



CONGRESSMAN KEITH SEBELIUS, right, presents the flag that flew over the Capitol Building to LEE HEIDEMAN, Jennings PRIDE Chairman, and cashier of the First State Bank.

### PRIDE KICK-OFF DRAWS 350 PERSONS

Three hundred fifty people turned out when the city of Jennings kicked off its PRIDE Program with a program of entertainment and a speech by Congressman Keith Sebelius.

Sebelius congratulated the city on its involvement in the state's PRIDE program and

commented on the problems of the small town and the benefits which the program has brought to other Kansas communities.

He presented the city with a flag which had been flown over the nation's capitol.

The program was preceded by a potluck dinner at the Jennings High School. A melodrama and polka music were presented, and the Jennings Beseda dancers performed.

Jennings' road sign, which proclaims the city to be a "community with PRIDE" will be erected and work is to begin on the city's program to earn ribbons for projects.

Lee Heideman, who is heading the city's PRIDE Program, said a tree planting committee has been set up, and plans have been made for taking out dead timber and planting new trees in the city.

Other tentative programs, Heideman said, include a paint-up, clean-up project, clearing away trash, weeds and brush and clearing vacant lots.

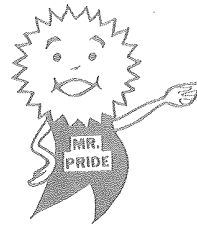
Sebelius concluded his speech by saying, "I think we need a PRIDE Program in Washington and a PRIDE Program for our nation as well. Let us hope we can be as successful in Washington in our goal to make our communities, our state and our nation a better place to live."

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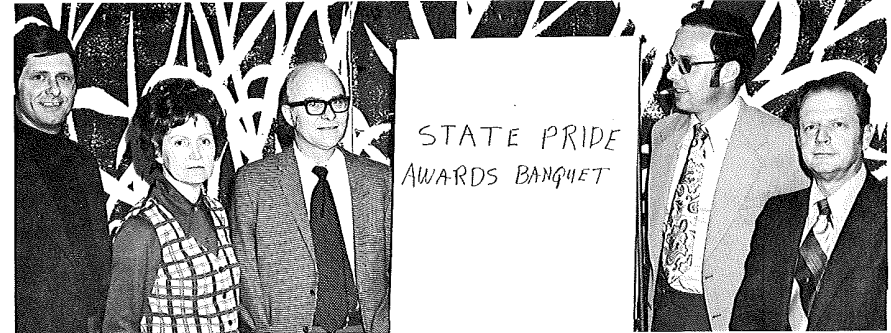


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MEMBERS OF THE STATE PRIDE AWARDS PROGRAM COMMITTEE. Left to right: Kenneth Lunt, Kansas Gas and Electric Company; Mrs. Nadine Kelly, Kansas Department of Economic Development; Ernie Mosher, League of Kansas Municipalities; Tom Kline, Northern Natural Gas Company; and Byron Wood, Kansas Department

of Economic Development. Les Frazier, Kansas State University, not shown, is a member of the committee.

The Committee was appointed by the State PRIDE Chairman to plan the next State PRIDE Awards Day tentatively scheduled in October.

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

### Altoona --

(Earnest Scott, Chairman) Nominations were made to the Steering Committee for PRIDE recognition certificates. The city has volunteered to print the PRIDE news sheet.

### Kingman --

(Mrs. Jan Redmon, Chairperson) The Kingman Newcomers PRIDE Committee welcomed 96 new families to Kingman during the past year. These volunteers called at the home of those just moved into town with information as to churches, schools, shopping facilities, and recreation.

### Halstead --

(Bill Southerland, Chairperson) The PRIDE Committee will pursue five or six blue ribbons for the PRIDE signs. At the steering committee meeting, recognition was given to the Cloverleaf 4-H Club for painting the playground equipment in the Scout Park. The 4-H Club provided the labor and the city furnished the paint. Said Southerland, "This project represented a perfect example of an instance where PRIDE did something to improve the looks of the city."



SOME OF THE LEADERS OF THE ATWOOD PRIDE Program attending a public meeting. Left to right: Darryl Luedke, PRIDE Chairman and Assistant cashier of State Bank of Atwood; Legislator Mike Hayden; Ann Domsch, County Extension Home Economist; and Gary Gold, County Extension Director.

