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Tennessee Wildlife Federation Presents Annual Conservation Achievement Awards
**17 Awards Presented for Outstanding Contributions to Conservation of Tennessee's Wildlife
and Natural Resources**

Nashville, Tenn.—On Tuesday, March 21, the Tennessee Wildlife Federation held its Annual Conservation Achievement Awards banquet at the Downtown Sheraton in Nashville, Tenn.

For 40 years, the Tennessee Wildlife Federation has annually recognized those individuals and organizations across the state who contribute in meaningful ways towards the conservation and betterment of Tennessee's natural resources.

Nominees for these awards are pooled and considered each year by a TWF committee comprised of notable specialists, professionals and volunteers with proven records of accomplishment in their respective fields. It is important to note that each category is not awarded in every year, and that award candidates are subjected to thorough review based on accomplishment by their peers for the previous calendar year or lifetime achievement. This year, we had a particularly strong slate of qualified nominees for every category.

TWF is honored to submit the following award winners for 2005. They are as follows:

- Nick Crafton, Memphis, Tenn. (President's Award)
- Betty Loveless, Murfreesboro, Tenn. (President's Award)
- Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church, (President's Award)
- Smith County Youth Conservation Board, (Youth Conservationist of the Year)
- Tennessee Environmental Education Association, (Conservation Educator of the Year)
- Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, University of Tennessee at Martin, (Conservation Organization of the Year)
- Warren County Facility, Bridgestone-Firestone North American Tire, LLC, (Industrial Conservationist of the Year)
- Charlie Daniel, Knoxville, Tenn., (Conservation Communicator of the Year)

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- Billy R. Long, Knoxville, Tenn., (Hunter Education Instructor of the Year)
- Bob Sneed, Nashville, Tenn., (Water Conservationist of the Year)
- Terry Lewis, Knoxville, Tenn., (Wildlife Conservationist of the Year)
- Jason Maxedon, Newbern, Tenn. (Forest Conservationist of the Year)
- John Gregory, Franklin, Tenn. (Land Conservationist of the Year)
- Congressman Bill Jenkins, Rogersville, Tenn. (Legislator of the Year)
- Bob Dean, Dyersburg, Tenn., (Louis “Lou” Williams Award)
- John Noel, Nashville, Tenn., (Conservationist of the Year)
- Ben Smith, Columbia, Tenn., (Z. Cartter Patten Award*)

*Presented for lifetime/career achievement in conservation

“All of our award winners should be very proud of themselves,” said TWF president Tom Scott. “They are all very deserving of this recognition. If more people had the love and passion for the outdoors that these folks have, who knows what we could accomplish in the area of conservation in Tennessee.”

Sponsors of this year’s banquet were the J.M. Huber Corp., GM Springhill Manufacturing, Packaging Corporation of American and the Bridgestone-Firestone Trust Fund.

The Tennessee Wildlife Federation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. Founded in 1946, the TWF is the only Tennessee-based statewide organization that exists to champion the conservation of Tennessee’s wildlife and natural resources, for current and future generations, through advocacy, education and stewardship. For more information on the TWF or how to become a member, visit www.tnwf.org.

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