



Left to right, Larry Hendrix, Cooperative Extension Service; Charles Lusk, Kansas Department of Economic Development, and Michael Hlaca, Ozark's Regional Commission look at PRIDE record books they screened prior to visiting communities as judges this year.

OUTREACH AWARD

Four persons were nominated by the judges for Kansas Outreach Awards to individuals who have helped other PRIDE communities with problems or programs or helped them get started.

Dr. Vick Hurtig, Chairperson at Courtland
Harry Hunsley, Chairperson at Russell
Fay Partington, Alden
Glenda Jahnke, Chairperson at Hoisington

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48 RECORD BOOKS

Forty-eight record books were received this year in the cash awards phase. Ninety communities were entered.

The following are the number entered and the number of record books received:

Population	Number Enrolled	Number Books
Under 600	26	13
601 to 2,000	26	16
2,001 to 5,000	23	11
5,001 to 10,000	8	3
Over 10,000	7	5
	90	48

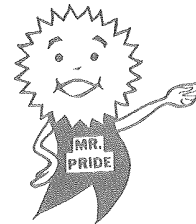
KANSAS PRIDE COMMITTEE

Chairman - Tom Kline, Northern Natural Gas Company
 Vice-Chairman - Dr. John Dunbar, Cooperative Extension Service, K.S.U.
 Vice-Chairman - Edward Bruske, Kansas Department of Economic Development.
 Treasurer - Evelyn Fink, Kansas Federated Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

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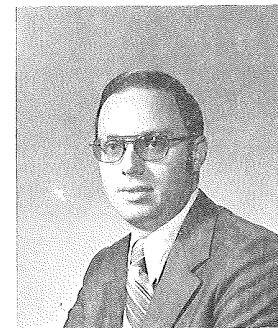
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KLINE NEW PRIDE CHAIRMAN

Tom Kline, Director of Community Development, Northern Natural Gas Company was elected chairman of the State PRIDE Committee in October. He has been a member since 1972.

Tom has been associated with Northern Natural's Economic Development Department for eight years, assisting in the states of Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois. In his position, he designs and implements programs for the physical, social, and economic improvement of communities.

The new chairman graduated from Iowa State University in Landscape Architecture. Before joining his present company, he was Assistant Director of Planning with the Henningson, Dunham, and Richardson consulting firm.



EUREKA WINS SWEEPSTAKES

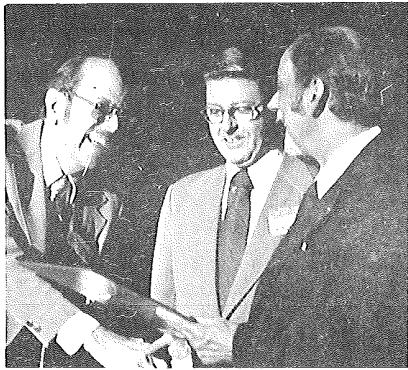
Governor Robert Bennett presented the Sweepstakes Award to Harriet McCue, chairperson of Eureka PRIDE Committee, at the Annual Awards Banquet in Wichita, October 19. Over 1000 persons attended the Banquet and workshops.

Eureka's PRIDE projects of downtown restoration and beautification spurred a community-wide beautification and restoration activity in both residential property and outlying businesses. They were runner-up for the top award last year.

Other winners were:

0 - 600 Population: Westmoreland, 1st; Alden, 2nd; Burr Oak, 3rd; Jennings, 4th; Kanorado, 5th.

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Left to right, Russell mayor, Roger Williams, and PRIDE Chairman, Harry Hunsley receive PRIDE Pacemaker Certificate from Governor Robert Bennett at the Annual Awards Banquet in Wichita.

RUSSELL 5TH PACEMAKER

Russell became the fifth community to be designated PRIDE Pacemaker at the Annual Awards Banquet. Others are Newton, Oberlin, McPherson, and Hesston.

As soon as any PRIDE community evaluates their facilities and services, are approved by outside evaluators and the State PRIDE Committee, they are awarded Pacemaker distinction.

