

# WATERSHED WEEK IN REVIEW



## Mystery Location Game

### Round Six Answer

Gamel Spring issued from the Hickory Aquifer just south of the courthouse. According to Gunnar Brune (Springs of Texas), the spring was a favorite campground of the Comanche, with bedrock mortars for grinding corn, nuts and mesquite beans found here.

More on page 6.

This week's mystery coordinates:

[30.662191 -98.438057](https://www.google.com/maps/place/30.662191,-98.438057)

## Learn about the Birds and the Bees this Saturday

We are never too old to learn about the birds and the bees, at least the proper way to raise them.

Join us this **Saturday, September 21** from **9-11am** for the first in a series of landowner tours for LRWA members.



Melissa and Andrew Burnard will graciously open their *North Llano River Farmette* to LRWA members to learn how they transformed a neglected plot of land into productive acreage that includes

quail, chickens, bees, as well as some rather unique vegetables. Have you ever sampled quail eggs? Well this is your chance.

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## North Llano River Farmette Tour Details

- The tour is open to LRWA members and a guest.
- Onsite Membership sign-up will be available.
- The tour will include approximately one-mile of walking.
- Breakfast snacks and drinks will be available.
- **Please RSVP at [southllanoriver@gmail.com](mailto:southllanoriver@gmail.com) to ensure a spot.**
- Address : 345 River Road, Junction, Texas

Located in McGowan Acres off Ranch Road 1674.

*Option 1: turn at Spurs Liquor in Junction and travel 4.6 miles to McGowan Road*

*Option 2: Take Exit 451 (RM 2291) off I-10 west of Junction. Travel south on 2291 to RM 1674. Turn right and go west 0.7 miles to McGowan Road.*

*Look for the mailboxes at the turn to McGowan Road*

For a map through McGowan Acres to the Burnards, [click here](#).



## Next Landowner Tour

October 20, 2019 9:30am-12:30pm  
Blue Mountain Peak Ranch

Just Announced! Members of the Alliance and a guest will have the opportunity to tour Blue Mountain Peak Ranch in Mason County this fall. Owner Richard Taylor and partner Suzie Paris are the 2016 Sand County Foundation Leopold Conservation Award Recipient, focusing on increasing species diversity and putting more water back into the aquifer.

The Ranch has graciously waived guided tour fees for members of the Llano River Watershed Alliance.

Watch TPWD Video about Blue Mountain Peak Ranch.

RSVP at [southllanoriver@gmail.com](mailto:southllanoriver@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.

## Become a Citizen Scientist



Texas Stream Team and Llano River Watershed Alliance are hosting a Water Quality Monitor Training at the Castell General Store, **Friday, Oct 25th, from 9am-1pm.**  
**Lunch will be provided.**

RSVP at [southllanoriver@gmail.com](mailto:southllanoriver@gmail.com)





[texasriparian.org](http://texasriparian.org)

## Texas Riparian & Stream Ecosystem Workshop

### Llano River Watershed

October 23, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Texas Tech Llano River Field Station

254 Red Raider Ln., Junction, Texas 76849

Online RSVP and Agenda: <http://texasriparian.org/upcoming-training-locations/>

For more information and to register please contact Clare Entwistle at 210-277-0292 ext. 205 or [clare.entwistle@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:clare.entwistle@ag.tamu.edu).

## Llano River featured in new Publication

Alliance Vice President Dr. Gary Garrett is one of the editors of this new publication from the American Fisheries Society. Of the 28 chapters contained in the book, 12 profile case studies in conservation of freshwater fishes in Texas, including projects completed in the Blanco, Brazos, Colorado, Devils, Llano, Nueces, and Pedernales rivers, Cypress Basin, and the Rio Grande. The book is expected to serve as a valuable resource for those engaged in the stewardship of freshwater resources in Texas, nationally, and beyond. [More info...](#)

### Multispecies and Watershed Approaches to Freshwater Fish Conservation

Daniel C. Dauwalter, Timothy W. Birdsong, and  
Gary P. Garrett, editors



American Fisheries Society  
Symposium 91

## EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR DONNIE COLEMAN



### Saturday, October 5

We invite you to come early and stay late.

Gates will open at 3:30 and the service  
will begin at 5 p.m.

The community is then invited to stay for  
food and campfire on into the evening.

Fried catfish, BBQ and vegan plates will  
be served after the memorial.

The Coleman home is located ten miles south of Junction  
on Hwy 377, just past County Roads 140 and 150. Adjacent  
parking will be accessed off of County Road 150 and golf carts  
will be available for those needing mobility assistance.

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The family of Donnie Coleman will be celebrating her life Saturday October 5.  
Donnie was one of the original Board Members of the Alliance.

## Water Resilient Future includes Rural Land

Austin American Statesman Editorial  
Sharlene Leurig - Texas Water Trade

*Greater cooperation between urban and rural communities is another key step. Rural areas are a vast untapped resource for storing water for flood protection and urban water supplies. But rural communities need cities to step up as real partners by investing in land conservation and paying rural landowners for the flood and water supply services their lands provide.*

[Read more...](#)

# Activities at South Llano River State Park this Week



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## South Llano River State Park Programs for September 2019

**Hike with a Ranger!** - Come hike with a ranger and explore the West Canyon Loop trail! The trail is rated as moderate - it's 4 miles long. We will meet at the **Agarita bird blind** next to HQ. – **Thursday, September 19, 2019 9am-11am**

**Pre-K in the Park-** Held at **Acorn Blind**. Join a Ranger and have fun at a program designed for the little ones (ages 3-5) in our lives. This program will explore our senses. **Friday, September 20, 2019 10am**

**Sunrise Hike** - Meet at **Juniper Blind** (located by the walk-in campsite parking lot). Come enjoy the beauty that is mother nature. **Saturday, September 21, 2019 7am**

**Scat and Tracks!** - Come learn about what gets left behind. Held at the **Acorn Blind**. **Saturday, September 21, 2019 10am**

Please remember that water and sunscreen are a necessity for having a fun and safe outside!

**"Please remember the Park will be closed September 24-26 for a Public Drawn Hunt."**

## More about Gamel Spring

In 1847, John Meusebach passed this way enroute to the treaty meeting in the Sloan Community in San Saba County. Near the spring, he met with Comanche Chief Ketemoczy (for whom the Mason County community of Katemcy is named) to organize the treaty meeting.

The spring supplied Fort Mason when it opened in 1851 and was called Dagoon Spring. Later, renamed Gamel Spring, it supplied water to the swimming pool in 1940. The photo, provided by Scott Zesch, was taken in 1928. Today, no signs of the spring exist.

