

BEDIAS CREEK BULLETIN

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Bedias Creek Soil & Water Conservation District

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Assisting land owners and land users with conservation challenges and programs !

APRIL 2008

The 31st Annual Land Judging Career Development Contest ..Was held February 27th and consisted of 5 schools, 10 teams with a total of 55 people attending and assisting in this years contest. The NRCS Team and Soil Scientist set up sites at Fort Boggy State Park in Leon County. This contest is a stepping stone for these young people to the Area, State and National Land Judging Contests. Our thanks go to MADISONVILLE STATE BANK for their sponsor support and the USDA-NRCS in helping us make this an interesting and challenging contest as well as to the Rangers with the Texas Parks and Wildlife for all their assistance.

1st Place Team: Grapeland FFA



2nd Place Team: Madisonville FFA



3rd Place Team: Buffalo FFA



First Place Individual will receive a \$250.00 Scholarship Award

1st Place Individual:

Ty Kellum from Grapeland FFA

2nd Place Individual:

Shane Spangler from Madisonville FFA

3rd Place Individual:

Katie Brown from Grapeland FFA

Shown with: Chairman George Delfeld,
Director Charlie Price and
Director Karen Hadaway



**Jerry Cole, VP
Madisonville State
Bank**



2008 Soil and Water Stewardship Week will be April 29th through May 6th. Soil and Water Stewardship Week is one of the world's largest conservation-related observances. The concept of stewardship involves personal and social responsibility. Soil and Water Stewardship Week helps reminds us of the power of each person to conserve natural resources and improve the world. When people work together with their local conservation district, that power grows and grows. And as these good deeds multiply across the nation's network of conservation districts, the results can be spectacular! The theme for this year is "**Water Is Life.**" Additional information on the theme is available on the Stewardship Website at <http://stewardshipweek.com/>.

CONSERVATION POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST

All schools in the District are eligible to participate in *TX Conservation Poster & Essay Contest*. The Poster Contest is directed toward 5th Grade Students with the Essay Contest directed toward High School Students. First, Second and Third place winners are chosen from *each* school. Each school's top three winners compete for First, Second and Third place "Over All". These Over All Poster winners and Over All Essay winners will be submitted to the Texas Conservation Awards Program Area Four Contest. State Winners for Texas will be selected from the 5 Area winners. Winners from each School can be viewed on our Web Site. <http://www.bedias-walker.tx.nacdnet.org/>

Buffalo: 1st Maranda Bailey 2nd Trevor Humphries 3rd Dylan St.Pe
North Zulch: 1st Veerapat Wanakaew 2nd Kyli Brown 3rd Eric Canfield
Madisonville: 1st Sterling Taylor 2nd Karleigh Howeth 3rd Ashley Wright
Normangee: 1st Brian Winkler 2nd Jake Landry 3rd Candace Griggs [not pictured at this time]

OVER ALL 2008 Conservation Poster Contest Winners are: First Place-Dylan St.Pe from Buffalo ISD; Second Place-Trevor Humphries from Buffalo ISD and Third Place-Sterling Taylor from Madisonville ISD.



Buffalo



Madisonville



North Zulch



Centerville
Essay

OVER ALL 2008 Conservation Essay Contest Winners are: First Place- Samantha Hogan from Centerville ISD; Second Place- Bradley Holleman from Centerville ISD and Third Place- Aaron Wright from Centerville ISD. Pictures not shown!

CONSERVATION "Planner" CHECK LIST

APRIL: Continue pasture & range planting; Control pond weeds; Stock fish; Spray prickly pear after prescribed burn; Graze warm season forages; Begin fertilization program on introduced warm season pastures; Implement high intensity early season grazing to utilize annual production in native pastures; Monitor & record all grazing events; Plan next year's pasture burn in grazing system.

MAY: Heaviest month of forage production of warm season forage-consider resting pastures for 25-28 days; Foliar spray mesquite when soil temp. at 12" depth reach 75 degrees F.; Establish summer food plots for wildlife; Check for weed infestation in pastures; Control pond weeds; Fertilize ponds as needed; Consider economics of fertilizer application in summer forages (buy hay vs. bale on own).

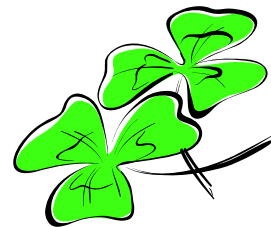
JUNE: Evaluate forage production-adjusting stocking (June-July); Monitor water for aquatic plant growth; Fertilize ponds as needed; Check forest stand for weed & disease damage; Continue hay harvest & test for Crude Protein (CP) and Total Digestible Nutrients (TDN); Rotate pastures as needed; Monitor & record graze and rest periods. Contact your Bedias Creek Soil & Water Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service for more detailed information on recommended monthly management activities. Look for calendar updates on the next newsletter.

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15th ANNUAL CLOVER FORAGE FIELD DAY

...will be held on Wednesday *April 30, 2008*. Registration will begin at 8:00 am and the meeting will conclude at approximately 3:00 pm. Please mark your calendars! If you would be interested in being a *Sponsor* for this year's event please contact our office (936) 348-2666 x 3. Your Company's Exhibit could be a great addition to the educational outreach of this field day. More information will be updated on our web site: <http://www.bedias-walker.tx.nacdnet.org/> Look for GREAT *Door Prizes* this year!



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