Any community wanting information about the program may contact Kansas Department of Economic Development or the County Extension agents located in each county seat town.

Blue ribbons presented by Governor Bennett at Wichita were: Atwood - Economic Development, Utilities; Belleville - Housing; Burrton - Education; Bushton - Transportation; Canton - Community Services, Education; Derby - Transportation, Housing, Education, Planning; Hoisington - Economic Development, Education; Hiawatha - Economic Development, Housing, Transportation; Independence - Utilities, Education; Russell - Enrichment; Sabetha - Economic Development,

Transportation, Education; Sedan - Community Services, Education; Sedgwick - Education; Spearville - Education; Sublette - Education; Wakefield - Planning, Transportation, Utilities, Education.



SEDAN FIRST AWARD

Sue Anderson, co-chairperson of Sedan PRIDE Committee was awarded top prize in the 601 - 2,000 population. Gene Loyd was the other co-chairperson.

The judges commended Sedan PRIDE for: bringing the community together; identifying and using resources; demonstrating local initiative; and good communication with community groups.

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601 - 2,000 Population: Sedan 1st; La-Crosse, 2nd; Bird City, 3rd; Spearville, 4th; Marquette, 5th.

2,001 - 5,000 Population: Eureka, 1st; Marion, 2nd; Sabetha, 3rd; Lindsborg, 4th; Hoisington, 5th.

5,001 - 10,000 Population: Baxter Springs, 1st; Derby, 2nd; Pratt, 3rd.

10,001 & Over Population: McPherson, 1st; Independence, 2nd; Newton, 3rd; Arkansas City, 4th; Pittsburg, 5th.

BAXTER SPRINGS IN FIRST PLACE



Reverend Robert Jordan, 1976-1977 Baxter Springs PRIDE Chairperson, looks at first place prize in the 5,000-10,000 population category he will receive from Governor Robert Bennett. Ellen Clark was Chairperson last year.

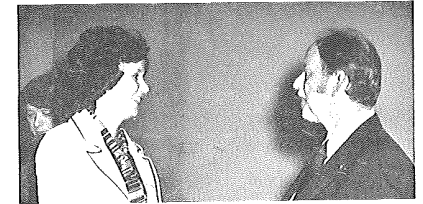
The judges said Baxter Springs PRIDE was outstanding in: establishing goals early in the year; and making much progress on -- land care and general clean-up, housing, cultural arts and crafts, community center, ambulance service, solid waste landfill, planting trees and shrubs, downtown improvement, mini-park, airport study, park improvements, and welcoming newcomers.

OUTSTANDING PRIDE PROJECTS

The judges selected ten PRIDE projects that were outstanding this year in the state. They were announced at the Award Banquet.

AldenCommunity Building Improvement
Baxter SpringsPublic Forums
Burr OakDowntown Improvement
BushtonNew Community Restaurant
CourtlandImproving Community Restaurant
MarionHistoric Hotel Restoration
McPhersonDowntown Improvement
NewtonDefibrillator for City Ambulance Department
SpearvilleCity Planning
WestmorelandDowntown Improvement

VICKI SCHMIDT RECEIVES AWARD



Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson of McPherson PRIDE Committee, is about to receive the first place award in the "Over 10,000" population group.

McPherson PRIDE was cited by the judges for: a strong PRIDE Awareness Program; establishing goals early in the year; excellent community involvement with community survey; and a high quality program of project planning and implementation.



WESTMORELAND A WINNER

Gary Conklin, Co-chairperson of Westmoreland PRIDE Committee receives first place award in the "Under 600" population category. Other chairpersons were Mrs. Ed Moore and Gary Fair. Their achievements this year included: twenty business places given a face lift; 4½ blocks of downtown sidewalks and curb and gutters replaced or improved, all residence survey with 86% return; 65 goals established at the beginning of the year with 55 of them accomplished; youth heavily involved in PRIDE; and 110 leaders trained at a training session for task force members.