

## Local Pride Activities (Continued)

**COUNCIL GROVE** - (Mrs. Don Essington, Chairperson) One of the most important projects last year -- Curtains in the upstairs windows in the business district. Assistance was given in downtown improvement by Kansas State University.

Twenty project goals were established for the year.

Project progress -- "Durland Park is being developed according to plans by landscapers; community arts council had a Spring artists series; senior citizens' programs going well, working on a hospital improvement issue, fix-up, clean-up week; and Bicentennial celebration."

**BIRD CITY** - (Ken Cram, chairperson) Forty project goals were established (population 650). They included: quilt for auction to raise money; hold leadership skills workshop (30 persons received certificates for attendance--it was eight hours in length); hold Kansas Day observance; sponsor flower show; district art show; achievement banquet to present PRIDE Did Something awards; community smorgasbord, (600 persons attended and \$2000 was raised to build a tennis court); community holiday fair; a community calendar; involve youth; welcome new persons; hold tree pruning clinic; bicentennial flag presentation; trash pick up; remove dead and dying trees; write history of the city; continue mental health program; support school education.

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**BUHLER** - (Avnell Mayfield, Chairperson) Most important project last year -- completion of Senior Citizen Center with a program of recreation, health, and social services.

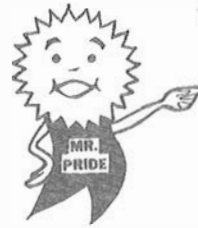
Five project goals were established for this year. The Pride representatives met with clubs and organizations to solicit help in obtaining Pride goals.

## PRIDE Record Books Due September 1

To be eligible in the Pride cash awards program this year, a community must submit their record books to K.D.E.D., 6th floor, 503 Kansas, Topeka, Kansas by September 1, 1976.

Contents of the books should include sections on: statement of goals, awareness, involvement, and accomplishment. A sheet containing guidelines was included with record books sent to communities this year. If you have questions, contact K.D.E.D. or Department of Community Development, Umberger Hall, Kansas State University.

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## Blue Ribbon Recipients



Thirteen communities received blue ribbons from Governor Bennett at the Hesston Pacemaker award Dinner.

They were: Atwood, Education; Belleville, Community Services; Herington, Community Utilities; Horton, Education, Housing, and Transportation; Hesston, Housing, Independence, Transportation; Lebanon, Community Utilities; Lindsborg, Community Planning; Sedan, Community Utilities; Ulysses, Community Services, Community Utilities, and Education; Wakefield, Housing; Winfield, Education; Walton, Economic Development.

In the blue ribbon phase of Pride, a community may make application for evaluation and recognition at any time after they are enrolled. Last year, 225 evaluation forms were received from Kansas PRIDE communities in 23 areas.

In order for a community to receive a blue ribbon, they must evaluate their own facilities and services on a form provided when they enroll in the program. Then, outside resource persons make appraisals and approve or disapprove the applications.

If a community is not approved, they may make improvements and submit another form for consideration. When all eight ribbons are received, a community is designated a Kansas Pacemaker City by the State Pride committee.

## KING IS PRIDE EVALUATOR

ROBERT KING, Manager of Industrial Division, Kansas Department of Economic Development, and Nadine Kelly, K.D.E.D., look at PRIDE materials.

Bob is an evaluator for blue ribbon applications in Industrial Development. He attended Kansas Wesleyan and the University of Florida and went to high school in Great Bend.

Bob's work with K.D.E.D. includes: Industrial property, industrial park survey and data maintenance. Kansas cavalry; national advertising; brochures and press releases; ground breakings and dedications; liaison with the organizations; and seminars, speaking, meetings, and writing.



BECKY ANDERSON, Chairperson of Lindsborg Pride committee, was awarded a blue ribbon for community planning. In order to be approved in planning, a community must have: Community plans and development goals, an active city planning commission, codes adopted and enforced. Zoning regulations, and sub-division regulations.



CHAIRPERSON OF INDEPENDENCE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, C. J. Kindt, visits with Governor Bennett as he receives the transportation blue ribbon. C. J. has been very active in Independence airport development.



PHYLLIS BELL, secretary of Lebanon Pride committee, and Gladys Kennedy receive blue ribbon from Governor Bennett for community services. This includes health, fire protection, police protection, and ambulance.



MRS. ROBERT WOOD, Horton Pride chairperson accepts blue ribbons at Hesston Pacemaker program for education, housing and transportation.

Transportation has three sub-categories -- highways, streets, and airport.



DEAN DAVIS, Chairperson of Walton's Pride committee, was awarded a blue ribbon for economic development. The sub-categories approved were agriculture, agri-business, tourism, and industrial development. Walton, population 220, has achieved six blue ribbons.



WAKEFIELD'S CHAIRPERSON, Larry Walls, receives housing blue ribbon from Governor Bennett. Shown also is Melvin Jones, vice-chairperson of Wakefield's Pride committee. In order to be approved in housing, a community housing survey must be conducted.



GOVERNOR ROBERT BENNETT congratulates Sam Elliott, mayor of Ulysses, for blue ribbon achievement in community services, utilities, and education. Ulysses has been approved for seven blue ribbons to date.



DWAINE WAIT, Chairperson of Wakefield Pride, receives blue ribbon for education at the Hesston Pacemaker award program.

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## Local Pride Activities

MCPHERSON - (Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson) Refuse Service, Inc., in cooperation with the central business district project for the Pride Downtown Beautification program, put containers in the business district. They range in size from two to eight cubic yards. This was a \$30,000 project and was no cost to merchants.