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What are visitors saying about your community?

Have you ever wondered how people feel about your town after they see it for the first time? Now you can find out through a program known as *First Impressions*. The way the program works is that teams of people arrive unannounced in your community and, after viewing the town from a car window and visiting with business owners and people on the street, an impression is made. These impressions are combined and written up into a report and presented back to the community at a town meeting. Thus far, 40 communities have participated in this program and the follow-up activities have been exciting. For further information, contact Sonny Sisk, K-State Research and Extension, (913) 532-5840.

PRIDE special emphasis continue

Rural health, tourism, and community outreach will be the PRIDE Program's special emphasis for the 1997 PRIDE year. All three have been carried over from the previous year. In addition, the print and electronic *Communications* recognition will also be continued.



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This newsletter is published to provide communication among communities participating in the Kansas PRIDE Community Improvement Program. Your input is welcome.

PRIDE is jointly administered by K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing.

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Kansans Building Better Communities

PRIDE Program completes successful year

Eighty-eight communities enrolled in the PRIDE Program in 1996. Of the 88, a total of 50 communities completed all documentation for achievement awards judging and 49 communities received judging visits. Sixty-seven community achievement awards were presented at PRIDE Day in Great Bend.

Although it is difficult to allocate a monetary value to PRIDE's 1996 endeavors, they are conservatively valued at 1.3 million dollars. This represents the time expended by 39,000 volunteers contributing approximately 261,000 hours to achieve 1,180 projects.

Private sponsoring companies contributed approximately \$19,000 to support the judging and recognition awards. In addition, five

communities were approved in 15 PRIDE Blue Ribbon recognition community development program categories.

The culmination of the year was PRIDE Day, held November 9, in Great Bend where 245 people celebrated their year's successes and were recognized for their efforts. Of the 105 PRIDE Day evaluations that were completed and returned, the three best features of the day's activities were, (1) Youth "ABLE" program at Camp Aldrich, (2) Bob Manley's keynote address, and (3) Brush-up Your PRIDE Presentation Skills presented by the Basehor and Lenora PRIDE committees. The overall ranking of the day's activities was excellent (62%), good (36%), and fair (2%).

Discussions address improvements to program

The Kansas PRIDE Program has just completed its 26th year. The co-administrators of the program, K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing, feel it is time to look at the program and try to improve upon it. As a result, a series of community discussion groups were held in November 1996 to try to gain new insights into changes needed to make the program better.

Susan Dibben, Quality Consultant with Sprint, Junction City, a long time sponsor of the PRIDE Program, volunteered her time and

talents to moderate three discussion groups made up of current and former PRIDE communities. Presently, the information gathered is being processed and analyzed. It is anticipated that a series of recommendations for improving the PRIDE Program will be forth coming. All those involved in this evaluation process wish to thank the following communities for sharing their ideas and experiences: Coffeyville, Gaylord, White-water, Highland, Alden, Courtland, Ottawa, Russell, Wakefield, Lindsborg, Newton, Hesston, and Hillsboro.

Information Hot Lines

For community and economic development technical assistance, resource information, and referrals, help is available by calling either the K-State Research and Extension DIRECT Line at (913) 532-7987 or the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing's FIRST STOP CLEARINGHOUSE at (913) 296-5298.

1995-1996 PRIDE sponsored projects

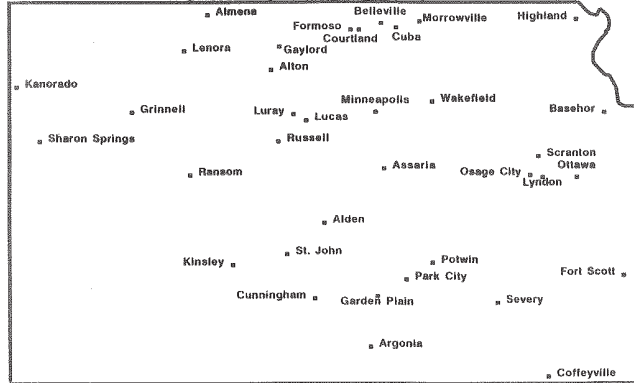
The insert in this newsletter is a compilation of all the PRIDE sponsored projects that were submitted by the 50 communities completing the 1995-1996 PRIDE year.

If you see any particular project(s) your committee might wish to receive additional information about, contact either Stan McAdoo at (913) 532-5840 or Bev Wilhelm at (913) 296-3485. Based upon your request, either a copy of the PRIDE project description sheet or the name, address and telephone number of the local PRIDE chairperson will be made available to you.

Important PRIDE Dates

February 4 ... State PRIDE Board of Directors Meeting, Salina
April 13-19 ... National Volunteer Week
April 15 ... PRIDE entry form is due
September 1 ... PRIDE project book is due
September 22-26 ... PRIDE judging week
October 25 ... State PRIDE Recognition Day, Salina

1996 PRIDE Community Achievement and Special Emphasis Award Recipients



Blue Ribbon applications approved

The following communities were evaluated and approved as meeting the required standards for PRIDE Blue Ribbon recognition at the November 8, 1996 State PRIDE Board meeting: Belleville - Culture & Arts and Health; Meriden - Emergency Medical Services; and WaKeeney - Police Protection.

