

OCTOBER 21, 2016

Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance

Successful Film Festival



More than 65 folks turned out Wednesday night at The Odeon Theater in Mason to enjoy the [Wild & Scenic Film Festival](#). If you missed it, you will have an opportunity to catch the films in [Fredericksburg and San Marcos](#).

Special thanks to Hill Country Alliance for providing the films and to the [Odeon Theater](#) and [KHLB-102.5 FM](#) for their support.

Hopefully, we can do it again next year.

Monarchs Pause along the Llano

According to Monika Maeckle at Texas Butterfly Ranch, several hundred monarchs paused along the Llano during last week's warm weather.

Fortunately, they were able to refuel on Cowpen daisies and Swamp milkweed served as host plants for those reproducing Monarchs.

- [Read more](#) -

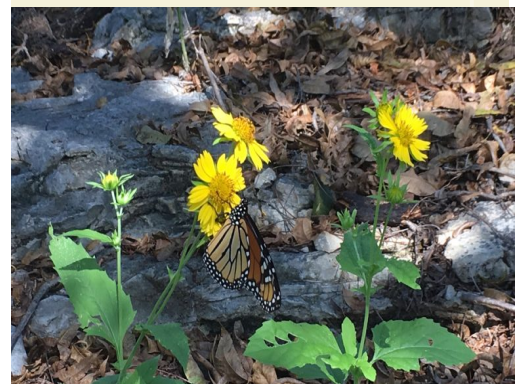


Photo: Monika Maeckle



Photo: Koy Coffey

Octoberfisch on the South Llano

The Fredericksburg Fly Fishers wrapped up their 13th annual Oktoberfisch last weekend in Junction.

Once again, the Fly Fishers graciously offered free booth space to the Alliance. Board member Nol Dear promotes the Alliance to one of the festival participants (left).

Are you Raising Cane?

Arundo donax or Giant Cane is an invasive species plaguing many rivers in Texas, choking out other vegetation in the riparian zone. It spreads when floodwaters break off clumps and distributes them downstream (see inset right).

Fortunately, for those who love the Llano, it is only found in a few locations. As part of the recently accepted Watershed Protection Plan, efforts are afoot to control *Arundo* on the Llano before it gets out of hand.

If you have *Arundo* on your property and would like to have it treated, please contact southllanoriver@gmail.com



Protection Found in Deep Roots & Stewardship



Photo : NRCS

“This ranch has been in my family since 1902 and our springs are the headwaters of the Concho River which we can now protect since implementing a plan to increase woody and herbaceous vegetation needed to restore our riparian area.”

- Ryland Howard [read](#)

Enchanted Rock to be closed next week

Enchanted Rock State Natural Area will be closed next week from 3pm October 23 until 2pm Oct 27.

The closure will be for public hunting to control deer populations in the park.



Soil Carbon Cowboys

One of the films shown at Wednesday night’s Film Festival in Mason is available for public viewing.

Many folks who attended said that this 12-minute film was their festival favorite.

[watch](#)

Creepy Events this Weekend

South Llano River State Park


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Not So Creepy Critters

Saturday, October 22nd
 12 noon to 2:00 pm

Join park staff and friends as they present different “creepy” animals, such as owls, bats, spiders, and snakes, including displays and live animals! Come find out the truth about these animals, the part they play in nature, and why they don’t deserve their bad reputation!

Where: South Llano River State Park day use area
Who: The whole family!
Cost: Event is free with park entrance fee of \$5 per adult. Children 12 and under are free!
Bring: Don’t forget to dress up for our costume contest, and bring a pumpkin to decorate!
Questions? Call the park at (325) 446-3994.

Monarch Walk



Sunday, October 23rd, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Meet at the Day Use parking lot

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

Join us as we find out about the exciting migration of the monarch butterfly. Then we’ll take a short walk to see if we can spot any monarchs on the trail! Good walking shoes, sun protection, and drinking water are recommended. All ages welcome!



Texas Tech - Junction

Be sure to bring the entire family out to Texas Tech – Junction this Sunday!

[More details](#)

**Fun Filled Family Night Out
at
Texas Tech Outdoor School**

