



MARYLEE FISCHER, Courtland PRIDE Chairperson, receives a blue ribbon in Education from Governor Robert Bennett at the Belleville Pacemaker Banquet. Courtland submitted their first blue ribbon application in April of this year and have been approved in 11 of the 22 categories and sub-categories to date.



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PRIDE QUOTATIONS

BOB HARDER, President, McPherson Chamber of Commerce -

"Dear Congressman Dan Glickman:

"At the request of your McPherson office, I have been asked to recommend a worthy organization as a possible recipient of your Congressional salary increase which you have so graciously declined.

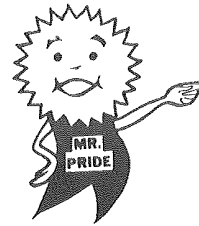
"I would recommend for your consideration, all PRIDE committees in the 4th District to share by population in this donation you wish to make, for a local worthy cause.

"PRIDE is a State program for community development, and has been very successful since its beginning in 1970. There is no tax money in this program, it is supported only by donations by Utility companies, Industry etc., also volunteer time by the local communities and community residents. This is a very good program for Kansas and is coordinated by Kansas State University and the Kansas Department of Economic Development."

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
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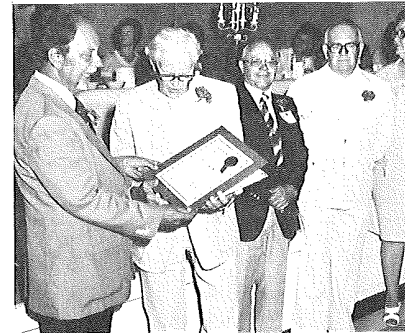
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TRUMAN JOHNSON, PRIDE Chairperson receives Pacemaker Award for Belleville from Governor Robert Bennett at a Banquet and Program at Belleville. There were 260 people in attendance. Tom Kline, State PRIDE Committee Chairman, and Governor Bennett presented blue ribbons to Atwood, Courtland, Manhattan, and St. Francis.

Talks were given by Dr. John Dunbar, Director, Cooperative Extension Service, Kansas State University, and William Danenbarger, member of Kansas Economic Development Commission. Senator Neil Arasmith was Master of Ceremonies.

Paul DeWeese, Extension Specialist in Radio and T.V., narrated a slide presentation "The Story of Belleville's People and Progress."

Shown left to right are Governor Bennett, Truman, Ray Salmon, Eldon Saylor, and Mrs. Karl Fry.



JANET AYRES, Rural Development Specialist in the Title V Program, from Purdue University, visits with Dr. John Dunbar, Director, Cooperative Extension Service, about PRIDE and Community Development Programs in Kansas.

Janet wants to introduce a recognition program in Indiana. Said Janet, "I heard so many good things about the PRIDE Program. I wanted to see if we could start it in our state."



LOCAL PRIDE ACTIVITIES

CHENEY - (Virgil Yarbrough, Chairman) "A very fine enthusiastic group of Cheney citizens met at the Hospitality Room to form a steering committee of the PRIDE Community Program.

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GLEN DAVIS, Manhattan PRIDE Chairperson, receives blue ribbons from Governor Bennett at the Pacemaker program at Belleville in Education and Transportation. Manhattan submitted their first blue ribbon application in April and have now been approved in 12 of the 22 categories and sub-categories.

PRIDE ACTIVITIES (Continued)

"Some of the goals suggested for community improvement were; meeting place and projects for teen-agers, ecology programs, shelter house and rest rooms for the Cheney Park, and city beautification projects.

"It was suggested that the most pressing blue ribbon project would be the moving and remodeling of the Legion Hall as a civic center for the community. This project will eventually serve as a meeting place for citizens of all age groups."

