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Winter 2020 Newsletter



# Heartbeat of the Hickory

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## Sign-up starting for 4H2O Youth Leadership Academy on March 15

The Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program was formed in 2017 in an effort to educate youth about water resources in Texas. Every spring, up to 30 high school youth are selected to participate in a summer 4-H2O Leadership Academy. Over eight days, they journey more than 2,200 miles and learn how water is collected, conveyed, treated, conserved and managed to meet the need of our economy and citizenry.

To reinforce knowledge gained during the academy, water ambassadors pass on that information to others as they engage in various education and service activities throughout year. This program also provides a platform for youth to connect with water industry professionals and educators who represent a wide range of water disciplines. In order to attend, students must be in high school or entering high school in the 2020/2021 academic year, be 14 years of age or older by August 31, 2020, and be a current 4-H member, or be willing to join a local 4-H club if selected. The District offers scholarships to eligible students in the District. We make an earnest attempt to fund as many students as fiscally possible. **4-H2O Youth Leadership Academy Tier 1 will take place the week of July 11-18, 2020.**

If you're interested in participating, please, contact the District office at 325-597-2785 or email [hickoryuwcd@yahoo.com](mailto:hickoryuwcd@yahoo.com). For more information regarding the academy visit: <https://www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com/>

## Farm and Ranch Water Use Poster Contest Winners

The Board of Directors and Staff had the opportunity to judge 85 posters received from area 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. This year's theme was "Farm and Ranch Water Use." First prize went to Lily Graves from Ms. Shannon Padgett's Cherokee Elementary class. Second place went to Maddox Howell in Ms. Gutierrez's Rochelle 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class. Two Brady Elementary students tied for third: Andreah Guerrero from Mr. Slatton's class and Gavin Pearce from Ms. Bridges's class. Winners received Wal-mart Gift Cards and their posters will be featured on District 2021 Calendars. All the posters can be seen on our Facebook page. Just search for Hickory Underground Water.



First place winner Lily Graves with teacher Ms. Padgett



Teacher Ms. Gutierrez with second place winner Maddox Howell

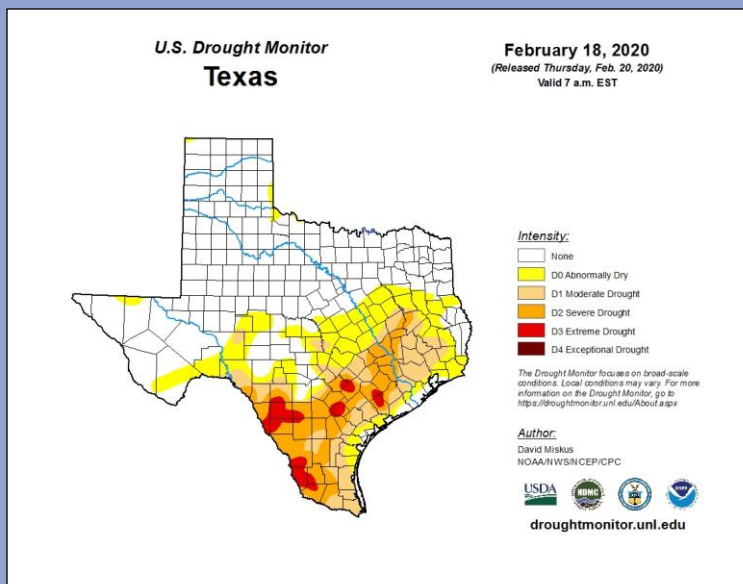


Third place tie: Gavin Pearce from Mrs. Bridges's class and Andreah Guerrero from Mr. Slatton's Class

