

BEDIAS CREEK BULLETIN

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Bedias Creek Soil & Water Conservation District #428

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

APRIL 2009

The 33rd Annual Land Judging Career Development Contest ...was held February 25th and consisted of 6 schools, 14 teams with a total of 64 people attending and assisting in this years contest. The NRCS Team and Soil Scientist set up sites at Alders Farms 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.

Chairman Calls Winners



1st Place Team: Grapeland FFA



2nd Place Team: Klein FFA



3rd Place Team: Mildred FFA



First Place Individual will receive a \$250.00 Scholarship Award

1st Place Individual:

Deric Moore from Grapeland FFA

2nd Place Individual:

Kolten Burkes from Klein FFA

3rd Place Individual:

Stephen Howard from Grapeland FFA



**Jerry Cole, VP
Madisonville State
Bank**

Shown with: Chairman George Delfeld,
Directors: Charlie Price, James Nevill and Karen Hadaway



EARTH DAY APRIL 22ND

Conservation is a way of life. Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day in 1970. In the same year, Denis Hayes coordinated the first Earth Day in the United States. EARTH DAY was begun to promote environmental awareness. As a result of Earth Day, many environmental laws were passed and the Environmental Protection Agency was created.



2009 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 as these good deeds multiply across the nation's network of conservation districts, the results can be spectacular! The theme for this year is "**DIG IT: The Secrets of Soil.**" Additional information at <http://stewardshipweek.com/>.

Soils make our lives possible. We build on them, play on them, drive on them, eat food grown in or raised on them, take medicines from them, wear clothes we wouldn't have without soils, drink water that wouldn't be clean without soils, breathe air we wouldn't have without the plants and trees growing in soils. The entire earth—every ecosystem, every living organism—is dependent upon soils.

2009 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.nacdn.net/>

Centerville: 1st Blake McCarty 2nd Ethan Clossin; show with teacher Paul Bosse
Normangee: 1st Brielle Feauto 2nd Logan Young 3rd Nash Lincecum [picture not available]

OVER ALL 2009 Conservation Poster Contest Winners are:

First Place-*BRIELLE FEAUTO* from Normangee ISD; **Second Place**-*BLAKE McCARTY* from Centerville ISD and **Third Place**-*LOGAN YOUNG* from Normangee ISD

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NORMANGEE Poster

CENTERVILLE Poster

OAKWOOD Essay

OVER ALL 2009 Conservation ESSAY Contest Winners are from OAKWOOD High School:

First Place - *Paige Eldridge*; **Second Place** - *Dustin Hamill* and **Third Place** - *Lupe Cardenas*
 show with teacher Charlotte Pate

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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16th ANNUAL CLOVER FORAGE FIELD DAY

...will be on Wednesday *April 29, 2009*. Registration will begin at 8:00 am.

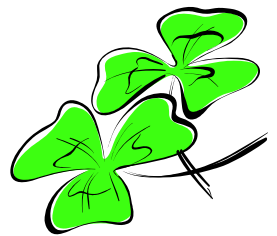
All field presentations will be after lunch at SOLLOCK FARMS !!!

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:

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Look for GREAT *Door Prizes* this year!



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