Reports of Chairpersons of PRIDE Project Committees was one feature of the public meeting and soup supper held in Atwood in April. One hundred persons attended. The PRIDE projects presented for consideration were: study need for community building; plan for overall plan or theme for downtown; short course for city planning commission and city council; community tree board; clean-up, fix-up campaign, improve lake Atwood, more senior citizen activity; yard of month recognition; and study need for another city park.

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KANSAS PRIDE COMMITTEE

Chairman - Ernie Mosher, Executive Director, League of Kansas Municipalities  
Vice-Chairman - Robert A. Bohannon, Cooperative Extension Service, K.S.U.  
Vice-Chairman - James H. DeCoursey, Jr., Kansas Department of Economic Development  
Treasurer - Lou Atherton, Kansas City Power and Light



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

McPherson --

(Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson) Cash awards will be given to six residential or commercial establishments which undergo an improvement program in the PRIDE sponsored "More Improvement Contest."

Accompanying the cash prizes will be the PRIDE's "Did Something" awards. To enter, a photograph showing the before and after effect must accompany a written description of the project.

"PRIDE also encourages the city to enforce ordinances which require all properties be kept free of litter, weeds, dilapidated buildings and inoperative car bodies," said Mrs. Schmidt.

PRIDE gave assistance to residents who had problems with water flooding. Alternatives to prevent future damage were discussed at a meeting. A petition of support for the project was publicized. Other projects of PRIDE: working with school parking lots to have them placed under city ordinances for regulating and policing; working with recreation commission to get a portable ice skating rink; and a public information program on the value of restoring the community building. Says Vicki, "We are busy and loving every minute of it. We believe achievements and success go hand in hand."

South Hutchinson --

(Erwin Leeper, Chairperson) Goals set by the Steering Committee were: camping and picnic facilities for tourists; news committee for South Hutchinson; park improvements; general clean-up of vacant lots; junk car removal; and organize a garden club.

The PRIDE Committee: asked the city council to appoint a community tree board; will sponsor yard of the month recognition program; and will sponsor a community carnival and flea market.

Oberlin --

(Bill Ooton, Chairperson) The PRIDE Committee placed 120 "PRIDE, We have it, Join us" cards in the downtown business windows.



MEMBERS OF INDEPENDENCE PRIDE executive committee met on the site of the PRIDE Park to look over the location. Left to right: Dr. Richard Taylor, general chairman; Mayor Bill

Schmidt; Jim Kelly; Greg Stevenson; Jac. Templin; Sue Shenk; Kathy McGee; Jim Johnson; Bert Johnson; and Gerald Clift.

## A LOOK AT THE PRIDE PARK

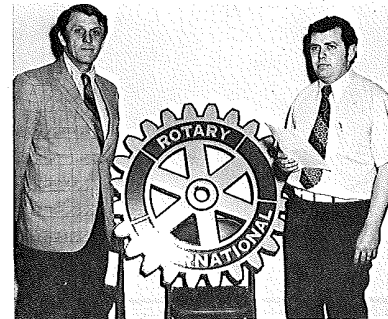
The Independence PRIDE Committee worked on four projects before making an on the site inspection of the new PRIDE Park. Fireworks, Bicentennial, and the industrial fair were on the agenda in addition to the park development

commitment, from the Optimist Club was made to share the major burden of constructing a basketball court on the site.

The sign designating the lot as the home of the PRIDE Park was erected by the committee with assistance from the Kansas Gas and Electric Company and the Army Reserve Unit.

The Independence Garden Club made a contribution to the PRIDE Park fund. An earlier

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KENNETH ALBRIGHT, Area Community Resource Development Specialist and DAVE HASKINS, Vice President of Peoples State Bank of Ellinwood and PRIDE Chairman, present PRIDE Program to Rotary Club.

## ROTARY CLUB SUGGESTS PROJECTS

Seven community projects were suggested for consideration by the PRIDE Steering Committee at a regular meeting of the Ellinwood Rotary Club. They were: obtain more professional people, encourage retail sales, more senior citizen activity, improved retarded childrens program, tennis courts, housing, beautification, and city zoning.

The Steering Committee met and adopted several projects.