Communities receive recognition awards during PRIDE Day

At the PRIDE Day activities in Great Bend on November 9, 1996, awards were presented to the following outstanding Kansas PRIDE communities:*

Population 1-230

- 1st Gaylord
- 2nd Alden
- 3rd Cuba
- HM Alton
- HM Morrowville

Population 231-390

- 1st Grinnell
- 2nd Courtland
- 3rd Lenora
- HM Luray
- HM Severy

Population 391-600

- 1st Argonia
- 2nd Lucas
- 3rd Assaria
- HM Potwin
- HM Cunningham

Population 601-1,000

- 1st Sharon Springs
- 2nd Highland
- 3rd Garden Plain
- HM Wakefield
- HM Scranton

Population 1,001-4,000

- 1st Basehor
- 2nd Lyndon
- 3rd Minneapolis
- HM Osage City
- HM St. John

Population 4,001-250

- 1st Park City
- 2nd Fort Scott
- 3rd Coffeyville
- HM Russell
- HM Ottawa

Rural Health

- Excellence** — Kanorado and Highland
- Merit** — Alton, Lenora and Sharon Springs

Tourism

- Excellence** — Lucas, Highland, Kinsley and Fort Scott
- Merit** — Sharon Springs, Minneapolis and Ottawa

Community Outreach

- Excellence** — Formoso, Argonia, Highland, Lyndon and Park City

Communications (Electronic)

- Excellence** — Courtland Community Cable TV (Courtland), Argonia Internet (Argonia), Sharon

Springs Internet (Sharon Springs), Cable Channel 9 TV (St. John) and Fort Scott Broadcasting (Fort Scott)

Merit

Ransom Cable TV (Ransom), KQTV St. Joseph (Highland), KREP FM 92 (Belleville) and KOFO Radio (Ottawa)

Communications (Print)

Excellence — Prairie Dog Press (Almena), Lindsborg News Record (Assaria), The Highland Vidette (Highland), Minneapolis Messenger (Minneapolis) and Russell Daily News (Russell)

Merit

The Washington County News (Morrowville), Severy Speak (Severy), Conway Springs/Argonia Argosy (Argonia), The Western Times (Sharon Springs), St. John News (St. John) and Ottawa Herald (Ottawa)

*Community Achievement Awards: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300 and Honorable Mention (HM)-\$200. Rural Health and Tourism: Excellence-\$100 and Merit-\$50. Community Outreach: Excellence-\$100.

ALDEN

- Survey
- Annual Community Weiner Roast
- State PRIDE Judging
- Annual State PRIDE Meeting
- Ice Cream Social
- ... Festival
- Annual Thanksgiving Celebration
- Annual Caroling Party
- Community Christmas Decorations
- Fun and Games
- Eggs and Issues Breakfast
- Education
- Palm Sunday Service
- Easter Egg Hunt
- April Clean-Up
- Memorial Day Service
- Merry Go-Round
- Social in the Park
- Coffee for the Community
- Welcome Committee
- Museum
- Family Histories
- Servicemen's Record Book
- Recycling
- Displaying Holiday Flags
- Mini-Flower Garden
- Beauty Spot Sign
- Adopt-a-Mile/Adopt-a-Block
- Health Clinic
- CPR Class
- City Council
- Churches
- Alden Council on Aging
- Alden Booster Club
- Santa's Visit
- City Water Well Testing

ALMENA

- PRIDE Judging
- PRIDE Day
- ... Recognition Suppers
- ... it for Betty Baker
- American Legion Hall Roof Benefit
- Emergency Warning System Benefit
- Almena Community Building Benefit
- Benefit for Marilyn Mann
- Health
- Fire Safety Stickers
- Bicycle Safety Awareness
- Bentam Park Project
- Adopt-a-Highway
- Santa Day
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Scholarship
- Cemetery, Benches, Bentam Park
- Prairie Dog Press
- PRIDE Project Book

ALTON

- Media Award Presentation
- PRIDE Judges visit Alton
- PRIDE Day
- Heartland Shares
- Ladies Nite Out
- Rabies Clinic
- Day Camp
- Russell Stover Project
- Mainstreet Kansas Comes to Alton
- Tourism Workshop
- Good Morning America via Alton
- Signs on Highway 24
- NBC Today Show via Alton
- Radio and TV Spots
- "Welcome to Alton" pamphlets
- Improvements on Main Street
- Osborne County Leadership Course
- Community Garage Sale
- Community Survey
- ... of-the-month
- The Craft Basket
- Refreshments for City Council
- Clean Up Day
- Recycling Projects
- Lot Improvements

ARGONIA

- Flower Wagon
- Rotating Book Library
- New Bleachers
- Welcome Wagon
- Holiday Fling
- Deck the House Contest
- Sweetheart Supper
- Ablene Tour
- 4th of July Celebration
- Halloween Party
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Summer Reading Program
- Book Raffle
- Santa Visits in Alton
- Money Makers
- Lunch Stand for "Biking Across Kansas"
- The New PRIDE Cookbook
- PRIDE Quilt
- PRIDE Booth at Alumni Banquet
- PRIDE Booth at Osborne County Fair
- Summer Jubilee 1996
- Parade 1996 Jubilee
- Melodrama

ASSARIA

- Children's Yardstick Garden -- Site Improvements
- Children's Yardstick Garden -- Planning and Developing
- Children's Yardstick Garden -- Fair Project
- Children's Yardstick Garden -- Judging
- Christmas Wreaths and Pole Santas
- Christmas Tree Trimming and Chili Feed
- Christmas Lighting Contest
- Shelter House Construction
- Community Survey Results
- Community Survey -- Volunteer List
- Community Judging Day
- Silver 25th Jubilee Kansas PRIDE Program (PRIDE Day)
- Assaria PRIDE Welcome Baskets -- A Nice Gift
- City-Wide Clean Up Day
- Community Survey -- Outreach Program
- Assaria PRIDE Garage Sale Day
- Heartland Share -- Distribution
- Publicity -- Events
- Community PRIDE Festival
- Entrance Sign Project, Planning Phase
- Publicity -- Minutes

BASEHOR

- Basehor Representative on State PRIDE Board of Directors
- Taco Dinner/City-Wide Clean Up
- Holiday Banner
- Community New Year's Eve Party
- 4-City Area Tourism
- Ottawa Becomes a PaceMaker Community
- Basehor Home Page on the Internet
- Create and Adopt Bylaws/Incorporation
- PRIDE Steering Committee Meetings
- Brainstorming Session
- Presentation to PRIDE Judges
- 2nd Annual Volunteer Firefighter's Appreciation Banquet
- 25th Annual PRIDE Day
- Recognition for Winning 1994-95 Comm. Achievement Award
- Fundraiser for Junior/Senior High School Class
- ... From
- Basehor PRIDE Appreciation Dinner

