

# A Kansas Community Development NEWSLETTER



## IT'S WORKING

The monthly PRIDE awards given to homeowners with attractively groomed yards is having a "ripple" effect, according to South Hutchinson PRIDE Chairman, Erwin Lee-per. The neighborhood catches the "PRIDE Yard of the Month" fever and everyone works a little harder on yard care.

Each month, April through September three awards are presented monthly. Jolene Cook serves as Chairman of the Selection Committee.



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## BLUE RIBBON EVALUATORS COMMENTS

Marion (Everett Lee, South Central Kansas Economic Development District) Industrial development -- "Marion is doing an outstanding job in most phases of economic development and will definitely meet with success in 'attracting industry.' They have an outstanding PRIDE group which has motivated considerable involvement from citizens throughout the total community."

Junction City (Zoe Slinkman, Kansas State University) Culture -- "There appears to be a concerted effort at cultural enrichment."

Wakefield (Zoe Slinkman, Kansas State University) Culture -- "Your scrapbook on culture shows evidence of much work by citizens in the arts, historical and related fields."

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McPherson (Warren Bell, State Board of Education) Education -- "Strong community support for education; strong regional cooperation on post secondary education; strong school-community relationship in providing opportunities in the fine arts."

McPherson (Everett Lee, SCKEDD) Industrial Development -- "Their outstanding success in broadening their economic base through the attraction of new job opportunities definitely documents the quality of program they have under the leadership of Fred Diehl and Jack Groves."

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## FOURTH ANNUAL REGIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Shown at top and right are representatives of sponsoring organizations who will be main speakers at the fourth annual community development workshops.

The speakers, organizations, and dates are:

- November 12, Oberlin, American Legion Building, Dr. Robert Bohannon, Kansas State University, Extension Service.
- November 13, Hays, Holiday Inn, L. M. Schwartz, Chairman of the Kansas Banker's Association State Affairs Council.
- November 20, Manhattan, Holiday Inn, Carl Nordstrom, Executive Vice President, Kansas Association of Commerce and Industry.
- November 22, Garden City, Wheatland Motel, Ernie Mosher, Executive Director, League of Kansas Municipalities.
- January 24, Hutchinson, Kansas Inn, James DeCoursey, Jr., Director, Kansas Department of Economic Development.



L. M. Schwartz

The purpose of the workshop is to present information and exchange ideas that will be helpful to members of chambers of commerce.

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REGIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS (CONT.)

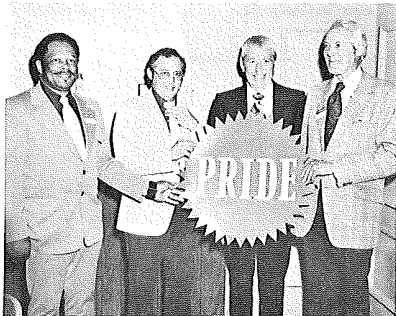
civic and service clubs, city councils, and others interested in improving their communities. All meetings start at 9:30 a.m. Last year, 500 persons from 130 counties attended.

The programs will include reports on community betterment projects from representatives of chambers of commerce, city councils, regional planning commissions, PRIDE committees and cooperative extension.

There will be talks and small group discussion on adequate housing, community beautification, and recreation in towns and cities of various sizes.

Specialists who will give talks and answer questions are: Mary Tucker, Extension Family Housing Specialist; Gene Grey, Extension Forester; Dr. Major Boddicker, Extension Specialist in Outdoor Education; Larry Heeb, Kansas Recreation Consultant, University of Kansas; and Don Jolley, Superintendent of Recreation, Salina Recreation Commission. Heeb will be at Oberlin and Jolley at Hays.

All persons interested in attending are invited to make reservations to Community Resource Development, Room 115, Umberger Hall, Kansas State University, prior to the events.



GEORGE BILLINGS, VICE PRESIDENT, AREA DEVELOPMENT, Kansas Gas and Electric, member of the State PRIDE Committee (right) poses with some of the leaders attending the First Annual Meeting of the South Central Kansas Economic Development District. (Left to right) James Smith, past-secretary-treasurer; Everett Lee, Executive Director; and Wayne Chambers, past-president.

PRIDE materials were exhibited and distributed at the meeting.



THE SOUTH HUTCHINSON PRIDE COMMITTEE made their town more aware of PRIDE by holding a PRIDE Fun Day. All organizations and individuals were encouraged to participate with money-making projects such as a flea market, penny toss, water dunking booth, or a moon walk; as shown at right.

The town became involved, fun was had by all, and some groups even went home with their treasury a little richer.



Representatives from the Flint Hills Regional Planning Commission, Cooperative Extension, and the cities of Herington, Hope and Cottonwood Falls who met to plan meetings: (Left to right, front row) Dillard Huffaker, Larry Riat, Dickinson County Agent; Ken Albright, Area Extension Specialist; Les Jayne, Director, Flint Hills Regional Planning Commission, Lester Griffith, Marion County Agent; Steve Bittel, Area Extension Specialist; (Back row) Dale Ladd Morris County Agent; Pete Maley, Lyon County Agent; Mike Holden, Chase County Agent; Phillip Berschauer, Hope, Kansas Mayor; Janet Rediker, Morris County Extension Home Economist; Corkie Schneider, Herington PRIDE Committee member; Lindy Richardson, Chase County Extension Agent.

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND EXTENSION  
TO EXPLAIN PRIDE PROGRAM

The goal of the Flint Hills Regional Planning Commission, County Extension Agents in Lyon, Dickinson, Marion, Chase, and Morris Counties, and area extension specialists is to explain the PRIDE Program to representatives of all 42 communities in a five county area that are not now enrolled.

The Flint Hills Regional Planning Board of Directors voted to initiate the program and representatives of all counties

made plans for cooperative efforts at a meeting in Strong City in September.

Area extension specialists will assist with the educational aspects of the series of meetings and Les Jayne will coordinate results of surveys and project identification and development.

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 DeCoursev, Jr., Kansas Department of Economic Development
- Treasurer - Lou Atherton, Kansas City Power and Light

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