Board Approves Blue Ribbon Certificates

The following communities were evaluated and approved as meeting the requirements for Blue Ribbon recognition at the October 18, 1991, State PRIDE Board Meeting:

- Argonia: Police Protection and Tourism
- Atwood: Airport and Beautification
- Colby: Library
- Columbus: Emergency Medical Services, Fire Protection, and Streets
- Ellsworth: Education and Sewage Disposal
- Greensburg: Sewage Disposal and Streets
- Hoisington: Tourism
- Lincoln: Airport, Beautification, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Protection, Sewage Disposal, and Tourism
- Minneapolis: Tourism and Education
- Stafford: Beautification
- Valley Falls: Streets and Tourism

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Important PRIDE Dates

October - December, 1991
Return of PRIDE Judging Critiques

December 19, 1991
State PRIDE Board of Directors Meeting

February - April, 1992
PRIDE Area-wide Workshops

April 15, 1992
Completed PRIDE Entry Form is Due

April 26 - May 2, 1992
National Volunteer Week

September 1, 1992
Completed PRIDE Project Book is Due

September 21 - 25, 1992
PRIDE Judging Week

October 24, 1992
State PRIDE Recognition Day in Great Bend

Rod Williams Receives PRIDE Partner Award

The 1991 PRIDE Partner Award was presented to Morton County Extension Agent Rod Williams for his efforts, cooperation and leadership in assisting the Elkhart PRIDE committee. As a charter member of the PRIDE committee, Rod has chaired numerous sub-committees and is presently serving as secretary to the PRIDE organization. Two major community development PRIDE projects in which Rod has taken a leadership role in are “Trees For Kansas,” and “Water Conservation.” Bill Hipkin, Elkhart PRIDE President, stated, “Rod is a leader and organizer. He is a man of action and does not direct from behind a desk. It is not possible to over-emphasize his value as a PRIDE member and his dedication to the promotion of PRIDE goals.”

Paul Hartman, Southwest Area Extension Director, presented the citation to Rod at a recent area extension meeting in Garden City. The Extension PRIDE Partner Award is Ken Albright Retires

Ken Albright, South Central Area Extension Community Development Specialist and long time supporter and advocate of the Kansas PRIDE Program, has retired. Ken provided assistance to his PRIDE communities in South Central Kansas for over eighteen years. In addition, Ken has been instrumental in making the Statewide PRIDE Program the success it is today. His last official day on the job, was PRIDE Day - 1991 in Manhattan. Ken was an outstanding representative of the PRIDE Program and we all wish him the best in his retirement.

1992 Special Emphasis Awards

Water Conservation and Waste Reduction/Recycling have been approved by the Kansas PRIDE Board of Directors as the 1992 cash special emphasis awards. Because of their importance to the quality of life in Kansas communities, the Board carried over both special emphasis funds from the 1991 PRIDE year. Assistance is available from PRIDE staff on alternative ways communities might focus in on these two development areas. In addition, merit and excellence award certificates will be presented to communities which excel in the two areas of community outreach and media communication.

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