BELLEVILLE

- Refreshments for High School Band
- PRIDE Poster and Essay Contest
- March for Parks
- Pancake Breakfast and City Wide Clean-up
- (Jaycees/PRIDE)
- City-Wide Garage Sale
- Fireworks Stand
- Fourth of July Parade
- Fourth of July Celebration
- City Beautification and Landscaping
- Yard of the Month
- Leavenworth County Fair
- Basehor Community Calendar
- Gold PRIDE
- Basehor Environmental Education Site (B.E.E.S.)
- PRIDE Project Workbook

BENTLEY/EAGLE TOWNSHIP

- Christmas Lighting/Decoration Contest
- Mobile Health Clinic
- Bake Sale
- Walkins Products Sale
- Candidates and Issues Forum
- Lunch Served at a Public Auction
- Lions Club Formation

COFFEYVILLE

- Adopt-a-Block Program
- 8th Annual City Wide Garage Sale
- Christmas Parade
- Decorate Christmas Trees Downtown
- Inter-tribal Pow Wow
- Blue Ribbon
- Flower Boxes
- Historical Ornament Collection Series (195)
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- PRIDE Scrapbook and Project Judging
- Membership
- Paper Recycling Project
- The Coffeyville Journal Media Award
- Perkins Building Interior Restoration
- State PRIDE
- Coffeyville Cotton Afghan Fundraiser
- Celebrations!

COURTLAND

- Tourism/Pawnee
- Rural Health Care
- Railroad Safety
- Media -- Courtland Cable TV
- Media -- Newspaper "The Courtland Journal"
- Community Outreach
- Recycling -- "Informal Outreach"
- PRIDE Awards
- Courtland PRIDE Meetings
- PRIDE Survey
- Volunteer Appreciation & Recognition
- Sother's Benefit Soup Supper
- "Boosters Club" -- Pike Valley
- Basketball/Football
- Pancake Day
- Chili Cook-Off
- Halloween "Children's Costume Party"

CUNNINGHAM

- Angle Fest
- Courtland Christmas Lighting
- Easter
- Courtland Arts Council
- Art Guild
- Talent Show (Fun Day Activity)
- 32nd Annual Fun Day Celebration
- Swimming Pool
- Swim for Heart
- Community/Economic Development
- Economic Development Revolving Fund
- 9th Annual After Prom Party/Leadership
- Youth/Adult Involvement
- Leadership
- Youth Involvement
- Softball Tournament -- "Six Pitch" and Ball Teams
- Bulletin Board -- "Main Street"
- Picnics District Cub Scout Day
- Camp/Courtland
- Bicycle Safety Course
- Tree Trimming/City Main Park
- City Wide Trash Pick Up
- Library/Story Hour & Summer Reading Programs
- 1995 Republic Co. & Kansas State Junior Miss Pageants
- American & National American Coed Pageant
- Crusaders
- Boys State/Girls State

CUBA

- Our Main Street
- First PRIDE Meeting of the 1995-96 Year
- Clean-Up on Main Street
- PRIDE Judges Visit Cuba
- 25th Kansas PRIDE Day
- PRIDE Halloween Party
- Beverly Wilhelm Critiques Our Past Year
- 1995 Shelter Project Completed
- Community Christmas Party
- HDA Tandy Randus Visits and Helps PRIDE
- Cuba PRIDE Visits Two Special Meetings
- Kansas Bikers Association Arrives at JJ's Bakery
- Spring Clean-Up & Fix-Up Time
- The 1996 Rock-a-Thon in it's 21st Year
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Local Nurses and Republic County Health Clinic
- The Struggle of this Year's PRIDE Flower
- Berrels
- Cuba Harvest Festival
- 1996 Harvest Fest Honored Couple
- Our Hillcrest School Has a Terrific Year
- Mindy Kvasnicka Carried the Olympic Torch
- Our "Cuba News Reporters" for the Scandia Journal
- Mandi Crist Produces a Cuba Travel Brochure

ELBLING

- Tree City U.S.A. Arbor Day Observance
- Flower Boxes
- Library Brick Work and Patio
- Removal of Garbage Building
- Re-shingling of Restrooms in the Park
- Santa Claus Day Parade
- PRIDE Float
- Angel Tree Project
- Lighting Contest
- Spring Clean-up
- 5th Annual Freedom Fest
- Volunteer Recognition
- Yard of the Week
- Welcome to Newcomers/Directory
- Avenue of the Flags
- Judging Session
- Bulletin Board
- Kansas PRIDE Day
- Newcomer's Welcoming Party
- City Map
- City-Wide Survey
- Woodchips

1995 - 1996 PRIDE SPONSORED PROJECTS

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Opportunity Sheets
Stray Dogs and Cats
Newsletters
Bylaws of the Elting PRIDE Program
Emergency Information/Price of Trash Pickup
Slow Signs
Fundraisers-Pancake Breakfast
Pet Clinic
Flowers at Welcome Sign
Flower Planters
Spring Poster Contest
Hauling Tree Limbs
Wiener Roast
Painting Playgrounds Equipment
Restoring Railroad Depot Bench
Mowing and Watering
Senior Care Project
History of Post Office
Christmas Decorating

FALL RIVER
Fall River Barbecue
PRIDE Judges
Kansas PRIDE Day
Bake Sale
Children's Halloween Party
Children's Christmas Party
Christmas Community Dinner
Christmas Lighting
Christmas Lighting Contest
Benefit Breakfast
Carts for Community Building Tables and Chairs
Benefits
Children's Easter Party
U & ME NEWS is turned over to PRIDE
Maintenance of Children's Park & Senior Center
Painting of the Library
Maintenance of the Bus Barn Roof
Flag Pole
Flower Boxes
Watermelon Feed
Community Appreciation Dinner
Installation of Speed Sign on the Town Access Road
PRIDE Book Committee
Children's Summer Party

FORMOSO
PRIDE Meetings
Steering Committee and Special Meetings
Town Meeting
PRIDE Judges Visit
State PRIDE Day
PRIDE Achievement Night
Heartland SHARE
Recycling
Welcome New Businesses
Fall Yard Decorating Contest
Halloween Party
Veteran's Day Program
Highway Clean Up
Easter Egg Hunt
Volunteer Week
New Resident/Business Supper
Spring Clean Up
Artist/Collector of the Month
Christmas in Formoso
Soup Supper
Sunshine
PRIDE Book Committee

