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# Watershed Week in Review

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Llano River Field Station

## Spring Break on the Llano

No better way to spend Spring Break than a canoe trip on the Llano River from Junction to Yates Crossing. Good weather and an inquisitive youngster made for a perfect trip. Highlights included Neathery Falls and a riverside porcupine.





## New Bridge Across the Llano Focus of Commissioner's Court

*By John Verser  
Llano News*

County commissioners and the public discussed a proposed bridge at Schneider Slab for almost an hour at Monday's regularly scheduled meeting.

In January, commissioners unanimously approved an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to build a bridge across the Llano River near the slab. The state presented preliminary plans, none of which have been approved, and the plan county officials most agreed with was one that would keep the slab in place for recreational use.

The state would pay approximately \$1.3 million for the bridge. The county would be responsible for about \$175,000 of in-kind work across the county.

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Photo : Brooke Fulton

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## Lake at Robinson Park to remain Drained for Crawfish Open

*By John Verser  
Llano News*



Photo : Llano News

The Llano City Council on Monday voted to leave Robinson Lake drained to allow continued dredging there.

The lake will remain drained until the water flow hits 40 cfs (cubic feet per second). The rate was at 80 cfs in Llano on Monday night, said utilities director Josh Becker. Collier Materials, which is doing the dredging, must also provide a mechanism for water to be used for the city's golf course.

One concern about leaving the lake drained is that it is the backdrop for the annual Crawfish

Open festival, which is held each April. The original agreement between the city and Collier called for the lake to be filled up prior to the start of Crawfish Open....[read more](#)

## Volunteers Needed



The First Annual South Llano River State Park Birding Festival is sponsored by the Friends of the SLRSP and they are looking for volunteers on April 28 & 29.

Help is needed to staff the four bird blinds at scheduled times and help visitors with basic bird ID. Volunteers are also needed for staging areas and as roving emergency contracts on some of the walks.

Volunteers who serve a total minimum of 4 hours will be given a volunteer's birding festival t-shirt, lunch on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Volunteers will also be given a free parking sticker for the park and be able to attend the afternoon public special events.

To learn more, check out their [Facebook Page](#).

To volunteer, email [Scott Richardson](#) or call 325-475-2271 or 830-459-2271.

## What's Under the River?



Beneath Texas rivers lies a unique ecosystem filled with life, including species found nowhere else but Texas. Learn about the hyporheic zone and the Bou Rouch pump in this [video from Texas Parks and Wildlife](#).



## 700 Springs Tour

This year's tour of 700 Springs will be Saturday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>**.

As in years previous, the tour will begin at the Kimble County Courthouse in Junction at 10am sharp and caravan to the 700 Springs Ranch.



## Bass #5

Congratulations to Albert Vasquez of San Antonio! He caught Guadalupe Bass #5 of the Guadalupe Bass Broodstock fishing contest earlier this month.

The contest is a partnership with the Alliance, Texas Parks and Wildlife and Bass Pro Shops.



Back in October of last year, Texas Parks and Wildlife released 15 retired Guadalupe Bass broodstock back into the South Llano River at undisclosed locations. These fish are tagged with a TPWD Floy Tag-a small orange tag. If you catch one, please clip (do not pull) the tag and take a photo of the fish to claim your Bass Pro Shop prize.

The broodstock were used to successfully restore the genetically hybridized South Llano population.

[For more info on the contest...](#)







THE HILL COUNTRY ALLIANCE & THE HILL COUNTRY CONSERVANCY PRESENT

# CONSERVATION EASEMENT WORKSHOP

*Join fellow landowners in learning about an innovative estate planning and conservation tool: Conservation Easements. Land trust experts will be on hand to answer FAQs about conservation easements, income and estate tax implications of easements, the land trust / landowner relationship, and much more. Hear from landowners who have donated conservation easements, network with your neighbors, and celebrate the Hill Country! Lunch will be provided and a networking reception will follow. We hope to see you there!*

*Questions? Contact Carolyn Vogel by email at [cavogel2013@gmail.com](mailto:cavogel2013@gmail.com)  
or by phone at (512)633-4995.*



**WHERE:** Burnet County Agrilife Extension Office Auditorium  
607 N. Vandever Street  
Burnet, TX 78611

**WHEN:** Friday, April 20, 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm

**TICKETS:** \$15/individual; \$20/couple. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the website below or at the door. Walk-ins are welcome!



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## Family Park Programs

### South Llano River State Park

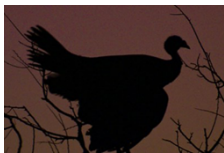
Phone: (325) 446-3994

#### Bird Walk

Friday, March 23rd, 8:30 am - 10:00 am  
Meet at the Fawn Trail parking lot  
(behind Park Headquarters)



South Llano River State Park is a great place to go birdwatching. Join us and see what we can spot! We will walk to the bird blind and see what birds come in to bathe, drink, or feed. If time permits, we may drive or walk to another bird blind as well. Binoculars provided, or bring your own. All ages and skill levels welcome!

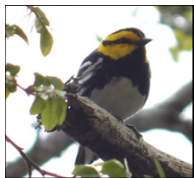


#### Turkey Talk!

Saturday, March 24th, 11:00 am - 12 noon  
Held at the Acorn Blind

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

Find out where Wild Turkey live, how they raise their families, what they like to eat, and more! We'll also have a hands-on "show-and-tell", with turkey feathers, a turkey beard (what's that? You'll find out!), and more!  
All ages welcome.



#### Golden-cheeked Warbler Hike

Sunday, March 25th, 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!

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