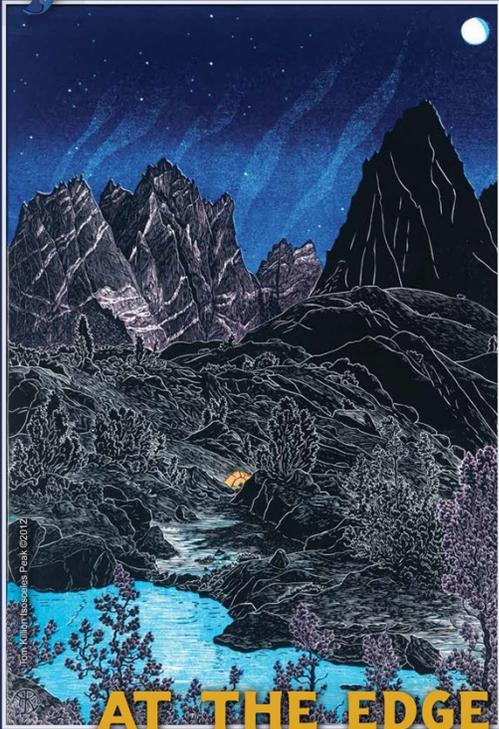


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Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance
and
Llano River Field Station

Inspiration Coming to The
Odeon in Mason- October 12



WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL
WHERE ACTIVISM GETS INSPIRED

Join Us!
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6-8 pm
Odeon Theater
Mason, TX
8 Films!

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Workshop
Postponed



The Texas Well Owner Network Workshop scheduled for October 3 at the Llano River Field Station has been **postponed**.

The good folks involved with this program have been tirelessly addressing water well issues related to Hurricane Harvey. They have asked to reschedule the workshop for November.

Stay tuned for an update.

Calculating your Stocking Rate

800 lbs = 21 lbs/day



1000 lbs = 26 lbs/day



1200 lbs = 31 lbs/day

Most of us remember the ad, *“This is Not your Father’s Oldsmobile”*. Well, the same is true for cattle, except, *This is Not your Granddad’s Cattle*.

Last week we started to share in the Newsletter, tidbits from last Friday’s Lone Star Healthy Streams Workshop at the Llano River Field Station. Continuing with the discussion about stocking rates, we look at how cattle have changed over the years and how this changes Stocking Rates.

The cow on the left represents your grandfather’s cow. The average weight was about 800 pounds and average food intake was about 21 pounds per day. Your dad’s cow (middle) was slightly larger, averaging 1,000 pounds and requiring about 26 pounds of groceries daily. Today’s cow is 50% larger, on average, than your granddad’s cow and requires 47% more feed.

This increase in body weight and food intake also increases your stocking rate, meaning, all things being equal, today’s cattle require more acreage to feed than they did two generations ago. Overstocking your pasture can obviously decrease vegetative cover, which can increase the amount of soil that gets washed into the Llano.

Attacking the Elephant Ears

Recently, crews from Texas Parks and Wildlife, Llano River Field Station, and Llano River Watershed Alliance again took to the river to control Elephant Ear. Thanks to these continued efforts, treatment of this aquatic invasive species has now occurred from Telegraph all the way to Grobe Crossing below Junction.





WILD & SCENIC® FILM FESTIVAL

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October 12

Odeon Theater, Mason

Film Selection:

[Ace and the Desert Dog](#)
[Bringing Back the Brooks](#)

[Elk River](#)

[One Hundred Thousand Beating](#)

[Hearts](#)

[Plastico](#)

Razing Cane, Controlling Invasive

Arundo Cane

[Sagebrush Sisters](#)

[Selah](#)

Hill Country Alliance, in partnership with the Llano River Watershed Alliance, Upper Guadalupe River Authority, Odeon Preservation Association and numerous local sponsors will return the Wild & Scenic Film Festival to Mason next month. Admission is \$5.

This year's films take us on an incredible journey with elk across mountain tops, follow three intrepid women (ages 65 to 80) as they follow the pronghorn antelope migration, and let us learn about local efforts to remove Giant Cane from Hill Country Rivers...just to name a few!

[More info...](#)

Oktoberfish returning to Junction

October 20-22

Our friends and sponsors at Fredericksburg Fly Fishers are once again hosting Oktoberfish on the South Llano.

The Llano River Field Station will be hosting a Stream Trailer Demonstration Saturday morning. Come see us.

Learn to flyfish and more.....

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South Llano River State Park

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Star Party

Saturday, September 16th, 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Held at the 2nd Day Use parking lot

(take the road across from Headquarters, follow to the end)

Join San Antonio Astronomical Association, Texas Tech Outdoor School and local astronomers for some stargazing! We'll find our way around the night sky, and look through a telescope at Jupiter, Saturn, and other celestial objects! We'll also find out what the park is doing to protect its dark skies. Bring a lawn chair and a red light flashlight (if you have one) to protect your night vision. All ages welcome!

Note: Park Headquarters closes at 4:30 pm, so if arriving after this time, please bring exact change or check to pay entrance fee at self-pay station (\$5 per person ages 13 and up, kids 12 and under are free)



Buck Lake Trail Nature Walk

Sunday, September 17th, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Meet at the Acorn Blind

(down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)

Join us for a hike in the pecan and hardwood forest, and we'll keep an eye out for deer, birds, and other wildlife! This easy trail is approximately 1.25 miles round-trip. There is one steep but short hill, and the rest of the dirt path is fairly level. Good walking shoes and drinking water are recommended. All ages welcome.

Park programs are open to the public and free with park entrance fee