FORT SCOTT
Steering Committee
Serving on Other Community Programs and Boards
PRIDE Symbols for Community Awareness
Button Machine
Fundraisers for Club and Community
Tourism to Our Community
Homecoming Concessions
Candy Sale
Christmas Parade
Awards Presentations and Recognition

Senior Awards Assemble at Fort Scott High School
End of the Year PRIDE Party
Kansas PRIDE Judges Visit
State PRIDE Day
Bourbon County Fair Booth with C. of C.
Meals on Wheels
Bloodmobile
Talent Show
Birthday Celebration for 103-Year Old Resident
Food Drive for Beacon
Christmas Party
Daffodil Days for American Cancer Society
Walk America for March of Dimes
Nursing Home Party
Fashion/Talent Show
Beacon Soupline
Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society
Ward/Kraft
Spooktacular Parade
Pumpkin Fest/Decorating Contest
PRIDE Assisted with Pioneer Harvest Activities
Ride with PRIDE - Pioneer Harvest Parade - Bike Decorating
Light Up Fort Scott - Replacement Bulbs
Fort Scott National Historic Site Candlelight Tour
Homes for the Holidays Tour
Babysitting for Network Families
Winfield Scott Book Fair
Eugene Ware Fun Night & EW Taco Feed
Spook House
FS All-School High School Reunion
Fort Scott Brag Bag
Children's Crafts for the Holidays
Old Fort Genealogical Society Donation
Kansas Author's Club
Adopt-a-Highway
City Clean-Up
Tree City USA - Arbor Day - Tree Planting
Ecology Day
Riverside Clean-Up
City Beautification to Attract Tourists
Fort Scott Farm and Home Show
Spotlight Advertising in Kansas City
Bourbon County Farmer's Market
Middle School PRIDE Assists with School Newsletters
Don Miller's Video Tape

GARDEN PLAIN
Garden Plain Greets PRIDE Judges
PRIDE Day
Homecoming Hot Dog Feed
Country Christmas Celebration
Installation of New Christmas Decorations
PRIDE Christmas Party
Town Meeting
Casino Night
55 and Alive - CPR Class
Library Moves to New Building, Receives Grant
Community Wide Garage Sales
More Beautification Along Main Street
New Basketball Goals for City Park
Annual 4th of July Celebration
Movie in the Park
G.P. PRIDE Recognizes City for Their 4th of July Celebration
Help
Installation of New Community Calendar Sign
Historical Ornament Collection Series
Community Alighans
Horizon Foundation-Making Progress
Welcome New Restaurant

GAYLORD
Watermelon Day Float
Fund-Raiser-Home-made Ice Cream Sale
PRIDE Day
Judging Day
Adopt-a-Highway
Appreciation Night
State Forester/Tree Board
City Park/Tree Project
Christmas Lighting Contest
Christmas Drawing

Exercise Group
Tourism Workshop
Bicyclers Tour
State Board Meeting
Community Cafe Clean-Up
Cafe-Old Appliances Removed
Cafe-Pancake Night
Community Cafe-Sunday Buffet
Graph Poster
Landscaping Projects-Roadside Park Planter & Fence
Easter Egg Hunt
City-Wide Garage Sale
Community Center-Repair and Paint
Project Book
Community Newsletter

GREENSBURG
Organization of Greensburg Devel.
Board/PRIDE Goals
Annual PRIDE Meeting
State PRIDE Meeting
Economic Development
Class Factory-Education
Twilight Theater
Home Health
Kiewa Health Foundation
Museum and Round Barn
Cannon Ball Stage Line
Tourism
Corn Festival
Bale Contest
4th of July Celebration
Chamber Activities
Trees and Flowers
Garden Tour
Partners in Leadership
Family Community Leadership
Lake Beautification-Scouts
Care and Share Christmas Album
"Shop in Greensburg" Signs
Recycling
Housing

GRINNELL
Pumpkin Festival/Craft Fair
Community Wide Garage Sale
Hometown Grocery Shareholders Meeting
New Community Bulletin Board
Beautification
Health
Christmas Activities
Fund Raiser
Welcome to Grinnell
Community Meeting on Unshightly Lots in Town
Lumber Yard in Town
Fall & Spring Clean-Up Days
Spook Parade
Annual After-Harvest Festival
Food Pantry Donations
Project Form
Senior Citizens Center
USD 291 Teacher In-Service Talk
Recycling Projects
Good-Luck Packets
Grinnell Area Boosters-PRIDE
PRIDE Steering Committee
Youth-PRIDE
Youth-PRIDE (Make a Difference Day)
PRIDE Awareness

HERNDON
State Judging
Turkey Shoot
Main Street Christmas
Christmas Lighting Contest
PRIDE Park & Improving Existing City Park
Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale
Yard of the Month

HIGHLAND
Highland PRIDE Organization
President Attends Training Seminar
PRIDE Judging Day
State PRIDE Day
State PRIDE Day Booth
Multiple Listing of 1996 Outreach Projects
Recycling
Monthly Art Display
Community Flower Planters
City Flower Pot
Dagginger Park Adopt-a-Pod Program
Spring Clean-Up
Memorial Day Celebration
4th of July Celebration
Living Nativity
Decorate Planters for Christmas
UPC Bar Codes for Cash
Recycling Aluminum Cans for Cash
Highland Historical Afghan Fundraiser
Public Auction
Rental Housing
PRIDE Welcome Kits
Welcome Letters to New Businesses
Community Improvements and Development
Christmas Light Project
Youth in Community Service
Lollipopers
Tourism
Community College Elderhostel
Support Native American Heritage Museum
Highland Historical Mural Unwelling
Garage Sale and PRIDE Food Sale
Chili and Soup Cook-Off
Little Miss and Mr. Highland 1996
Community Health
Love Line of PRIDE Crisis Hotline
Meals on Wheels
Diabetic Support
MS Walk
Help Your Neighbor West (Doriphan Co. Food Pantry)
Spirit of PRIDE Award and Certificate of Appreciation
Blue Ribbon Recognition Program
Communication Support Network
PRIDE Project Record Book

