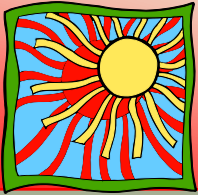


Heartbeat of *The Hickory*



Summer 2012

Staff

David G. Huie.....Manager
Caroline Runge.....Consulting Manager
Angelina Deans.....Assistant Manager
Ronnie Moore.....Lab/Field Tech

Directors

W. Owen Parks..... President
Bill Sloan.....Vice-President
Bert Striegler..... Secretary
Lydia Gay Nesloney..... Director
Wendell Moody..... Director

New Precinct 3 Director



On May 12, 2012, the District held an election for Precinct 3 Director position. Lydia Gay Nesloney challenged incumbent, Larry Lehmborg. 292 total votes were cast with Ms Nesloney receiving 162 votes. Mr. Lehmborg received 127. Three ballots were under-voted (no candidate block was marked).

The ballots were canvassed at the May 17th Board Meeting. Ms. Nesloney and Wendell Moody, who ran unopposed in Precinct 4, were both sworn in at that same meeting.

Lydia Gay Nesloney is a life-long resident of Mason County. After high school, she earned BS degree from ASU and M ED from Texas A&M. A classroom teacher for 38 years, she loves teaching. She has a special love for UIL academics and enjoys coaching all speaking and reading events. For 35 years of her career, she has taught English at Mason High School. Gay met her husband of 37 years Bert at TAMU. Bert ranches and farms at Camp Air. Bert and Gay have two grown children, son Trey is a lawyer in Austin and daughter Tifnee earned a BA in creative writing at TAMU and is currently pursuing a master in technical writing. In her spare time, Gay enjoys reading, research, and current events.

Spring 2012 Water Levels

Ronnie Moore, the District's lab and field tech, has finished the spring water levels. Things are looking "up" with the average rise in the Hickory at 1.4 feet. The average for the Ellenburger was 4.26 feet and the Marble Falls showed an average gain of 5.80 feet.

Maps of water levels for the past three readings are available on our website in a new format. Check it out and tell us what you think:

Visit <http://www.hickoryuwcd.org> and scroll down to the Water Levels link.

Speaking of websites...

We've made some additions to the website again (completely experimental.) You can now access water quality data from our site. Currently available are radium, iron, nitrates, TDS, chlorides, and sulfates. Each page contains a map with wells for which we have data. On these maps, each dot represents a well for which at least one sample was tested. Click on the well/dot for a pop-up with more information. Some of the wells have had more than one sample drawn. An arrow in the upper right hand corner of the pop-up will allow you to advance to the next test results. You can also change the basemaps from topo to satellite imagery, etc using the menu at the top of the map labeled "Basemap".

Rainfall reports from January to May 2012

Site	Latitude	Longitude	Rainfall YTD	Data Source
James River	30.518122	-99.322048	16.24"	LCRA
Voca	30.991088	-99.148181	18.01"	District
Deer Creek	30.986110	-99.051100	18.90"	District
Melvin	31.162700	-99.582570	11.19"	LCRA
Mason 3 miles NNE	30.792139	-99.211560	11.90"	LCRA
Eden	31.169187	-99.832474	12.40"	LCRA
San Saba River/San Saba	31.198215	-98.706466	12.53"	LCRA
Lohn	31.320400	-99.403000	12.47"	District
Brady South	31.083360	-99.324058	13.07"	District
Mason15 miles W	30.710184	-99.484000	12.01"	LCRA
Masollan	30.691380	-99.036100	15.39"	District
Cherokee	31.029640	-98.732507	15.88"	LCRA

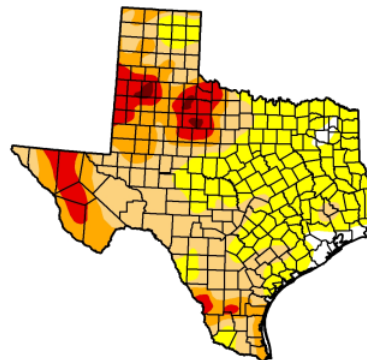
Thank you, Larry Lehmborg, for your years of service as Precinct 3 Director from January 22, 1996 to May 17, 2012. Thank you for your dedication to the District and your endurance through long Board (Bored) meetings.

U.S. Drought Monitor

May 29, 2012
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Texas

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.63	97.37	59.18	26.58	10.16	0.73
Last Week (05/22/2012 map)	9.00	91.00	57.92	33.55	13.54	1.15
3 Months Ago (02/28/2012 map)	6.05	93.95	85.21	67.48	38.68	14.75
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	0.01	99.99	97.83	84.81	67.32	32.36
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	99.16	96.65	85.75
One Year Ago (05/24/2011 map)	2.30	97.70	95.77	91.97	78.49	43.97



Intensity:

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

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

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>



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