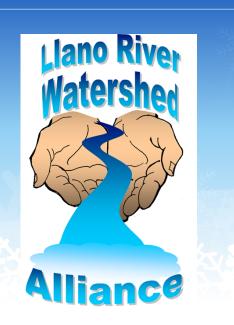
## Watershed Week in Review January 8, 2017



<u>Here is a video</u> of Alliance Sponsor Tony Plutino of Llano River Region Adventures and KHLB Radio Personality Suzie Quasar's plunge at James River Crossing



The folks at <u>Castell General Store</u> shared a picture of the hardy participants of their 8<sup>th</sup> annual Polar Bear Plunge.



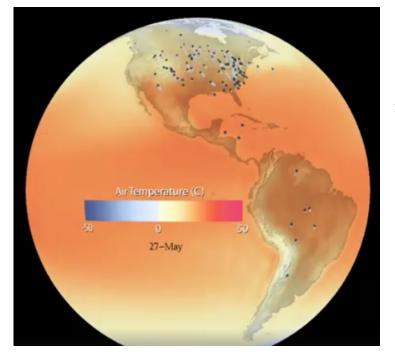
New Year's 2017



And what may already be the Photo of the Year...

Tony Plutino shared a picture of a family member taking a break from their family murder mystery at Honey Creek Ranch on the Llano downstream from White's Crossing.

## Science on a Sphere – a new tool from NOAA



NOAA-The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-has released a great visual tool: <u>Science on</u> <u>a Sphere</u>.

The image (left) is <u>bird migrations</u> in the Western Hemisphere for each date of the year.

Happy Exploring!

## Why Prescribed Burn Associations?

Prescribed burning is the application of fire to the landscape to meet multiple land management objectives. It is one land management practice that can be used to restore the natural balance of ecosystems in a safe and calculated way, while also reducing wildfire rise. While most plant communities in the South are dependent on fire to maintain plants and native wildlife, many lands do not receive the as much fire as they need.

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Prescribed burns are a critical part of the recently approved Upper Llano River Watershed Protection Plan. The <u>Upper</u> <u>Llanos Prescribed Burn Association</u> is a proactive conservation organization based in Kimble County, whose goal is to enhance the productivity of the land and provide more water to the aquifer by reducing runoff, erosion and competition Ashe juniper while simultaneously reducing wildfire fuels

To learn more, attend the Annual Meeting of the Upper Llanos Prescribed Burn Association this **Friday**, **January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Kimble County Courtroom. The meeting begins at 5:30pm** 