HOLYROOD
Community Development Award
Lighting the Christmas Tree
Sacking Candy for Santa Claus
Santa Claus and Christmas Movies
Christmas Caroling and Hayrack Ride
Community First Aid and CPR Classes
After Prom Party Donation
Kristi Schultz Medical Fund
Welcome New Business to Town
4th of July Fundraiser
Pop and Glo Stick Stand
"Fun in the Sun Daze"
"Fun in the Sun Daze" Parade
Family Farm Olympics
Senior Citizens Center
USD 291 Teacher In-Service Talk
Recycling Projects
Good-Luck Packets
Grinnell Area Boosters-PRIDE
PRIDE Steering Committee
Youth-PRIDE
Youth-PRIDE (Make a Difference Day)
PRIDE Awareness

KANORADO
PRIDE Judging
PRIDE Day
PRIDE Meetings
Octoberfest
Halloween Coloring Contest
Thanksgiving Dinner
Christmas Festival
"Sadie Hawkins" Box Supper
Winn Hardware Sale
Easter Egg Coloring
Tray Favors for Hospital
Health Fair
Emergency Preparedness Meeting
Car Seat Presentation
Emergency Medical Kit/Mexican Supper
Graduate Recognition

Business Appreciation Month
City-Wide Garage Sale
Fair Booth
Teddy Bear Picnic
Tourism Workshop
Cross Kansas
C Lawn Maintenance
Adopt-a-Highway
Sunflower Growing Contest
Newcomers Welcome Baskets
Kanorado Development Corporation (KDC)
Kanorado Learning Opportunity College (KLOC)
Communication Award
Our Town

KENSINGTON
Survey
Town Meeting/Survey Results
Attend in Veteran's Day Parade
City-Wide Garage Sales
City-Wide Clean Up Day
Yard of the Month
Recycle
City Park Improvements
Popcorn Stand
Downtown Improvements
New Street Light Poles
Club
Old Swingle Hotel Renovation
Work Night - Old Swingle Hotel
1996 Fall Festival Planning
Purchase New Christmas Lights for City
1996 PRIDE Project Book

KINSLEY
Twice is Nice (PRIDE Thrift Shop)
Christmas on the Prairie
Tourism
Community Service
City Beautification
PRIDE Day 1995
The Edwards County Arts Council
PRIDE Fun

LENORA
City Star Baseline
Realth
PRIDE Wellness Page
Hearing Aids/Hear Now
Fifth Annual Pet Health Clinic
Flu Vaccine for Senior Citizens
PRIDE Wellness Activities
Operation Immunize
Defibrillator Fund
Lovers Chatter
Tourism
Cookbook Fund Raiser
Lenora Jubilee Binge & Funnel Cake Fund Raisers
Christmas Soup Supper Fund Raiser
Welcome Committee
Cemetery Records
Beautification-Flower Pots
Appreciation Dinner
Bike Across Kansas
Memorial Day 1996
Cemetery Flags
Pumpkin Carving Contest
Christmas Decorating Contest
Judges Visit
Evaluation
PRIDE Day
Fall Clean-Up
Spring Clean-Up
Calling and Reminding Committee
PRIDE Promotion
Easter Egg Hunt
PRIDE Scrapbook
Monthly Meetings
Recycling
Thanking PRIDE Volunteers
Treasurer's Report

LEWISVILLE
1995 Fall Festival Float
P.O. Box
Christmas Wreaths for Gazebo
Wiring of the Gazebo
Wooden Benches for the Gazebo

Cleanup Around Wooden Footbridge on Edge of Town
PRIDE Meetings
Leonardville Post Office - Special Pictorial
Cancellation
Citizen of the Year Plaque
Citizen of the Year
Kansas State PRIDE Committee Visit and Judging
Kansas PRIDE Recognition Day
PRIDE Award-Honorable Mention - Category 2
Critique of the 1995 PRIDE Project Book
October Yard of the Month Contest
Community Halloween Party/Dance
Floral Arrangement for New Owners of Leonardville Food Mart
Fixing Chairs in Community Center
Medical Clinic
Santa's Visit
Christmas Lighting Contest
1st Baby of the Year Contest
PRIDE Soup Supper
Ed Klucis Medical Fund
State PRIDE Training Session
Yard of the Month Contest
After Prom Party
Planting Flowers at Town Entrance
Maintaining Flowers at Town Entrance
Swimming Party for Leonardville Hustlers 4-H Club
Old Swingle Hotel Renovation
Work Night - Old Swingle Hotel
1996 Fall Festival Planning
Purchase New Christmas Lights for City
1996 PRIDE Project Book

LUCAS
Tourism
Promoting Lucas
Internet Technology Demonstration
Assisted Chamber with Adams Apple Festival
Fingerprinting Identification
Assisted in Updating Alumni List & Supported After Prom Party
Youth and Adult Activities
Library Story Hour/Reading Program
Bicycling Safety Program
Main Street Beautification
City Park Flower Beds
Helping Others When Needed
Adopt-a-Highway
Health Care
Recycling
PRIDE's Community Bulletin Board
Welcome Packets for New Residents
Housing Rehabilitation
Survey

LURAY
Welcome Baskets
Judge Day & PRIDE Day
Community Sign
Monthly Newsletter
Town Meeting
Teacher Appreciation Day
Christmas Lighting Contest
Soup Supper and Holiday Drawings
Easter Egg Hunt
Recycling Center
Blood Profile
PRIDE of America Flag Project
Ball Team Uniforms
Yard of the Month
4th of July Ice Cream Social and Fireworks
New Cafe for Community
Tennis & Basketball Court
Library Reading Program

LYNDON
Easter Egg Hunt
Volunteer Recognition
P.O. Box
Fall Festival
Golf Tournament
Senior Citizens' Dinners

