

# We're proud!



## Our staff works well together

Judges at the University of Kansas named Nor'West Newspapers for the Burton Marvin Award for News Enterprise, sponsored by the William Allen White Foundation.

This award, the only award given by the KU School of Journalism for news, recognizes reporting effort which goes beyond the ordinary. The award usually goes to one of the state's larger newspapers, but the judges may choose to give two awards to recognize a worthy effort by a smaller paper.

This year, the judges gave awards to *The Wichita Eagle* and to Nor'West Newspapers. Our six small newspapers in northwest Kansas joined to produce a special edition, "Rural Schools ... on the Bubble," which detailed the condition and prospects for 12 school districts in our area.

Set against the continuing crisis in school budgets and calls for consolidation, the report outlines districts which are losing students and money, but also found cause for hope. We found districts that are coping with their problems and, one that had decided to call it quits. But we also found districts that are growing and prosperous.

"This package of stories represents the newspaper group's dedication to coverage of an issue of overriding public concern, representing a commitment to serve the public and initiative in acting on that commitment," the judge said.

Our entire staff, from reporters and editors to pressmen and mailers, ad sales people and circulation managers, contributed to this edition. We're proud of their achievement, and we're proud of each of them.

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