



FALL 2006

DISTRICT EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

Arkansas Association of Conservation District Employees

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEES 2006 DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Arkansas Association of Conservation District Employees is seeking nominations for the **2006 Director of Year Award**.

This award is given each year in recognition of a director that is nominated for his/her support of conservation. If you have someone in mind and would like an application, please contact Sharon Underwood, President of AACDE at Yell County Conservation District, 479-495-2441 Ext. 101, or Martha Blackwell, Northwest Area Rep. at Stone County Conservation District at 870-269-3726 Ext. 101.

All nominations must be returned by October 2006, to:

Martha Blackwell
Stone County Conservation District
207 Martin Street
Mountain View, AR 72560

This award will be presented to the 2006 Director of the Year at the State Meeting December



"FIESTA"

This year at the State Meeting the employee association will again be sponsoring the "dinner, dance and bingo" event, the theme being "Fiesta." It will be, Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 6:00 and will be held at the Wyndham.

We will be doing a Live Auction just like last year along with our dinner, dance, and bingo. Please plan on joining us and helping AACDE with their fund raising efforts.



A SPECIAL NOTE FROM A CABOT JR. HIGH TEACHER

As I'm sure you are all aware by now, our school burned to the ground Thursday. It started about 2:30 and by 5:00 it was clear we had lost it. WE have lost everything!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I am reaching out to see if there might be any treasures out there that someone might like to recycle. I lost 22 years of my treasures in one day. I had turtle shells & skulls, furs, bug collections, deer /goat/ opossum skulls, turtle/ snake eggs, pig embryos/ mollusks, echinoderms, worms, crustaceans, sea shells, python skin, huge crystals..... you name it & I lost it. Any thoughts on any donations?"

The above e-mail came to me from Mary Ann Halsey with the PLT. If anyone could provide assistance in this matter please contact her at Arkansas PLT [mahalsey@arkforests.org].

For immediate release

contact carol corning 745-6444

Urban Forestry Grant

The Van Buren County Conservation District recently received notification of an Urban Forestry Grant from the Arkansas Forestry Commission in the amount of \$2, 497.00 to develop an urban forestry plan. Money will be matched with in-kind services from the Conservation District and the City of Clinton to develop a board of directors, to hold tree care

workshops, and to establish tree ordinances for the city park. These efforts will earn Clinton the eligibility to become a “Tree City” giving the city opportunities for future grants. For further information about the workshops, please contact Carol Corning, Grant Coordinator and Information-Education Specialist, 745-6444, or the District office at 745-5161.