Christmas Season Projects - including Parade
Christmas Family Adoptions
Donations
Spaghetti Supper
Sponsorship in Leadership Class
Swimming Pool
School Involvement
Community Building Fundraiser
Self-Guided Tour of Historical Lyndon
Brick Sale for the Pool
Adopt-a-Highway
Buffalo Burger Stand at "Gold Rush Days"
City Wide Garage Sale
Camera
Main Street Beautification
Flower Garden in City Park

MERIDEN
PRIDE Judging Day
Attendance at the 25th Annual PRIDE Day
Decorated Pumpkin Contest
Turkey Coloring Contest
Chili And Soup Awards Dinner
Valentines for Jefferson County Senior Citizens
Easter Coloring Contest
Easter Egg Hunt
Spring Clean Up
Community Wide Garage Sale
Summerfest
Yard of the Month
PRIDE Project Book

MILFORD
PRIDE Volunteers of the Month
PRIDE Committee Updates
Labor Day Ball Tournament
"Scouting for a-thon"
St. Jude's Bike-a-Thon
Dedication of Walking Trail
4-H Lip-Sync, PRIDE Awards, & Community Picnic
Geary Co. Fish & Game Nat'l Hunting & Fishing Tournament
PRIDE Judges Visit
Annual Street Dance
Decorating Front of City Building
PRIDE Convention
Booster Club Community Halloween Parade
New Fencing for the David E. Roether Ballfield
Park and Recreation Breakfast
Community Spaghetti Feed
Town Meeting
Promotion of Tourism in Milford
Annual Country Christmas Craft Fair
Holiday Decorations in the City Park
Annual Christmas Caroling and Santa's Visit
Annual Christmas Lighting Contest
Fall/Halloween Home Decorating Contest
PRIDE Volunteer Recognition Banquet
Christmas Home Tour
Adopt a Family for Christmas
Christmas Home Decorating Contest
Gingerbread House Contest
Osage County Health Fair
Yard of the Month
Twin Lakes Festival
Painting of Trash Cans
4th of July Celebration
Erection of Osage City PRIDE Sign
Osage County Fair and Parade
Beautification of Santa Fe Park - Shelter House

MILFORD
PRIDE City
PRIDE Judging
Railroad Days
Fall Festival
Kansas Day PRIDE Banquet
Halloween Costume Parade & Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Fall/Halloween Home Decorating Contest
PRIDE Volunteer Recognition Banquet
Christmas Home Tour
Adopt a Family for Christmas
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Yard of the Month
Twin Lakes Festival
Painting of Trash Cans
4th of July Celebration
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Osage County Fair and Parade
Beautification of Santa Fe Park - Shelter House

OTTAWA
Publicity and Monthly Meetings
Judges Visit
25th Annual PRIDE Day
Home Lighting Contest
Pencemaker Award
Tree in Kanza Park
Spring City-Wide Clean Up
Adopt-a-Highway
Downtown Planters
Yards of the Month
Newcomers Packets
Hospitality Workshop
Project Book

PARK CITY
PRIDE Welcoming Committee
Best Choice Labels
League of Municipalities State Convention
Kansas Sampler Festival

Statement
Booster Rags
Halloween
Restrooms in Cummings Park
Christmas Gifts and Wrapping
Decorating Legion Hall
Decorating and Lighting Contest
Christmas Tree Project
Santa Goodies
Christmas Party Entertainment
Christmas Party
Christmas Drawing
Christmas Tree Skirt and Stocking
Nativity Set--Christmas
Honoring New Mothers
Welcome Newcomers and Newwyeds
Continuous Bulldozer Promotion
Painting and Lettering Signs for US 36
Survey of Emergency Preparedness
Shingling Shelter House
Painting Shelter House & Tables
Yard of the Month
Easter Party
Barbecue Ads
Barbecue - Church Services
Barbecue - Tables
Barbecue - Kids Games
Cake Walk
Barbecue - Covering Tables
Barbecue Meal
Citizen Awards
Barbecue Entertainment
Ball Tournament
Concessions at Ball Tournament
Barbecue - Dunk Tank and Horseshoe Pitching
Barbecue - Ice Cream
Refreshments at the Historical Society Meeting
Patriotic Project
Water Blasting Fire Hydrants for Painting
Area Under New Playground Fort
Beautician Grant Money
PRIDE Books

OSAGE CITY
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1995 - 1996 PRIDE SPONSORED PROJECTS

Yard of the Month
 Petition for Sanitary Distribution System
 Petition -- Phase II
 Annual Children's Christmas Party
 Needy Family
 Entertainment Books
 Park City Telephone Directories
 Ways & Means Project -- "Putt Putt" for Luck!
 Pancake Awards
 Blue Grass Festival Parade
 Design and Landscape New City Signs
 Promotion and Services for P.C. Festival Buttons
 Mobile Park Picnic Shelter
 Park City PRIDE Pancake Breakfast
 Blood Drive
 Community Recycling
 Historical Marker Clean Up

POTWIN

PRIDE Newsletter -- "This is Potwin"
 PRIDE Day
 Pet Clinic
 Yard of the Week
 City-Wide Garage Sales
 City-Wide Clean Up
 Community Easter Egg Hunt
 Christmas Lighting Contest
 Adopt-a-Highway
 Businessmen's Appreciation & Newcomer's Dinner
 Old People's Day
 Watermelon Festival
 PRIDE Survey and Goals
 Community Bulletin Board

RANSOM

State PRIDE Judging
 State PRIDE Day
 Annual Soup Supper
 Annual Town Meeting
 Project Red Ribbon
 Christmas Lighting Contest
 Oktoberfest Parade
 LTC Care Patients at Grissell Memorial Hospital
 Demolition of Old Cafe Building
 Spring Clean Up
 City Building (Christmas Lights)
 City Building (Completion of Repair and Painting)
 Blood Mobile
 Operation Immunize
 Adopt-a-Highway
 Small Animal Clinic
 Recycling Meetings
 Grissell Park
 Grissell Park (Band Shell)

