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### Kudos.....

We say thank you to those making a difference in and around New Braunfels

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From recognizing community helpers to helping community organizations do even more good, the last seven days have seen New Braunfelsers pushing to make the city better than ever.

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The Rotary Club of New Braunfels started what it hopes will be a new tradition — and raised money for a good cause at the same time.

The group's first ever Hill Country Craft Beer Festival was a big success, according to organizers, as it drew in people from around the area, put a spotlight on the community's growing small breweries, and acted as a fundraiser for the Sally N. Kingsbury Sacroma Research Foundation.

With the first behind them, the group is already hard at work on the Second Annual Hill Country Craft Beer Festival. Cheers to the Rotary, and to all the vendors and participants who helped get this fledgling event off to a rousing start.

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We've only got one planet — so far.

Over the weekend and early this week, New Braunfels Utilities recognized the annual holiday designed to remind us of that fact, and to educate people about how to protect it.

Earth Day was a perfect opportunity to invite people out to the Headwaters at the Comal and show them just what an environmentally-conscious effort looks like.

The property was vacated in 2004, which was when a master plan formed to create an environmental showcase and protect the headwaters of the Comal Springs. Restoring the property to a more native environment opened the door to give back to the community.

The Westside Community Center was host on Monday with exhibitors, music, activities covering everything from recycling to water conservation — many with a youth focus.

Teaching the importance of protecting the planet is something we shouldn't need an Earth Day to do, but special attention on that special day can only help.