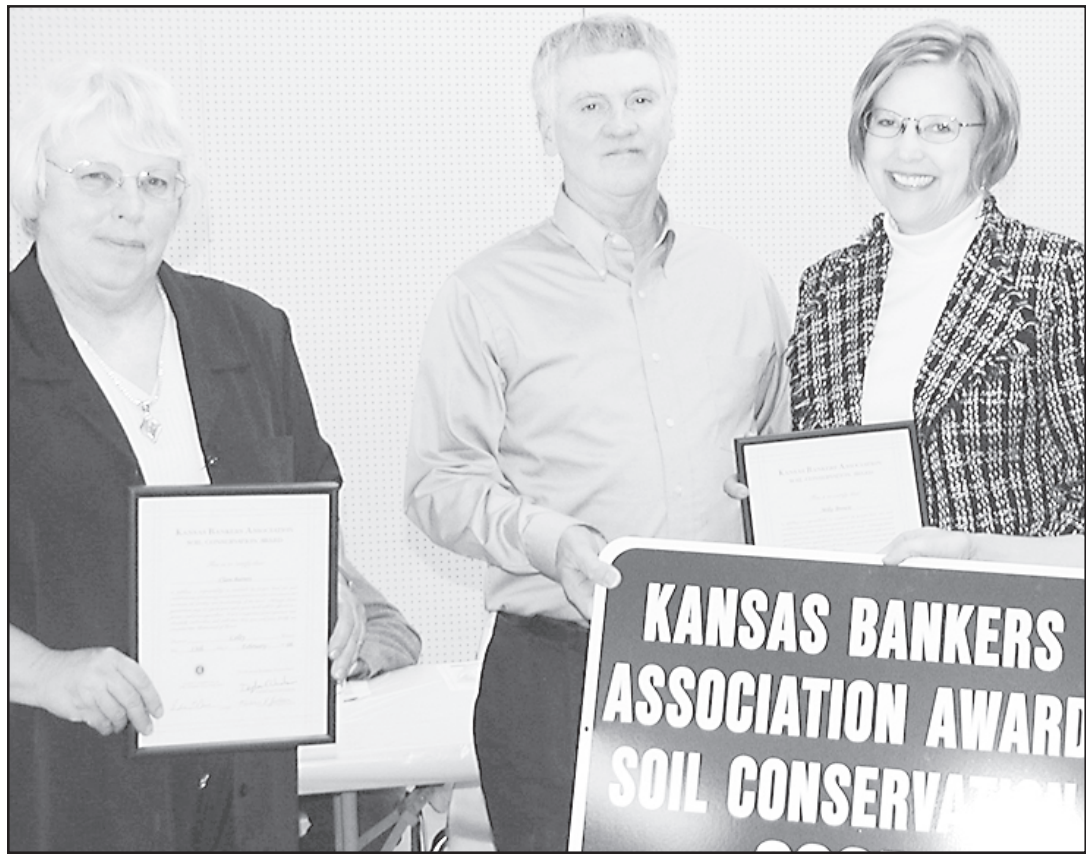


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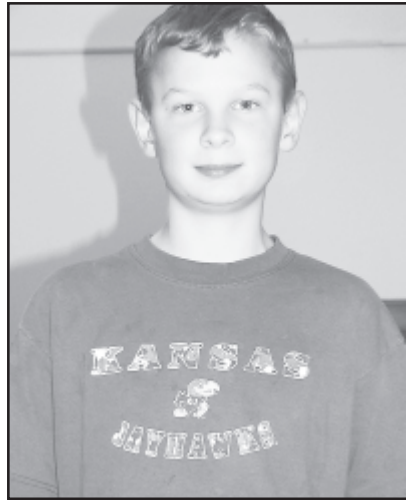
## Saluting conservation efforts in Thomas County



ABOVE: Claude and Cleda Herron were the 2005 Outstanding Cooperator Award winner. The Herrons and others were recognized during the 62nd annual Thomas County Conservation District's annual meeting and awards banquet Monday. The event was held at the Thomas County 4-H Building in Colby. TOP LEFT: Sherry Barrett and Mike and Jeanene Brown accepted the Soil Conservation Award. Clara Barrett and Mike Brown were the recipients. Clara was unable to attend. LFET CENTER: Tom and Sharon Redmond accepted the Wildlife Habitat Award. Nine young people were also recognized for their efforts in raising awareness about conservation through posters. BOT-TOM LEFT: Jaden Schmidt, 2nd place; Cade Mayer, 1st place; and Tad Holm, 3rd place, are all first grade students at Brewster Elementary. CENTER BOTTOM: Third grade Brewster students Layton Werth took first place and Dylan LaBuda, 2nd place for their work. The third place winner (not pictured) was Brett Schroeder, Sacred Heart. BOTTOM RIGHT: In the fifth grade age group, Dan Brown, the second place winner from Brewster accepted his trophy. The two other winners not at the event were Gunner Helton, 1st place from Brewster and Chelsey Schroeder of Colby and representing Sacred Heart took third place. BELOW: Wilburn and Harriet Holloway received the 2005 Windbreak Award with Marie Skolout presenting the honor. The dinner was made possible by BankWest, Farmers State Bank, Sunflower Bank, First National Bank, The Bank, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Peoples State Bank and Farm Credit of Western Kansas. Colby Community College Nursing students served the meal while Myrna Jones of Oberlin entertained guests with piano selections. The District also voted in two new board members: Melanie Jackson and Bert Stramel. They replace outgoing supervisors Ken Kammer and Jamie Franz.



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