RUSSELL

Administration
 Goals
 Meetings
 Speakers
 Christmas Lighting
 "Spirit of Christmas" Tree
 Spring Clean Up
 Habitat for Humanity
 Outreach
 Flag Fund
 Health
 Publicity
 Fourth of July
 Farmers Market

SCRANTON

PRIDE By-Laws and Mission Statement
 PRIDE Monthly Meetings
 PRIDE Educational Meeting
 Scranton PRIDE Supporters Establishment of Carbondale PRIDE
 1995 Labor Day Celebration
 PRIDE Spring Clean Up

Fund for Fire Victims
 City-Wide Garage Sale
 Yard of the Month
 Scranton PRIDE 4th of July Parade Entry
 Essay Judging for VFW Post 2709
 Scranton Beautification Project
 Scranton Street Striping
 Scranton PRIDE Hospitality
 Scranton PRIDE Sunflower Days -- 1996

SEVERY

City Hall Improvements
 Flower Boxes
 Lake Project
 Yard of the Month
 Business Appreciation Month
 Rabies Clinic
 "Severy Speak" City News Bulletin
 Recycling Barrels
 Spring Garage Sales
 Labor Day Celebration -- Advertising
 Labor Day Celebration -- Beer Raffle
 Labor Day Celebration -- Grounds Setup
 Labor Day Celebration -- Concession Stand
 Labor Day Celebration -- Saturday Night Dance
 Labor Day -- Sausage and Biscuit Breakfast
 Labor Day Celebration -- Hats
 Labor Day Celebration -- SCA *PRIDE Float
 Labor Day Celebration -- Sing/Spirit and Ice Cream
 Labor Day Celebration -- Fireworks Display
 Labor Day Celebration -- Parade
 Labor Day Celebration -- Hay Scramble
 Labor Day Celebration -- Turtle Races
 Labor Day Celebration -- Arts & Crafts Setup
 Labor Day Celebration -- Races and Games
 Labor Day Celebration -- Bingo
 Labor Day Celebration -- Best Legs Contest
 Labor Day Celebration -- Sand Volleyball
 Labor Day Celebration -- Talent Contest
 Labor Day Celebration -- Eve. Entertainment
 PRIDE Judging Day
 Annual PRIDE Day
 Halloween -- Spook House
 Halloween -- Haunted Hay Rack Ride
 Autumn Bake Sale -- Fundraiser
 Christmas -- Town Decorating
 Christmas -- City Hall Treat Week
 Christmas -- Santa Day
 Christmas -- Turkey Raffle
 Christmas -- Treat Bag Handouts
 Spring Bake Sale -- Fundraiser
 Easter -- Springtime Egg Scramble
 Teen Dance "Summer Night Out" -- Youth
 Fireworks Raffle -- Fundraiser
 PRIDE Book

SHARON SPRINGS/WALLACE COUNTY

Volunteers of the Year
 Judging and PRIDE Day
 Beginning and the End
 Tourism
 Rattlesnake Roundup
 Home Delivered Meals
 County Wide Survey
 Strive for 5
 Domestic Violence Awareness
 Community Service Painting Party
 National Issues Forums
 Halloween Spectacle
 Jill Hudson Day
 Christmas Lighting
 Mt. Sunflower University for Higher Education

SPEARVILLE

Mission Statement
 New Membership Recruitment
 PRIDE Judging/State PRIDE Day
 Miscellaneous
 PRIDE Salutes
 Spearville Lancer Flags
 Scaenrow Contest
 Halloween Costume Contest
 Halloween Spookhouse
 Recycling

Bands/Shell Christmas Decorations
 Christmas Downtown Shopping Night
 Christmas Decorating Contest
 Senior Citizens Bingo
 Neighborhood Watch
 Community Wide Spring Clean Up
 Mini-Park Maintenance
 Gang Awareness Program
 Delivering First Directories
 Community Wide Garage Sale
 After Harvest Festival Parade
 After Harvest Festival
 Playground Improvements
 Tennis Courts Improvements
 Welcome Packets
 Yard of the Month
 Volunteer of the Month
 Community Calendar
 End of the Year Party

ST. JOHN

PRIDE Committee Motto Page
 Constitution and By-Laws
 Committee Meetings
 PRIDE Judging
 PRIDE Day
 Recycling
 Community Pitch Parties
 Christmas Celebration Publicity
 Christmas Celebration: Decorating the Square
 Holiday House Decorating Contest
 Gingerbread House Class and Contest
 Christmas Celebration Pitch Party
 Business Assn. Appreciation Supper & Lions Club Pancake Day
 Christmas Celebration Craft Show
 Children's Games and Activities
 Christmas Celebration Melodrama
 Holiday Showcase House Tour
 Oddfellow's Santa Visit
 Christmas Cantata and Reception
 Christmas Celebration and Appreciation Luncheon for Cardiac Arrest Program
 Community Garage Sale
 Beautification Committee
 Jubilee Fundraising
 Jubilee Publicity
 Jubilee History Display
 Jubilee: WW II Military Vehicles
 Jubilee Famous Characters
 Jubilee Parade
 Jubilee: 1940s Fashion Review
 Jubilee Recognition Ceremony and B1-B Flyover
 Jubilee Children's Activities
 USO Canteen and Big Band Dance
 Jubilee Artwork
 Jubilee Window Displays
 Jubilee: Booths
 Jubilee: Friday Evening Events
 Jubilee Hat Contest
 Community Church Service & Potluck Dinner
 Pie Box Auction
 USO Show
 Jubilee Appreciation
 Tourism Workshop
 Candidate's Forum

WAKEENEY

Trees for Town
 Christmas Wreaths
 Flower Planters
 Lifeguard Stands
 Fire Ball Restoration
 PRIDE Judges Visit Wakeeney
 Wakeeney PRIDE Members Attend PRIDE Day
 PRIDE, Chamber of Comm., & Econ. Dev. Joint Annual Mtg.
 Blue Ribbon Awards
 Youth Basketball
 PRIDE Float for Trego County Fair Parade
 Welcome Baskets
 Newspaper Baler
 Cap'n Trego May Day
 Economic Development
 The Trego County Fair Parade

