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Spring 2019 Newsletter

Heartbeat of the Hickory

current topics >>>

Sign-up started for 4H2O Youth Leadership Academy

4-H2O Youth Leadership Academy (July 13-20, 2019) The Leadership Academy is an educational tour experience exposing youth to a wide range of water resources, water uses, ecosystems, and water quality concerns. Ambassadors will learn about applied research and technology, water law, policy, planning, and management strategies employed to conserve this valued resource. As they meet and interact with leaders in the Texas water industry, Water Ambassadors will gain an appreciation for the complexity of managing surface and groundwater, and develop a broad perspective of the value of water to local, regional and state economies. Applicant must be 14 years of age or older as of August 31, 2018 and be entering the 9th, 10th, or 11th grades in the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. The cost is \$250 per student.

The District offers scholarships to eligible students in the District. We make an earnest attempt to fund as many students as fiscally possible. If you're interested in participating, please, contact the District office at 325-597-2785 or email hickoryuwcd@yahoo.com. For more information regarding the academy visit: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/water/>

Don't Be Mean, Keep It Clean 2019 Poster Contest Winners Announced

The Board of Directors and Staff had the opportunity to judge 82 posters received from area 4th and 5th graders. This year's theme was "Don't Be Mean, Keep It Clean." Both first and second place went to students in Ms. Shannon Padgett's Cherokee Elementary class. Robert Sawyer, a 4th grader, took home first place, and Cynthia Bell Stanford, a 5th grader, won second place. Third prize went to Shelby Porter in Ms. Kathy Bridges' 5th grade class at Brady Elementary. Winners received Wal-mart Gift Cards and their posters will be featured on District 2020 Calendars.



First place winner Robert Sawyer with Angelina Deans of Hickory UWCD and teacher Shannon Padgett (Not pictured: second place winner Cynthia Bell Stanford)

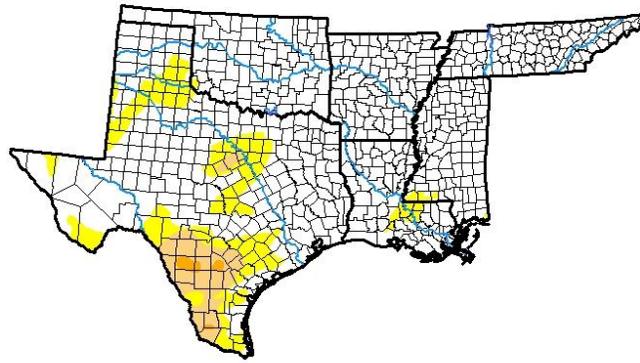


Teacher Kathy Bridges with third place winner, Shelby Porter

*Drought
returns
for parts
of Texas*

**U.S. Drought Monitor
South**

March 19, 2019
(Released Thursday, Mar. 21, 2019)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Intensity:
 D0 Abnormally Dry
 D1 Moderate Drought
 D2 Severe Drought
 D3 Extreme Drought
 D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>



technology

WellIntel Monitors soon to be active

The District has recently purchased and will soon deploy several acoustic water level monitors. These systems designed by WellIntel utilize remote telemetry and a cloud platform to collect groundwater measurements. We will be able to monitor fluctuations in real time.

Because we can watch fluctuations as they happen, we can begin to better understand the impact of rainfall and pumping on the water levels. From our office we will be able to monitor recovery rates as they are taking place.



Water Use Reports!

Water Use Reports were due March 15. Not everybody has submitted their paperwork yet. Please, even if you did NOT irrigate, file your Water Use Report with the District ASAP. Timely submission of annual water use reports is one of the requirements of keeping a groundwater permit active. Water Use Reports are required only for permitted wells...registered wells do not need reports filed.

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