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Watershed Week in Review

A Publication of
Llano River Watershed Alliance and
Llano River Field Station

Overflow Crowd in Castell



John Botros with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department discusses the various lease options available through the RACA Program at the Castell General Store.

Over 50 people gathered at the Castell General Store Thursday night to enjoy some great burgers and learn about Texas Parks and Wildlife's River Access and Conservation Area (RACA) program.

A special thank you to all the folks at the Castell General Store for providing us great food and river hospitality.

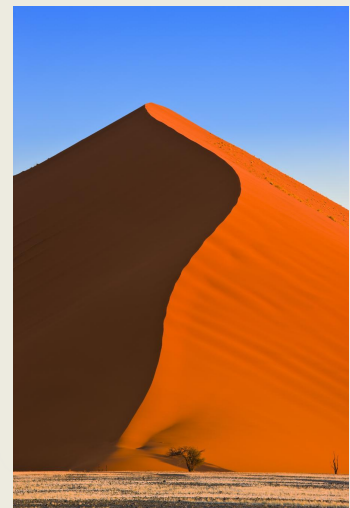
[Check this site next month](#) for info regarding a new RACA site on the Llano above KC 312 above Grobe Crossing. This site will provide an opportunity for folk to enjoy a section of the river many have not seen.

Taking a Break

The staff of *Watershed Week in Review* will be taking a break during the month of September. (Hint below)

We greatly appreciate your readership and support over the last three years. If you experience Newsletter withdrawals, please visit our [Newsletter Archives page](#).

The newsletter will resume October 5th.

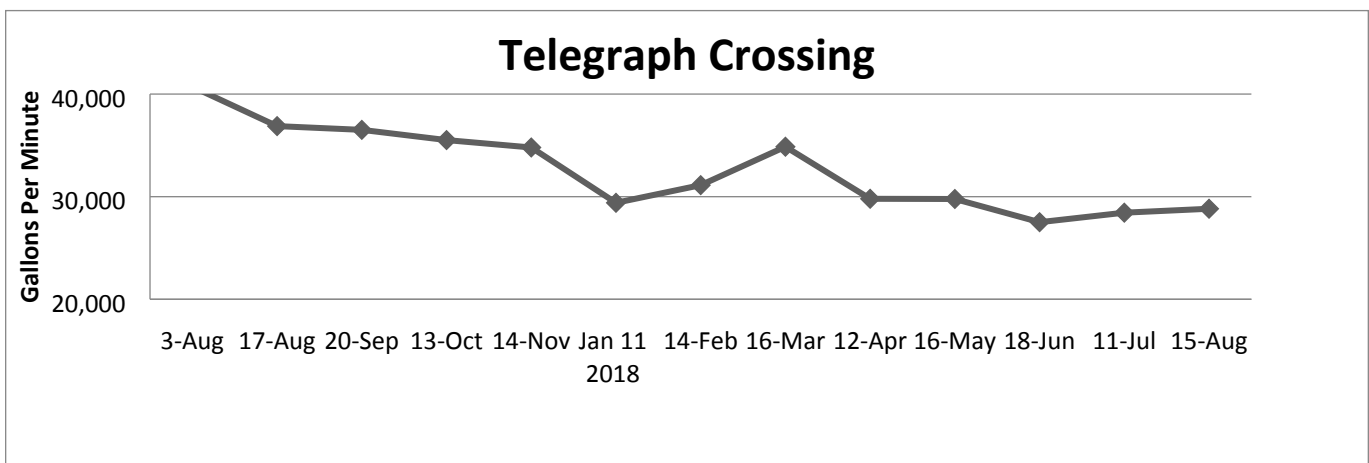


Latest Paddling Trail Sign



Special thanks to Alliance Board Member J.D. Kidwell for single-handedly replacing the South Llano River Paddling Trail Kiosk at Flat Rock Crossing.

South Llano Flows



The latest measurements by the [Real-Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District](#) show the flows in the upper portion of the South Llano River increasing slightly from last month. According to Joel Pigg, General Manager of the District, flows at the Telegraph (Upper) Crossing were 64 cfs on August 15, up about 1 cfs from July. The Lower Crossing near the old Evergreen School also increased about 1 cfs from the previous month to 68 cfs.

Make Plans to Attend these Upcoming Events

DROUGHT PROOF TEXAS

with

**Joseph "Pete"
Van Dyck**

owner at Van Dyck

Earthworks and Design LLC.

and Drought Proof Texas

Thursday, August 30

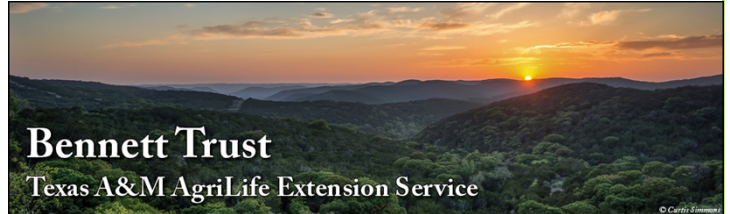
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Llano Library

Pete is a restoration ecologist and heavy equipment operator that specializes in rehydrating landscapes. He will also talk about new discoveries in soil science that reduce water usage and help our soils hold on to moisture for longer.

Drought Proofing Strategies

- Increasing Infiltration -- Runoff during heavy rainfall can be a destructive force. Uncontrolled storm runoff washes away valuable topsoil, organic matter and sediment.
- Water Erosion Control
- Increasing Shade
- Increase Plant Diversity
- Stimulate Soil Biology
- Water Erosion Control



Bennett Trust

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Bennett Trust Land Stewardship Women's Conference

October 1-2, 2018

Inn On Barons Creek

Fredericksburg, TX 78624

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[Agenda](#)



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Sacred Oaks at Camp Lucy, 3509 Creek Rd, Dripping Springs, TX 78620

**HCA
Annual Leadership
Summit**

Thursday, September 27th
Camp Lucy, Dripping Springs

8:30 A.M. – Coffee & Registration
9 A.M. – 4 P.M. Summit Program
4-6 P.M. – Networking Reception

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Family Park Programs, August 25 – September 1

South Llano River State Park

Phone: (325) 446-3994



Bird Walk - Saturday, August 25th, 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Meet at the Fawn Trail parking lot
(just behind Park Headquarters)

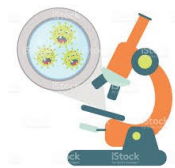
Join us for a bird walk! We will walk the short trail to the bird blind, and see what birds come in to bathe, eat, and drink. Good walking shoes, sun protection and drinking water are recommended. Binoculars provided, or bring your own.

All ages and skill levels welcome!

Under the Microscope - Saturday, August 25th & Friday, August 31st

Drop in between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm

Held at the Park Headquarters porch



Stop by park headquarters between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm to see what's under the microscope. Whether it's Buck Lake water, a butterfly wing, a feather, or something quite different, it will be exciting!



By J.G. Wang

Japanese Fish Printing - Saturday, September 1st 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Held at the Acorn Bird Blind

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

Try your hand at the ancient art of Gyotaku, a method that Japanese fishermen used to record their catch! All materials are provided. All ages welcome!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Skins, Skulls, and More! - Saturday, September 1st

Drop in between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm

Held at the Park Headquarters porch



Stop by park headquarters between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm to see and touch animal furs and skulls. Find out what a skull can tell us about how an animal lives! All ages welcome.

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