Wichita Children's Theater, "The Wizard of Oz"
 Trego Arts Council Annual Meeting
 Wakeeney Hosts Grassroots Cultural Devl. Regional Mtg.
 Other Programs Supported by the Trego County Council
 Kansas Day Program
 Anderson and Weigel Recital
 Youth Art Month
 Graham County Chorus Sings Easter Cantata
 The New Old Timers in Concert
 Laurie Albin -- Artist -- Grassroots Grant Recipient
 "Summer in the City"
 Summer Reading Program

WAKEFIELD

Wakefield PRIDE
 Thanks Wakefield
 Wakefield PRIDE Survey
 Wakefield Sells
 Wakefield News Flash
 Wakefield Businesses
 Wakefield's Literacy
 Wakefield Beauty
 Wakefield's Safety
 Wakefield Helps
 Wakefield History
 Wakefield's Faith
 Wakefield Relaxes
 Wakefield's Future
 Wakefield Scholars & Winners
 Wakefield's Oldsters
 Wakefield Celebrates
 Wakefield Near and Far

WHITewater

Pitch Card Game Tournament
 By-Laws
 Community Newsletter
 Newsletter Home Delivery
 Fall Festival
 Kansas PRIDE Program Judging
 Christmas Lighting Contest
 Community Christmas Celebration
 Community Leadership Project
 PRIDE Mission Statement

WINCHESTER

Winchester Directory
 3rd Annual PRIDE Golf Tournament
 State PRIDE Community Judging
 25th Annual PRIDE Day
 Community Achievement & Award Sign Installation
 Downtown Maintenance & Restoration
 Gazebo Plaque Dedication
 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
 Hanging of the Greens
 Christmas Downtown Lighting Ceremony
 Pie Box Auction
 USO Show
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Actions suggested from PRIDE Program survey

In May of 1996 a survey, administered by the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing (KDOC&H), was mailed to 105 Kansas communities participating in the PRIDE Program. Both the community's PRIDE chair and mayor were sent a copy. A total of 31 chairs (30%) and 24 mayors (23%) returned completed surveys. Based upon an analysis of the survey results, the following suggestions resulted:

- (1) Initiate concerted efforts to increase long-term community commitment toward PRIDE organizations and their activities. A component of community commitment that was specifically requested was motivational assistance. State PRIDE coordinators should emphasize group motivational training to raise the level of activity in local PRIDE organizations.
- (2) Work to enhance relationships between PRIDE organizations and their respective communities.
- (3) Encourage greater development of community comprehensive or long-term plans.
- (4) PRIDE coordinators should assess whether the length of action plans affects PRIDE organization effectiveness. They also should determine whether they should tailor state resources so they can

better meet the needs of individual PRIDE organizations.

(5) Because respondents indicated a preference for more structured assistance and a willingness to submit progress reports, PRIDE coordinators should devise a more structured program of assistance. This more formalized program should include drafting a progress report form and creating a reporting process by which PRIDE organizations regularly summarize their activities and accomplishments. Not only will regular progress reports help communities track achievements and enhance communication within and among organizations, reporting activities and accomplishments may lead to more dynamic interactions among participants.

(6) Since PRIDE goals are closely tied to PRIDE organizations' financial strength, if organizations wish to expand their goals, they should increase their fundraising activities. More emphasis on fundraising would necessitate that PRIDE organizations give greater attention to budgeting, planning and setting goals.

(7) State PRIDE coordinators should plan to provide training seminars. They should also coordinate and invite PRIDE participants to existing KDOC&H train-

ing workshops. When survey respondents were asked whether they had comments how to improve the PRIDE Program, the most frequent cited request was for more information, more access to information, and more personal contact.

In order to meet the information needs of PRIDE communities, coordinators should explore alternative avenues of program communication (such as publishing and distributing progress report information, using electronic means to share information and resources, and encouraging PRIDE participants to take part in other KDOC&H workshops, seminars and training activities).

(8) Examine why communities are having a difficult time recruiting leaders and address these issues and related obstacles in the leadership development training seminars.

These eight suggestions, as well as suggestions resulting from the November, 1996 community discussion groups, will provide the basis for recommendations to improve the Kansas PRIDE Program.

A complete survey analysis may be requested from the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing, 700 S.W. Harrison Street, Suite 1300, Topeka, Kansas 66603-3712.

PRIDE Salutes Courtland

Beginning in this issue of the PRIDE newsletter, a community PRIDE project will be highlighted as a positive example of the many outstanding efforts that are being accomplished throughout the state's PRIDE communities. This issue's salute goes to Courtland Cable TV.

This past PRIDE year represents the ninth consecutive year that Courtland Cable TV has won the PRIDE Program's communications "excellence" award in its population category of 231-390. According to Courtland's mayor and the cable TV's chief engineer, Tim Garman, "Courtland Community Cable TV is enjoyed by everyone and is our PRIDE's 'It time favorite project.'"

Everyone loves to see themselves live on television and during local High

School basketball games, school musicals, fun day activities, talent night, community plays and musicals, everyone is a "TV Star." In addition, health care programs are highlighted as well as short films covering items of interest.

"One of the major purposes of this project is to ensure that senior citizens and shut-ins can enjoy the events of the community that they would otherwise miss out on," Tim explains. Courtland makes it a point to keep not only seniors involved but also youth. Young people assist in running the camera, setting up the equipment and providing much of the commentary. "Some day it will be their turn to run the show," noted Tim.

Congratulations Courtland!

Board hears about Blue Skyways Program

Patti Mersmann of the Kansas Library Network made a presentation at the November 8, 1996 State PRIDE Board meeting regarding the Blue Skyways Internet Program. There is an opportunity for all PRIDE communities to receive assistance in developing their own internet home page. Currently, of the 150 Kansas community home pages on the Blue Skyways Network, 25 are PRIDE communities. A community home page would provide the opportunity for others to view the positive things available and happening in PRIDE communities. Because of the Board's high level of interest, the PRIDE staff will continue discussions with staff of the Kansas Library Network.