a Kansas PRIDE Pacemaker City, and winner of its goals for eight out of the past nine years, had an extraordinary program in 1980. The PRIDE Judges said of Arkansas City, "The PRIDE has been able to integrate community concern, become a focus for the development of programs and has involved many people. The quality of involvement is excellent and the program accomplishments of the highest merit." The Judges recommended that a case study be conducted on the Arkansas City experience since it has all the elements of a good community development program.

McPherson - (2nd place) McPherson, a Kansas PRIDE Pacemaker community, and recipient of every high award that the PRIDE Program has to offer, once again, had an outstanding year. McPherson exemplifies the tremendous accomplishments that can become a reality when everyone is working together and is motivated to achieve a higher quality of life. A few of McPherson's major accomplishments included: development of Wall Bicentennial Park; an extensive tree program; and water- energy conservation efforts.

Fort Scott - (3rd place) Fort Scott has a strong PRIDE organization with a clear understanding of its goals. The judges were impressed by the way the organization acts as a clearinghouse for recommended projects and at the same time initiates other projects. The judges stated that, "The Fort Scott organization is a focusing agent for community involvement and many fire projects." The youth program in Fort Scott was very highly praised by the judges.

Newton - (4th place) Newton, one of only two Kansas PRIDE Pacemaker II communities, and the recipient of PRIDE cash awards for five out of the last ten years, once again had an exceptional year. The judges gave very high marks to the quality of Newton's projects and the leadership responsible for Newton's program. Newton was also highly regarded in its efforts in assisting surrounding communities with their community development projects.

Dodge City - (5th place) Dodge City, a first year PRIDE community, had an outstanding first-year PRIDE Program. The Judges were most impressed by the extensive first year PRIDE awareness and involvement that Dodge City won't notice. A few of Dodge City's major accomplishments included: a community attitude survey; fund raising events; and general PRIDE awareness.

Grinnell - (1st place) In the words of the PRIDE Judges, "Grinnell has really got it all together." They go on to say that there is a "definite feeling of PRIDE in the entire community which is evident in the overall appearance of the town and nearly every house and yard." The judges point out youth involvement, the PRIDE newsletter and downtown improvements as being very strong projects.

Spearville - (3rd place) Spearville has total community involvement and excellent leadership according to the PRIDE Judges. In addition, Spearville has an excellent youth program. Major undertakings in 1980 in Spearville included: a winterization program, summer recreation, and a self-care nursing center.

Westmoreland - (4th place) "In Westmoreland PRIDE is people." This is evident by what the judges observed. "A very impressive show of community involvement and excellent community awareness." Westmoreland completed 33 of its 36 established projects. A few of Westmoreland's major accomplishments included: beautification, a community education program, and the construction of a new city fire truck.

Courtland - (5th place) Courtland, a cash award winning community for six out of the past eight years had an excellent PRIDE year. The judges were especially impressed with the extent of the community involvement from both city and rural residents. Courtland worked hard this year on such major projects as: community education, industrial development, and new library programs.

Judges Selected Projects

At the PRIDE Judges' discretion, the following communities received the Judges' award for outstanding projects at Kansas PRIDE Day.