Local Pride Activities

Hastings

CRAG Cox, chairman of the Hastings PRIDE committee, discussed community projects with members of the PRIDE committee. He reported that he had been contacted by members of the Lions Club, who told him they had $1,000 to spend on community projects.

The Lions Club wants suggestions for projects. They are considering parks improvement.

Cox said Ken Albright, area extension specialist, suggested when the community survey was made that the townships be included. He also suggested a town and township dinner.

Cherryvale

Cherryvale held a clean-up day, sponsored by the National Guard Armory and the PRIDE committee.

Burlington

About 20 volunteers gathered at Burlington's municipal pool to participate in a clean-up and repair campaign spearheaded by the PRIDE committee.

Volunteers painted benches and the women's dressing room, removed weeds from the sidewalks and around the buildings, repaired shelves and a hole in the chain-link fence, and tightened pool steps.

The project began when the city council told the PRIDE committee members that budget problems and vandalism prevented them from spending more money on further pool repairs at this time.

Pittsburg

More than seven years of hard work and long hours have finally paid off for the Pittsburg PRIDE committee.

The Pacemaker Award, presented to a city that has achieved blue ribbons in eight categories, was awarded to Pittsburg by Governor Robert Bennett on May 10.

The goal since the committee was established - the Pacemaker-labels Pittsburg a "progressive community," said EILEEN KELLER, PRIDE committee member.

The city is the first in Southeast Kansas and one of only 13 communities across the state to earn this distinction.

A part of Pittsburg since December, 1970, PRIDE was begun to encourage Kansas cities to carry out a program of total community involvement.

Originally started in Pittsburg by JENNIFER BRONSON, then Chamber of Commerce president, First PRIDE committee chairman was Wayman Anglin.

Early activities involved the formation of task forces in several areas including health care, education and industry. Surveys were conducted on numerous topics from cleaning up Broadway, to the attitude of sales clerks toward the public.

Through the various facets of the committee, priorities were determined and action began. Then, the blue ribbons began to arrive.

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an uncanny ability to get eligible voters registered and to the polls, and financing and planning a senior citizen's center.

Other cash winners were:

**Population 0-499**

1st - Courtland  
2nd - Alden  
3rd - Denison  
4th - Jennings  
5th - Summerfield

**Population 500-1999**

1st - Lecomce  
2nd - St. Francis  
3rd - Conway Springs  
4th - Sedan  
5th - Ashland

**Population 2000-4999**

1st - McPherson  
2nd - Newton  
3rd - Fort Scott  
4th - Baxter Springs  
5th - Arkansas City

EVELYN LINK was re-elected chairperson of the Kansas PRIDE committee in October. She represents the Kansas Business and Professional Women's Clubs of the state. It was during her term of office this year that the Kansas PRIDE Youth Program, an integral part of the existing PRIDE Program, was launched; and three communities achieved Pacemaker status.

CHELLE LEBLANT, representing United Telephone Company of Kansas, was re-elected treasurer. During the time Chuck served in this capacity, the number of PRIDE financial sponsors increased from nineteen to twenty-seven.

New financial sponsors this year were:

- AMERICAN WALNUT COMPANY
- B.B. ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
- ARCO PIPE LINE COMPANY
- L.C. BURGUS & SONS
- COLLINSNAP, INC.
- SICCO RACER COMPANY
- MONTGOMERY TRACTOR COMPANY
- MCAFEE-FRANKS MANUFACTURING CORPORATION

The State PRIDE committee voted to ask communities to use the "yes, no and don't know" response format in community surveys; invite each PRIDE sponsor to have one voting delegate on the committee; and approved new format for assembling the PRIDE project record books. Each PRIDE project will be reported on a special page provided by the State committee.

FROM THE WESTMORELAND RECORDER
by Doc Maskill, editor

"PRIDE Awards Day is October 14 at Hutchinson, and while we have no way of knowing if Westmoreland will be one of the big winners again this year, we will have to say that if Westmoreland is beaten by any other town, that town must be one heckuva good place to live.

"The thing about winning in this PRIDE contest is that it takes a combination of things. You might have a town where folks are willing, and do, pitch in together to get things done, but that alone doesn't win the contest. You might have a town where you have several organizations, each trying to do the other in accomplishing worthy projects.

"That won't win the contest. You might have a town where a group of folks delights in keeping a scrapbook of every bit of progress made. That won't win the contest.

"The contest is won by all organizations working together, by folks laboring side by side, and by making a record of all these things. In Westmoreland, we have a happy combination of what it takes to win a PRIDE contest."

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LARRY MONTGOMERY, left, standing, formerly with Kansas Department of Economic Development, was the main speaker at the Ogden PRIDE Recognition Banquet in August. There were 130 persons in attendance.

Only 10 months after the steering committee attended their first PRIDE Day activities in Topeka, over 100 awards were given to Ogdenites who have volunteered their help in 10 different projects. These included the many phases of clean-up, fix-up; surveys of the town; building improvements; money raising activities; surveys for the elderly; bus service for the elderly; and other efforts.

Fifty young people received awards. A newly formed zoning board received an award for their time toward an orderly zoning code.

MR. AND MRS. WAYNE FEYERABEND were winners of the Herington Yard of the Week award, presented by the PRIDE committee. The city was divided into four wards, and there was a winner in each ward every month. The winners displayed a blue PRIDE sign in their yard, had their picture in the Herington Times, and received a "Odd Something" certificate.

The yards were selected by an anonymous task force committee representing each ward. Mrs. Francis Puryear served as task force chairperson.

Herington lacks only the beautification part of the Enrichment Blue Ribbon to become a Pacemaker community.

The Herington PRIDE steering committee strongly recommends the Yard of the Week Program to generate community goodwill and beautification awareness. The total cost of the project was six dollars for the plywood sign.

SHERI TATE is local PRIDE chairperson.

MARTY HARDEY is local PRIDE chairperson.
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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Governor Robert F. Bennett presented cash awards to representatives of PRIDE communities at the banquet at Hutchinson, October 14.

Dr. John D. Dunbar, director, Cooperative Extension Service, Kansas State University.

Edward F. Bruske, secretary, Kansas Department of Economic Development, presented special awards for outreach, youth, energy, and outstanding projects.