

Wakefield PRIDE

Byron Wood, Director, Planning and Community Development, Kansas Department of Economic Development (left) and David Smith, Jackson County Agricultural Agent, admire jacket with "Wakefield a City With PRIDE" on the back worn by Melvin Janes, Community Chairman at the Holton Regional PRIDE workshop.

Representatives of Wakefield wore these jackets to the Annual Awards Banquet in Wichita.

**HONOR TO EVELYN FINK** - Mrs. Evelyn Fink received the Community Service Award from the Cherryvale Chapter of the Future Farmers of America. The certificate states "for outstanding service in making our community a better place in which to live and work."

Evelyn says, "The FFA Chapter did a great deal to help the PRIDE Program." She is a former local PRIDE Chairperson and now represents the Kansas Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs on the State PRIDE Committee.



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### New Cash Sponsors

Union Gas Systems of Independence and Duckwall-Alco Stores of Kansas are new PRIDE Cash Awards sponsors this year.

Other sponsors providing \$500 each this year were: Kansas Bankers Association, Kansas Gas & Electric Company, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, Cities Service Gas Company, Kansas City Power & Light Company, Farmland Industries, Inc., Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Kansas Power & Light Company Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, The Gas Service Company, Central Kansas Power Company, Inc., Northern Natural Gas Company, Kansas Railroad Association, United Telephone System of Kansas, Inc., Kansas Motor Carriers Association, Kansas Nebraska Natural Gas Company, Inc., Kansas Federation of Business and Professional Women, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

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Forty-three persons attended the workshop from eight communities. Dr. Dunbar spoke on the importance of community development. Byron Wood discussed project record books and "when the PRIDE judges come to your community." Ralph Utermoehlen coordinated workshops in Glen Elder and Holton, KS.

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The Kansas Cavalry and Hardestry, Batz and Clinkenbeard, certified public accountants provided major assistance to the PRIDE Program this year.

## State Committee Sets Policy

The State PRIDE Committee voted at their October meeting to require a community to have at least three blue ribbons before they will be eligible for the sweepstakes award in the future. The winners in each population category compete for the overall sweepstakes award.

The three ribbons may be any of the following: community planning, economic development, community services, utilities, transportation, housing, education, or enrichment.

They also decided to change the format of the project record book that is due by September 1, 1977. It will be divided into three sections: goals, projects, and summary.

Each project should include information on involvement, awareness, planning, and accomplishments. This will be in place of former sections and not in addition to them.

Harriet McCue of Eureka gave a slide presentation of their program at the November session.

It was decided that the chairperson of the community sweepstakes winner in the cash awards program would serve on the Kansas committee for two years.

## Think BIG in PRIDE

Don't be afraid to take a big step. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.

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## 12 Sub-categories Approved

The State PRIDE Committee approved twelve blue ribbon sub-categories at their November meeting. They were: MOUNT HOPE - Fire, Waste, Health, Sewage, Pollution, Highways, Streets, & Airport; CANTON - Tourism; WAKEFIELD - Health, Ambulance.

Not approved were four communities who made application for: Agriculture, Agribusiness, Street lights, Planning, Fire, & Health.

## Entry Deadline February 15

To be eligible to participate in the 1977 Cash Awards Program, a PRIDE entry form must be received in Kansas Department of Economic Development Office, 6th floor, 503 Kansas, Topeka, KS by February 15.

A community may make entry anytime to participate in the blue ribbon phase of the program. When a city or town enters, they receive 23 community self evaluation forms that may be submitted for appraisal at anytime.

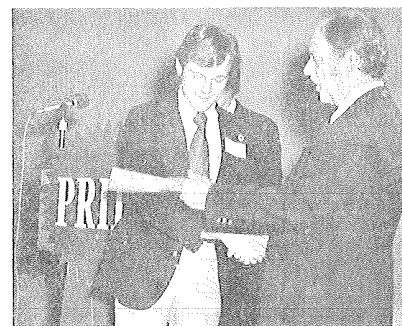


## Regional PRIDE Meetings

County Extension Agents and speakers at Atwood Regional PRIDE Meeting look at Hoisingtons PRIDE Record Book.

Left, Don McWilliams, Wallace Agent; Stan McAdoo, Planner, Kansas Department of Economic Development; Phil Finley, Area Extension Director; Ann Domsch, Rawlins Agent; Elsie Robinson and Rex Schamberger, Decatur Agents, and E. J. Sisk, Area Extension Specialist.

Two hundred and forty persons attended eight PRIDE Regional Workshops in November from 58 communities. The purpose of the workshops was to present information and exchange ideas that could be helpful to community leaders interested in the PRIDE Program.



MICHAEL SCHAWA, Chairman of Spearville PRIDE receives award for community youth involvement at the Annual Awards Banquet.

## Youth Awards

The judges selected two communities for the youth involvement award to be presented at the Annual Banquet this year. They were Eureka and Spearville.

The youth of Eureka sponsored a blood bank drive and presented a program designed to persuade people to give blood. The program was so successful that the community surpassed their quota for the first time in several years.

A committee of students were initially appointed to the Spearville Youth PRIDE Committee. These students formulated a survey that was handed out to the High School and Junior High Students and their responses were summarized by the personnel of the Ford County Extension Office.

The accomplishments of the Youth PRIDE often enhanced the adult PRIDE's goals.

The committee held a community meeting as the adults did to inform the youngsters of the survey results and to formulate goals.

The goals were broad to allow for club activities during school months. Emphasis was on organized teen activities and the money collected will be used for community improvements, especially lights on tennis courts and/or a PA system for the pool and courts.