

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR CONSERVATION AWARDS

Announcement that the Conservation Awards Program will again be held in this county was received today by the Morris County Conservation District.

This program is being sponsored by the agricultural committee of the Kansas Bankers Association. Last year's "Key Banker" was Mark Leydig, Farmers & Drovers Bank in Council Grove. Last year awards were made to the following Morris County persons: Paige Farms – Jerry Paige Jr. and Kyler Kasten – Banker Award; No Recipient - Windbreak Award; Blythe Family Farms– Grassland Award; No Recipient – Wildlife Award, Max & Ruth Amos/Connie Sue Russell – Buffer Award; No Recipient – Water Quality Award and Chad & Amanda Henton received the Twin Lakes WRAPS Water Quality Award. All awards will be presented at the District's 77th Annual Meeting scheduled for January 28, 2017.

These awards promote the recognition of farmers and ranchers who have completed projects designed to improve environmental quality or conserve natural resources such as soil, water, wildlife and energy. Other award categories are for Energy Conservation, Water Conservation, and Water Quality, in addition to the existing categories for Soil Conservation, Windbreaks, and Wildlife Habitat.

Nominations will also be taken for the Grassland and Buffer Awards, and can be made by **any person** in the county. They should be sent to the Morris County Conservation District by August 16th, emailed to jobea.titus@ks.nacdnet.net, or submitted on our website @ www.morriscountyconservationdistrict.com. or "***Like***" us on Facebook @ www.facebook.com/MorrisCountyConservationDistrict with a comment to make your nomination.