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The Big Country RC&D Area, a not-for-profit organization, concentrates on community and rural development to improve the quality of life in West Texas.

**VISION STATEMENT**

A safe, healthful environment having a strong economy and sustaining the Area's natural resources.

**Up Coming Events**

Water Screening for Borden and Scurry County	Snyder, TX	November 16-18, 2009
Big Country RC&D Quarterly Board Meeting	Taylor County	December 8, 2009

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## Rainfall Harvesting Workshop



Billy Kniffen demonstrates rainfall on different types of ground.

Big Country RC&D partnered with Texas Agrilife Extension and Wes-Tex GWCD to provide an educational workshop on rainfall harvesting. Attendees learned the basics of harvesting rain water and building your own system. Rain Barrels were made available to those who pre-registered.



Kniffen constructs rain barrels from used poly barrels.

## Improving Public Safety in Mitchell County



Riley Kitchens presents Michelle Guelker of the Fire Dept. Auxiliary with the emergency flashers.

Big Country RC&D recently donated ninety Smart Bulb emergency flashers to Mitchell County Fire Department Auxiliary. These emergency flashing bulbs will be installed in the porch lights of elderly and homebound citizens of Mitchell County. The bulbs allow individuals to notify neighbors or emergency personnel that they are in need of assistance.

# Anson ISD Recieves Office Depot Donation



Mike Ammons, Office Depot Store Manager and Jay Baccus, Anson Superintendent are pictured with donated supplies.

Anson ISD was the recipient of a donation of office supplies from Big Country RC&D courtesy of the Office Depot store in Abilene. Big Country RC&D has made many donations to area school districts through the Gifts In Kind International Retail Donation Program and is privileged to continue its retail donation partnership with Gifts In Kind International. Through this partnership Anson ISD will have some new supplies, as well as replenish the supplies on hand.

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## Well Water Screening Borden & Scurry County



A well water screening will be held November 16-18 for Borden & Scurry County. This event screens your water sample for salts, bacteria and nitrate concentrations. For more information you may contact Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) or Big Country RC&D.

## FUNDING SOURCES

### Champions for Healthy Kids

The General Mills Foundation, in partnership with the American Dietetic Association Foundation and the President's Council on Physical Fitness, developed the Champions for Healthy Kids grant program in 2002. Each year since inception, the General Mills Foundation awards 50 grants of \$10,000 each to community-based groups that develop creative ways to help youth adopt a balanced diet and physically active lifestyle.  
**Timeline for Champions for Healthy Kids Grant Program:** Online application due January 15.

### Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections

The Division of Preservation and Access at the National Endowment for the Humanities announces a new preventive conservation grant program, Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections, with a deadline of December 8, 2009. The program offers U.S. nonprofit museums, libraries, and archives, as well as state and local governmental agencies and tribal governments with humanities collections two kinds of awards:

- Planning and evaluation grants, with awards up to \$40,000
- Implementation grants, with awards up to \$400,000

Guidelines will be posted on the New

### Pay It Forward Foundation

Mini-grants of up to \$500

Pay It Forward Mini-Grants are designed to fund one-time-only service-oriented projects identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community. Projects must contain a "pay it forward" focus - that is, they must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others, with the results growing exponentially - to be considered in the grant making process.

#### Application Deadline:

September 15 - 1st semester

February 15 - 2nd semester

### Nickelodeon's Big Green Grants Program

Nickelodeon's Big Green Grants Program is a unique funding initiative that teams up kids and adults to bring resources to schools and community-based organizations to support environmentally friendly projects that educate and inspire kids to take care of the environment; be active and live healthily; and/or engage in community service.

Eligibility Period: April 1 - December 31, 2009, eligible schools and community-based organizations can apply for one of two funding opportunities. To be eligible, applicants must host an Earth Day event in April or a Worldwide Day of Play event in September. For