

Heartbeat of the Hickory



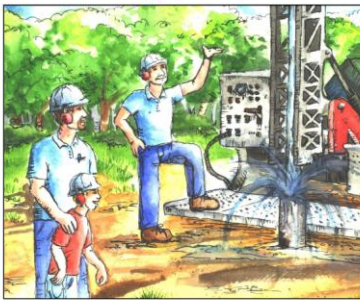
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The District ordered copies of "Well...What's All That Drilling About?" for all area 4th and 5th Grade Teachers.

The book follows two children, Jason and Julie, as they accompany their father, a water well driller, for a day. One of the missions of the District is education. We focus most our educational programs on youth.

Once again we're holding our annual Water Theme Poster Contest. This contest is open to all 4th and 5th grade students within the District. The top three posters will receive Walmart Gift Certificates (\$20, \$15, and \$10 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place respectively) as well as mention in the local paper and in our quarterly newsletter. The theme for this year's contest is "Water: Reduce Your Use!" The deadline for entry is **February 6, 2015**

Quick Fact: On August 12, 1999 the petition of creation was amended by the TNRCC (now Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) to include all aquifers within the legal boundaries and management jurisdiction of the District.

Quick Fact: *The District was created by an order of the Texas Water Commission on June 9, 1982, and organized under the terms and provisions of Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution and Chapters 35 and 36 of the Texas Water Code. We were formed to "formulate, promulgate, and enforce rules and regulations for the purpose of conserving, preserving, prevention of waste, protecting, and recharging" the waters of all aquifers within the District boundaries. In short, our mission is to protect your groundwater.*

Winter at the Water District

Ronnie Moore, our lab/field tech has started measuring winter water levels. He should be finished in early January. At that time, we'll post all the water levels on an interactive map on our website:
www.hickoryuwcd.org

We'll be mailing out Water Use Reports after Christmas. These reports only go to those who have permitted wells. That means you only have to complete a water use report for wells that are used for irrigation, industry, and municipal use.

We've been going through our database, trying to contact well owners who have not permitted or registered their wells. If you have a well that is not documented, please, contact the District office. The process is completely painless and relatively simple.

We don't do this to infringe upon your property rights. The exact opposite is true. By maintaining accurate records, we are better able to manage the groundwater in the District, ensuring the future supply of water. Our rules mandate permitting/registering wells. A copy of the rules can also be found on our website.

The 84th Texas Legislative Session starts January 13, 2015. As usual, the District will be monitoring any proposed legislation that would affect groundwater. If you're interested in receiving legislative updates, drop us an email at hickoryuwcd@yahoo.com, subject line: Legislative Updates to be included in regular email updates. If you don't have access to the internet, call us at 325-597-2785 or drop a quick note in the mail to PO Box 1214, Brady, TX 76825. We'll mail printouts of those same updates.



Quick Fact: *The District covers approximately 1,700,000 acres in all of Mason County and portions of McCulloch, Concho, San Saba, Menard, and Kimble County.*