# Central Texas

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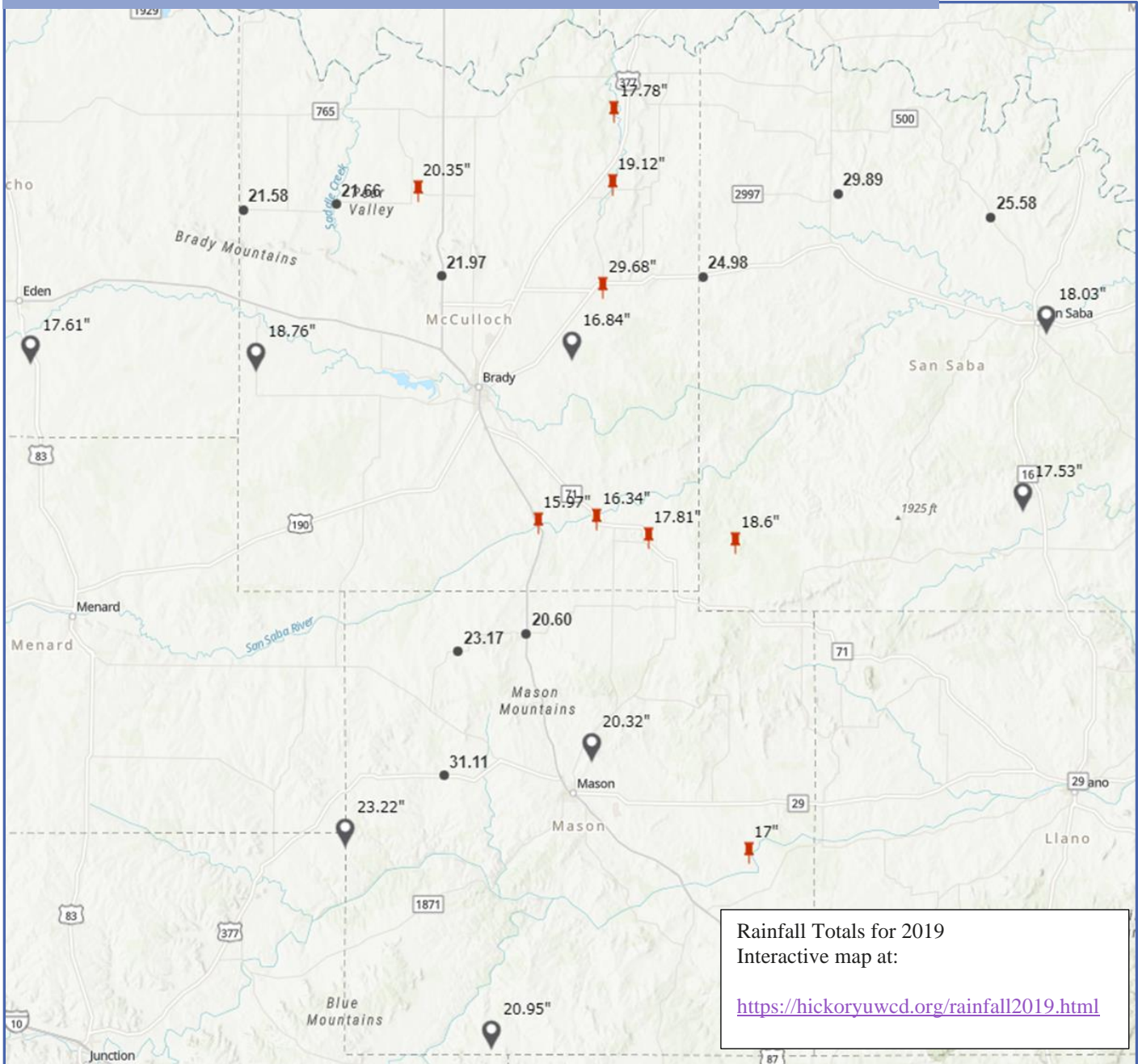
“Abnormally Dry”



## Water Use Reports

Water Use Reports are due March 15. Please, even if you did NOT irrigate, file your Water Use Report with the District. 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.



## Water levels completed

### Water levels for winter 2019/2020 are completed.

The average change from the previous readings were: Ellenburger, based on seven wells, was down an average of 1.08 feet; Hickory, based on 88 wells) was down an average of 0.27 feet; Marble Falls was down 0.48 feet based on six wells; and the one Lion Mountain well was unchanged. Analysis was also run on a series of 43 wells for which we had water levels for 2001, 2010 and 2019. The average change from 2001 to the present was an increase of 4.73. From 2010 to the present, the average was a decrease of 2.77 feet. Some of this can be attributed to the 2011 drought. Water Levels are available online on an interactive map at <https://hickorywcd.org/waterlevels.html>

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