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Watershed Week in Review

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700 Springs Tour



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The 23rd annual Kimble County Historical Commission tour to 700 Springs was another great success with folks coming from across Texas and even Lexington, Kentucky to attend.

As in year's past, the Historical Commission told the *History of the Springs* and local geologist Pete Rose presented the *Working of the Springs*.

The Llano River Watershed Alliance website (llanoriver.org) has made Frederica Wyatt's *History of the Springs* [available online](#).

As always, the community offers a special thank you to Lee Pfluger and the [700 Springs Ranch](#) for sharing this treasured spot with all of us.

Free Symposium on Free Benefits from the Natural Environment

TX WATER SYMPOSIUM

**ECOSYSTEM SERVICES
IN THE TEXAS
HILL COUNTRY**

THURSDAY, MAY 10.

7PM-8:30PM

TX TECH FIELD STATION
JUNCTION, TX



*Rep. Andy Murr
Hughes Simpson
Dr. Tom Arsuffi*

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Water, essential for life, is our most precious and valuable natural resource. But water supply and quality are under increasing pressure from a growing population. How will we protect this resource and plan for a sustainable future? There is a great need for a water-literate public; decisions being made today have far reaching and long lasting effects for our children and future generations.

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Texas Tech University Llano River Field Station - Junction
254 Red Raider Ln. Junction, TX 76849
Doors open at 6:30 pm, Program 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Panelists:

State Representative Andy Murr: Texas House District 53

Hughes Simpson: Program Leader - Texas A&M Forest Service

Tom Arsuffi: Director of the Llano River Field Station at Texas Tech University

Moderator: Katherine Romans: Executive Director, Hill Country Alliance

Ecosystem Services are the benefits that are provided -- for free -- by the natural environment. Healthy rivers, uplands, and aquifers provide safe drinking and irrigation water. Plants act as filters that generate oxygen and clean our air. Healthy soils retain moisture and capture carbon. Natural systems help regulate temperatures, maintain nutrient cycles, and provide a wide range of other necessary services that would otherwise require mechanical solutions and cost taxpayer dollars.

What would it cost to replace the ecosystem services we currently receive for free? As a society, we tend to overlook, take for granted, or even neglect and abuse the things that come to us at no cost. To help inform decision-makers, many of these ecosystem services are being assigned economic values. Join us as we explore the ecosystem services provided by our Hill Country natural resources and how we can help preserve and protect our natural capital.

Thank you for helping Texas Water Symposium celebrate 10 years of water exploration!

FREE Rainwater Harvesting Workshop Coming to Junction, June 9



Rainwater Harvesting
For Irrigation,
Livestock, Wildlife,
Firefighting

Rainwater Harvesting Class
June 9, 2018
9:00 to 12: noon
FREE
Texas Tech University - Junction
Center
Address: 254 Red Raider Ln, Junction,
TX 76849
Location Phone: 325-446-2301
Class Information Number:
972-952-9688
Registration:
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Think “Big Tank” and help save on your customer’s water bill!!! This program covers design, construction, maintenance and benefits of a large rainwater collection system. Participants will learn how to calculate rainwater capture, design an above or below ground collection system and utilize rainwater using large tank systems for home or business applications. This program will also cover installing drip irrigation.

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TPWD Press Release...

Guadalupe Bass Creating Memories for Texas Anglers

AUSTIN – In 2017, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), the Llano River Watershed Alliance and Bass Pro Shops partnered together to help celebrate conservation successes in the South Llano River and recognize the ecological, recreational and economic importance of [Guadalupe bass](#).

As part of that effort, TPWD stocked 35 tagged Guadalupe bass in the South Llano River at multiple locations including the [South Llano River State Park](#), the [South Llano Paddling Trail](#), and the [County Road 150 River Access and Conservation Area](#). Anglers who catch these tagged fish can redeem the tag for fly fishing gear donated by Bass Pro Shops through Dec. 31.

So far, anglers from five cities around the state including San Antonio, Arlington, Pflugerville, Kerrville and Junction have caught 11 of the 35 tagged fish. Among this group are a youth angler, an out-of-towner visiting the South Llano River to escape bad weather, a fly fisherman affectionately dubbed the “stocker stalker,” and a few lucky locals who have caught multiple tagged fish during the same fishing trip.

I think it’s a really cool program in that way, getting people out to explore this place,” said angler Robin Fuquay of Junction, who caught the third tagged fish in the contest. “We call Junction ‘The Land of Living Waters’ – and it’s very alive with Texas fishing. It truly is a hidden gem in the hill country.”

For Fuquay and JD Davila, who recently moved to Junction from the Austin area, one of the tagged Guadalupe bass created quite a fish tale for the couple.

In November 2017, Davila unofficially caught the third tagged Guadalupe bass. That catch was unofficial because he didn’t realize until after he got home and checked the internet that it was tagged for a prize program and not a tracking or movement study from the local university.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: Robin is not the only one with great luck. Gibson Colvin (left) caught his 3rd tagged Guadalupe Bass last week. And Albert Vasquez even [caught his catch on video!](#)

Alliance Supporters, the [Texas Women Fly Fishers](#) will try their luck this weekend on their annual outing to the South Llano. There are still 24 tagged fish in the river. Good Luck!

Master Naturalists presentation on Chronic Wasting Disease- May 21st in Kerrville

Press Release – Texas Master Naturalist

The public is invited to attend the **May 21, 2018** meeting of the Hill Country Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program. Bob Dittmar DVM, Wildlife Veterinarian for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will address the topic of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD.) During the 2016-2017 Texas whitetail deer hunting season, the first confirmed case of CWD in a free-ranging Texas whitetail deer was detected.

Additionally, the first known free-ranging elk in Texas to test positive for CWD was harvested. Dr. Dittmar will give a review of what Chronic Wasting Disease is and why Texans should worry about it. He will also discuss some management strategies, review the CWD timeline in Texas and give an update on recent sampling numbers.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It will be held at the Upper Guadalupe River Authority's lecture hall, 125 North Lehmann Drive in Kerrville. **Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the program begins at 7:00 p.m.** Contact Craig Childs, Hill Country Chapter Vice-President, (210) 286-2674, for further information.



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Family Park Programs, April 28th - May 5th
South Llano River State Park
Phone: (325) 446-3994

Golden-cheeked Warbler Hike - Saturday, May 5th, 8:30 am - 11:00 am

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

Find out about the endangered Golden-cheeked Warbler that only nests in the Texas Hill Country, and then join us for a 2-mile, moderate hike to see if we can spot one. Good walking shoes, sun protection, and drinking water are recommended. Binoculars provided, or bring your own. All ages and skill levels welcome!



Skins, Skulls, and More! - Saturday, May 5th

Drop in between 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Held at Headquarters Front Porch

Stop by Park Headquarters between 2:30 and 3:30 to see and touch animal furs and skulls, and find out what a skull can tell us about how that animal survives!



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