

Decatur/Macon County Business Leaders 2000



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COVER PHOTO: Winners of the annual Business Leader contest chosen by their peers include from left, **John Cardwell**, CEO/President of Cardwell Companies, Inc.; **Corydon "Corky" Nicholson**, President and CEO, Union Planters Bank; **Julie Moore**, President, Chamber of Commerce for Decatur/Macon County; and **Michael Gullede**, Publisher, Herald & Review. **Photos by Steve Pyle, Landmark Studios.**

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JOHN CARDWELL

CEO/PRESIDENT

CARDWELL COMPANIES, INC.

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Years in own business: 21

Years in business world: 30

Birth date: Feb. 12, 1950, Baltimore, MD.

Family: Wife, Donna, who is a realtor.
Children, Cody, 15, and Casie, 12.

Education: 1973: Bachelor's degree from Rice University.

Spare time: "I read, golf, travel, and attend as many of my children's events and activities as I can."

Life's lesson: "For as much as you believe you know about something, there is always

someone else that knows more...be humble."

Who do you admire the most? Why?

"My father, Ray Cardwell, a well respected, successfully hard working, devoted family man, good friend, the best grandfather kids could have."

Trade Associations/Organizations/
Chairities: "Past president of HASC;
founder of DAC; DLI, Chamber of
Commerce, DDC; director of FCA;
American Cancer Society and Red Cross.

Honors/Awards: "Realtor of the Year, 1999.
Chamber of Commerce Pride of the Prairie
Award, 1998. Downtown Decatur Council
Pride Award, 1999. Historical Architectural Sites
Commission Preservation Awards, 1997/1998.



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