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# 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.

