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Conservation award winners are announced

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Don Chickering, route 3, Bloomfield, and Mrs. Evelyn Scott have been named Davis County winners in the annual Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program.

Chickering was named the local winner in the Division I portion of the contest. The division is for owner-operators.

Mrs. Scott has been named the winner in the teacher division of the contest.

No winners were named in Divisions II and III of the farm conservation program.

Both local winners will advance to district competition to be judged with other county winners in the state-wide program sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune and conservation groups.

The two local winners will receive plaques, presented by the Bloomfield Newspapers,

at the annual meeting of the Davis County Soil Conservation District.

Chickering farms a 640 acre farm and has been a cooperator in the Davis County Soil Conservation District for seven years. He was also a member of the Soap Creek Watershed Committee. Chickering's farm is a grain and livestock operation.

His conservation practices include 33 acres of row crops planted on the contour; 4 acres of waterways that have been shaped and seeded; 2.6 acres of terraces, some of which are the tile outlet type; 0.6 acres of diversion terraces; 2 ponds; 3 erosion control structures; 119 acres of pasture that has been renovated; installation of

3,200 feet and 2,500 feet of open drainage ditch.

Mrs. Scott is a science and mathematics instructor at the West Elementary Center in Bloomfield. She holds a degree from Northeast Missouri State College in Kirksville and has been teaching for 18 years.

She has attended several conservation workshops. In the classroom, she uses conservation films and film strips, has conducted conservation field trips, used laboratory projects in conservation and used outside resource people in teaching conservation.

Mrs. Scott said she attempts to correlate conservation information and material with her teaching of science.