ALDEN - (Fay Partington, Chairperson) "We had a PRIDE month and tried to make some effort each day. Here are some of the things we did: getting ready for an auction sale, held the sale; worked upstairs at Township Hall on office and storage space; met with Kenneth McReynolds and Kirk Baker on blue ribbon evaluations; trimmed tree at Township Hall; worked on lights for upstairs at hall; town clean-up; took paint off of a house in Alden getting it ready to paint; painted the older ladies houses for two days; tabulated results from survey; put up new playground equipment; put up new trash barrels and tied them down; planted trees in the park; city went to county clean-up; improved flowers and trees in the town area; washed an older person's window's; painted American Legion Building; worked at Township Hall getting ready to paint; had open PRIDE meeting

and went over results of survey; and straightened up stones at the cemetery.

"On the survey we had 85% return in town, and of the 49 in the rural area, 100% returned their forms."

LINDSBORG - (Del Bonney) "The newly repainted and decorated dala horse flower boxes are definitely 'upcoming.' However, first the street signs are downcoming (thanks to Elmer Schamahorn and Norman Rundquist) to make the boxes more visible. Meanwhile the green lightposts are being refurbished by Laurence Ray and Milton Olson who are on paint detail this week. This all sounds so simple as I explain it, but there's more personal involvement and effort than you may realize—for example, the horses needed Eldon Johnson and Lambert Rundquist doing the basic red background (we all urged them to move on to barns) and Carol Pearson, Beth Curchy and Bodie Hopkins painted detail closer to earth. Marie Schierling, Edgar Johnson and Mauritz Malmgren are helping Mary Borg spruce up the trash containers on Main Street.

"The group at the PRIDE monthly meeting were also encouraged to think ahead to the fall when Bethany College will face a shortage of dormitory space. All members of the community are urged to consider housing an upperclassman (or upperclasswoman). Judy Burch is ready and willing to help arrange rental terms and find a young person compatible to your home environment and standards. Please call Judy at the college if you can possibly help out."

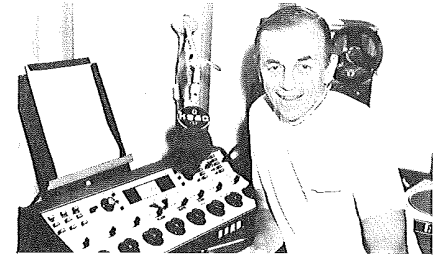
CANTON - (Ingrid Olson, chairperson) "Canton has been very active this year with its goals. We have been approved in 18 out of the 23 categories for blue ribbon recognition. We have not been approved in three other categories, which we are working on at the present for approval. Canton was recently approved in beautification. We are still working on this category, even though we passed in it. We designated a clean-up month. Our PRIDE Committee sponsored a clean-up day where we hauled unburnables to the County Landfill. We were proud of our town - collecting five truck loads of junk.

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Several of the townspeople pitched in with the PRIDE Committee and are getting the job done. We are also sponsoring a PRIDE YARD OF THE WEEK which will run longer than a month. This has really been a good awareness project and people are cleaning up their yards.

"In other activities - the new street signs are almost completed. These street signs are being hand made by one of our civic groups. They will be stained and mounted to a steel post. The tourist information center is also about ready to mount. It will be located in the Library yard for tourists to look at and find out where certain places of attraction are located.



DEV NELSON, Extension Radio Specialist at Kansas State University, is shown at Radio Station K.S.A.C., where he and Les Frazier, Extension Specialist, feature PRIDE communities and programs twice each month. The program, "Kansas Communities on the Move," may be heard every other Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Lindsborg PRIDE Open House

The Lindsborg PRIDE committee conducted an open house visitation session with Ken Albright, South Central Kansas Community Development Specialist. All project committee chairpersons were encouraged to stop by for a cup of coffee and a chat at the Lindsborg PRIDE Center. Approximately ten different committees met with Mr. Albright.

Plans, concerns, and problems were aired in the one-to-one visits that continued steadily for four hours. Questions regarding both the cash award and blue ribbon phase were discussed.

Lindsborg PRIDE Co-chairpersons, Marilyn Englund and Jack Carlin, were present throughout the morning to make introductions and keep the sessions moving.

PRIDE PACEMAKER COMMUNITIES

★ Oberlin ✓

★ Belleville ✓

★ Wakefield ✓

★ Russell ✓

★ McPherson ✓

★ Hesston ✓

★ Walton ✓

★ Newton ✓