

From the Director's Desk

October 2011

Our E-Waste collection day was a huge success thanks to all of you who participated!

The SCRSWMD held its first District wide electronic waste collection event on Saturday, October 1st at three locations; Bishop Park in Bryant, Harvest Food parking lot in Benton, and Woodlands Auditorium parking lot in Hot Springs Village.

Bryant band members, Benton band flag line, and the Benton area junior baseball league members volunteered to unload vehicles of their electronic materials in good order. We experienced a good day with no injuries or breakage of monitors or television sets, unheard of at similar events. Thank you team members for a job well done, we could not have accomplished it without you. Each of these groups will receive scholarships for their participation.

I would also like to thank Sheriff Pennington and his office for providing assistance from detainees at the county jail; they worked harder than all in lifting the heaviest of items and displaying exemplary behavior while working with us.

The 4H club assisted in manning our food and water booth at the Benton and Bryant locations to insure that all of our workers were well hydrated and fed. A contribution will also be made to this group to provide educational materials for their excellent programs.

When the decision was made in late July to have an E-Waste collection day in October, it was with no idea of how complex the undertaking would turn out to be. Coordinating with Goldman Recycling and Bin There - Dump That, acquiring all of the needed materials, the advertising, the permits, and the last minute changes all would try the patience of Job, but I feel a special *Thank You* is owed to Tai Marshall, the District's office manager, for all of her tireless efforts in making sure the details were covered.

So far we have accounted for almost 140,000 pounds of material and we expect to have over 200,000 pounds when all of the materials have been turned in for recycling. That is over 100 tons of material kept out of our landfill. Well done Saline County!

If you missed the event there is still time for you to turn in your electronic waste at our recycling center located at the landfill, we are still there from 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday.