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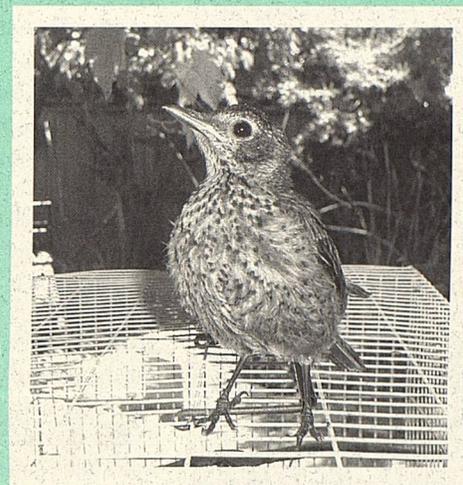
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One of five displaced Northern Flicker youngsters that will have a second chance to grow up and fly free



"Now I'm on my cage...not in it!"



These young Virginia Opossums are among the cutest of our mammal babies

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### ***Letter from the Director***

The passion for baby birds lives on....

Baby bird season started off with a bang almost three weeks early this year – during the third week in April with three fledgling mockingbirds arriving at the Wildlife Center.

The mockies were quickly followed by several hundred more nestling and fledgling songbirds, and suddenly life changed dramatically, beginning with waking up to cheeps and twitters at 6:45 AM. The days have been long for the past ten-plus weeks, because the bottomless pits are hungry every half hour or so until dusk. Keeping them all clean and fed precludes getting much of anything of substance accomplished day after day for five months, but caring for them is my passion, and in the summer the little birds are a priority. Orphaned and displaced songbirds are also the reason the Wildlife Center was originally founded in 1988. This quarterly newsletter issue went to the printer July 3rd, several weeks later than I'd planned, but that's the way things go when baby bird season gets underway. Hopefully our friends and donors understand when their thank you letters or phone calls aren't as prompt as they are during the fall and winter months. I'd like to thank my bird care helpers during the past weeks: Katie Allen, Lindi Butler, Marla Carver, Brandi Quick, Anona Roberts, Leanna Smith and Debbie Tennyson.

I would also like to thank everyone who works to further our cause and our Mission. This includes our priceless junior and senior volunteers, our Board of Directors and advisors, CPA Pat Harris, six veterinarians, Manager Debbie Tennyson, donors, friends and all of you who help support our efforts for wildlife.

Congratulations to my youngest son and daughter in law, Louis and Amy Mitchell, on the arrival their daughter and my newest granddaughter on April 11th, Mollie Jane Mitchell in Cedar Park, Texas. My children are, as a rule, considerate to plan their life's premier events around bird season, and our visit to meet Mollie was no exception!

My daughter Kim and two children Robin, 8, and Jack, 5, visited from Cedar Park at the end of June, and thanks to Katy Allen and Leanna Smith, I was able to join them on the annual visit to Joyland and a trip to the OmniMax Theater. Their other grandparents, Gail and Don Davies of Lubbock, were also part of the entertainment committee, giving Kim and I some time together. Much to my surprise, Kim was a huge help feeding babies outside and inside, and Robin was doing a good job, too.

Thanks to Jimmy and Linda McDowell for stepping up to the plate to help with folding, stapling, labeling and mailing our quarterly newsletters. They'll take the torch from Mark and Janet Wallace who helped with this task the past several years.

If anyone is interested in helping me with administrative work or helping with baby birds at my home over the next two months, please call me at (806)745-8120. At the present time I have help only about six hours per week.

So, the summer continues on and baby birds keep coming. Over the years many thousands of animals were returned to the wild, but there is not a more satisfying time like the present when all the birds I raised and released over the past weeks come to say hello and look for a handout every time I walk out the door....that's all the thanks I need. Fall will bring quiet and peace back to the house again, but a part of me will miss the level of activity – and even the chaos – until baby birds arrive when spring returns again next year.

*Carol*

Did you know?

Cooper's Hawks frequently crash into bushes and run along the ground while chasing small birds.

A Red-tailed Hawk caught and banded near Hawk Mountain in southeastern Pennsylvania in October 1972 was recaptured in northern New Jersey 21 years later, making it one of the oldest Red-tailed Hawks ever recorded.

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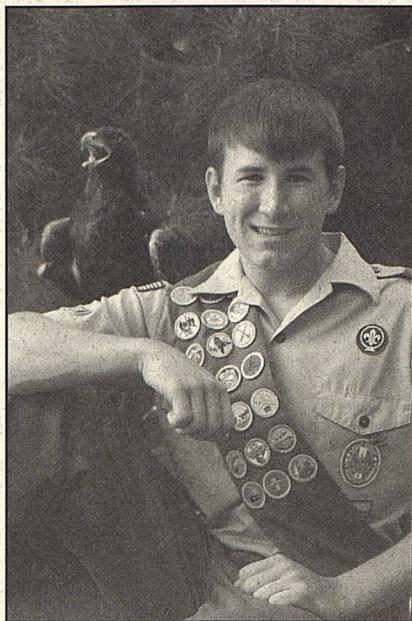
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## Volunteer Spotlight:



**Will Hellman**

Will Hellman was born in Manhattan, Kansas to Pam and Ed Hellman 18 years ago. He started volunteering at the Wildlife Center during the summer of 2003 as a Junior Volunteer. He said, "I wanted to learn more about wildlife and helping it. I also wanted to get involved with the birds at the Center." Will's hobbies are birdwatching, hiking, backpacking, and most other outdoor activities.

The last weekend in May was an exciting one for Will: he graduated from Lubbock High School that Saturday, and received the high honor of becoming an Eagle Scout on Sunday. His Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project was making a foundation for a Memorial Garden at the Wildlife Center. Will was active in Scouting for many years and earned twenty-one Merit Badges.

This fall he'll attend Huxley College of Environment at Western Washington University. He said it's a program you enter as a junior and it focuses on environmental studies. Will plans to major in environmental science. "Depending on what aspect of the environment sparks my interest, I plan to get at least a Master's degree if not a Doctorate."

He sums up his volunteer experience, saying, "Over the past few years I volunteered, I've learned a lot about the animals of West Texas, made some good friends and gained experience that will be useful the rest of my life. I'm sad I have to leave the Center for college later this year, but am glad for all of the knowledge and friendships I've made."

Will said he'll continue to help us out during the summer, but he'll really be missed come fall!

Will has a younger brother, Michael, 15, who is currently a Junior Volunteer at the Wildlife Center.

Behind Will is the Wildlife Center's non-releasable Golden Eagle, "Sierra."

**Photo credit courtesy of Savant Photography by Leslie Ann Simon**

## Nesting Status of Golden Eagles in the Texas Panhandle

Wildlife Center Manager Debbie Tennyson had the opportunity to accompany Dr. Clint Boal of Texas Tech University as a volunteer to do a much-needed Golden Eagle survey in the Texas panhandle in early April. Studies hadn't been done since the early 1980's when the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department compiled data. Looking for historic Golden Eagle nesting sites, they were disappointed to find the number of sites reduced, and hence, there are fewer Goldens here than there were in the past. Clint believes that because Goldens often prey on Jackrabbits and Prairie Dogs, these animals may no longer be as abundant because of conversion of the native landscape to agriculture, and Prairie Dog control. Additionally, Goldens are often killed in the rotor blades on wind farms, a rapidly growing industry in many parts of the country.

Debbie is currently enrolled in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's "Master Naturalist" classes that will continue over the next several months.

## Thank you Lubbock Area Foundation!

The South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center received its first grant February 3rd, 2004 from the Ruth Wright Fund for Animals, a component fund of the Lubbock Area Foundation. In April 2005, the Wildlife Center received a grant from this same fund in the amount of \$10,000, and this year we received our third grant from the Foundation. These funds are earmarked for three things: food and supplies for our permanent educational raptors; food and supplies for our patients in rehabilitation, and for veterinary supplies.

In 2005, the amount the Wildlife Center spent on the three target categories for animal food, supplies and veterinary bills was \$13,341.81. The Foundation's assistance greatly reduces our burden on having to generate this amount independently.

Dr. Wright was a lifelong Lubbock resident and her parents were among the earliest settlers in this area. Ruth had a great love for her pets, and that evolved to include animals in general. In her will, she directed that her estate be used by the Foundation for the support of organizations that provide care for lost, injured or abandoned animals. The Wildlife Center is sincerely grateful for this gift made possible by Dr. Wright. As our census and the need for wildlife services grows annually, so do costs to keep our doors open.

## Please Note:

Depending on when your donation arrived, it will be listed in this newsletter or the next quarterly that will be mailed in September. We're now happy to have Parks Printing print our quarterly *Mockingbird Chronicles*. Owner Don Parks and his wife Robin have been longtime supporters of the Center, and Robin is a former Board Member.

If I inadvertently missed listing your name, I apologize. Please notify me because inevitably, something always slips through the cracks when we're so busy caring for youngsters.

## Llano Wrap up and TYs

Our May fundraiser at the Llano Estacado Winery raised over \$9,000, and we plan to do it again next year on the first Saturday in May.

Thanks to the following people who helped make our Llano event a big success!

A big thank you to our sponsors: City Bank (Mr. Curtis Griffith, Mr. Mike Liner, Mr. Cory Newsome, Mr. Richard Whittenburg); The Thomas Agency (David Leake and Sarah Holt) and to Dr. Jimmy Lovering. Thanks to Mary Wesley for "bird sitting" for my baby birds the night of the event. Thanks to Llano Estacado Winery and Mr. Russell Gillentine; Dalla Guerrerri and Lori Johnson, catering, and Susan Grisanti, musician.

A big thank you to the students, teachers and parents of Preston Smith Elementary School for donating beautiful themed baskets for our Silent Auction, and to Dr. Julie Thomas and Ashley Artz for coordinating with the teachers.

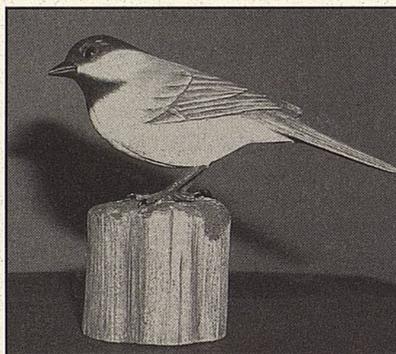
Special thanks to Principal Mr. Jim Andrus. Thanks also to all our volunteers, Texas Tech Intern Danielle Bartlett and Board Members who helped make the event so successful.

Thanks to Bill and Judy Pesetski for donating baskets and items, and for KCBD-TV and KLBK-TV for allowing Debbie and I to publicize our event during "Wildlife Friday" and the May 2nd "Noon Notebook."

### To everyone who contributed items:

Jerry and Jean Koch  
Lindi Butler  
Clarice Robertson  
Kate Perry  
Maggie and Danny Hancock  
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Carol Lee  
Science Spectrum (Sandy Henry and James Nesmith)  
Movies 16 (James Westbrook, Manager Texas Roadhouse)  
Hooters  
Debbie Tennyson  
Julie Thomas  
Roberta Davis, "The Garden Patch"  
Mrs. Willie Haragan  
Mark and Janet Wallace  
David Seitz- Right Angle Framing  
Tom McLaughlin  
Walter's World of Pets (Ryan Blakeley)  
Ellen McIntire-Fidelity Scents



**One of the dozens of beautiful items up for auction during the event  
This chickadee woodcarving was donated by Maggie and Danny Hancock**

## Raptors on the Prairie Conference 2006

The Wildlife Center is hosting the national Raptors on the Prairie conference this coming November 11-12 at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza in Lubbock. This is an extension of the very successful previous three conferences hosted by Eileen Wicker and her volunteers at Raptor Rehabilitation of Kentucky. We were honored to be asked to host this year's conference and things are well underway. It is open to anyone wanting to learn more about birds of prey. Since our last newsletter was mailed in March, Mr. John Karger accepted my invitation to be our Keynote Speaker. John was my mentor when I first started bird rehabilitation and is a Master Falconer, rehabilitator of birds of prey and Founder and Executive Director of Last Chance Forever in San Antonio, Texas. Since 1978, the Texas native has focused on raptor rescue, research, rehabilitation and public education. Their goal is to return raptors back to the wild. John, his staff and volunteers annually treat 250- 300 hawks, eagles, falcons, owls and vultures brought to them from throughout the country.

Dr. Dave Haukos of Texas Tech University also agreed to speak. His presentation is "Policy and Practices to Protect Raptors during Development of Wind Farms" A very timely topic given the tidal wave of wind farms that are springing up everywhere, and raptor mortalities are soaring as a result.

Dr. Nancy McIntyre will discuss the ecology of the Burrowing Owl and Dr. Clint Boal's topic is, "Birds of Prey in Urban Environments: Benefits, Detriments, and Management."

Lydia Ash from Seattle and Shirley Needham from Rochester, Indiana, will co-present a comprehensive study of raptor mutes (droppings) that may indicate illness or disease. Kim Stroud from Ojai Raptor Center in California will do an imping (feather replacement) workshop.

Rehabilitator Marge Gibson, Founder and Executive Director of the Raptor Education Group, Inc. in Antigo, Wisconsin will share her knowledge and experience with us, as will rehabilitator Di Conger of Last Chance Wildlife Center in Thurmont, Maryland who will present "Emergency Preparedness."

## Raptor Conference .....continued

Dr. Mike Hooper from the Reese Center at Tech will discuss lead poisoning and other contaminants that affect raptors.

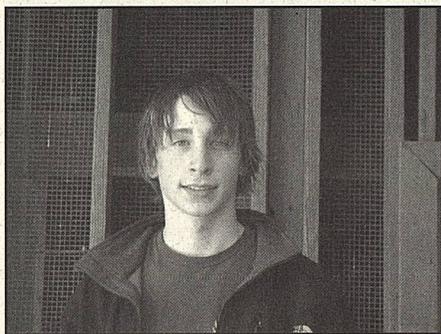
We'll need helpers to man the hospitality area before the morning session begins, and over the lunch period. If you'd like to donate food or paper goods, it will be appreciated. We'll also need help at the registration desk, so if anyone is interested, please contact me at spwrc@cox.net

Visit our web page at spwrc.org for updates as plans continue.

If you can help sponsor an attendee to help with gasoline, room cost for a night or airfare, please include a note with your gift. Virtually all rehabilitators around the country fund their rehabilitation efforts out of their own pockets.

## Eagle Scout Project Completed

Thanks to Eagle Scout candidate Andrew Ritchie (below) who lined two mews in the



aviary with screen so we now have a large flight area for our tiny swallows and swifts. This material will not damage delicate feathers. This is the 36th Eagle Scout project at the Wildlife Center over the last 14 years.

## Education Programs

Ten education programs were presented during the last quarter, including to a group of International students from Evans Junior High School. Students had interpreters and hailed from South America, Cuba, Spain, Africa, Ecuador and Asia!

## Adoptions

\* "Ollie" was adopted by the Shalom Readers, Asbury United Methodist Church.

\* "Ollie" was also adopted by Patsy R. Summers of Lubbock.

\* Former volunteer Tricia Brown of San Antonio adopted "Empress."

\* Mrs. Salinas' 3rd grade class at Roscoe Wilson Elementary adopted "Bobby."

\* Calvin and Christine Carter of Abernathy, Texas, adopted "Gracie" for their nieces Jenny and Ashley Turnbull of Lubbock.

\* "Festus" was re-adopted by Dana Gamble of Lubbock.

\* "Bubo" was adopted by Dorothy Hanesworth for her husband Stan's April 11th birthday. The Hanesworths live in Matador, Texas, and have been Wildlife Center supporters for a number of years.

\* "Hootie" was adopted by Malcolm McLaughlin and Julie Lamirande of Herndon, Virginia in Honor of Tom McLaughlin

\* "Hootie" was adopted also by Malcolm McLaughlin and Julie Lamirande for themselves.

\* "Athena" was adopted by Jacqueline Kolosov-Wenthe in Honor of her husband Bill Wenthe's Birthday.

\* Jacqueline-Kolosov Wenthe also adopted "Athena" for her mother, Helene Kolosov's 72nd birthday on May 26th. Helene lives in Northbrook, Illinois.

\* Dr. and Mrs. Billy Sealy adopted "Louie" for Cole Adams, and "Gracie" for Emma Adams. They brought their grandchildren along to our Llano Estacado event on May 6th and the children are students at Preston Smith Elementary, the school that donated so many beautiful themed baskets for our silent auction.

\* Liz Paulk adopted "Louie" our wonderful little Eastern Screech Owl.

\* Dr. Alice White adopted "Bobby" for her friend Morgan Mercer, and "Gracie" for her friend Sheryl Epperson

\* Former volunteer Beth Boddin of The Colony, Texas, adopted "Ricky" for her friend Rigger Burke's Birthday May 22nd. Rigger lives in Dallas.

## Our Eagle now in place

After over a year of anticipation our bronze Golden Eagle sculpture is now in its permanent location. It's part of a three-phase project to create a Memorial garden on our



**Golden Eagle sculpture graces  
Memorial Garden**

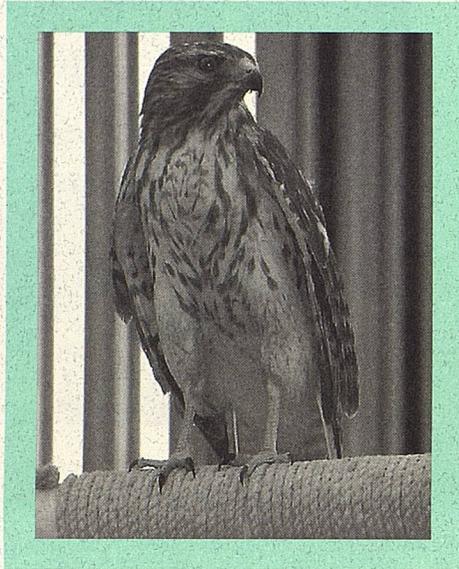
south side, between Ambassador Row and the outdoor amphitheater. The eagle sculpture was made by distinguished Lubbock artist Jim Epler, and the "tree" it is situated on was created by equally famous artisan Steve Teeters. Modeled after our own Golden Eagle "Sierra," Jim donated the sculpture for the foundry cost, and Dr. and Mrs. Moyes made a generous donation toward this. The area for the garden was created by Eagle Scout candidate Will Hellman, and is in Memory of Rick Tennyson, Manager Debbie Tennyson's husband who died January 5, 2006. Two wooden benches were also added to the setting, and a plaque in Rick's name will complete the area. It offers a quiet area for volunteers to sit and rest.

## 2004 Open House

June 17th's Open House was very well attended once again, with perfect weather. People visited from Big Spring, Midland, Plainview and even from Wisconsin! Donations raised \$1432.00, and that will be a huge help in feeding all our patients over the summer.. Thanks to our volunteers and everyone who contributed to our efforts for wildlife!

## Pictures Worth a Thousand Words

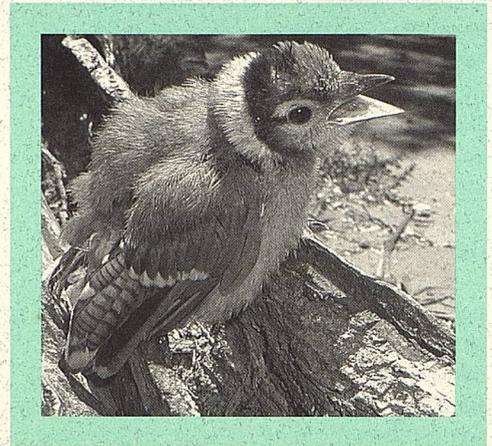
This Red-shouldered Hawk was well conditioned for release, thanks to time and exercise spent in our flight cage



**T**his Red-shouldered hawk - a new species for the Wildlife Center - was found in a trash dumpster in Andrews, Texas after being shot.

It was transferred to Big Spring rehabilitators Bebe and Art McCasland where the hawk was stabilized before coming to Lubbock.

This raptor made a full recovery and volunteer Brandon Best took it to Boerne, Texas, near San Antonio, for release, where this species is more abundant. We love happy endings, and appreciate Brandon's going the extra mile.



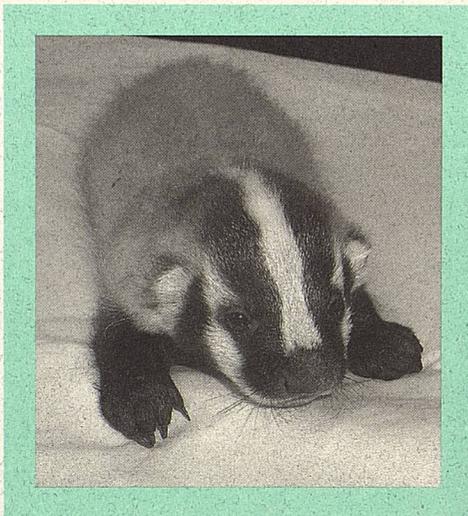
**One baby Blue Jay's says it all:  
"I love being free! Thanks for the  
helping hand!"**

### Babies, Babies.....

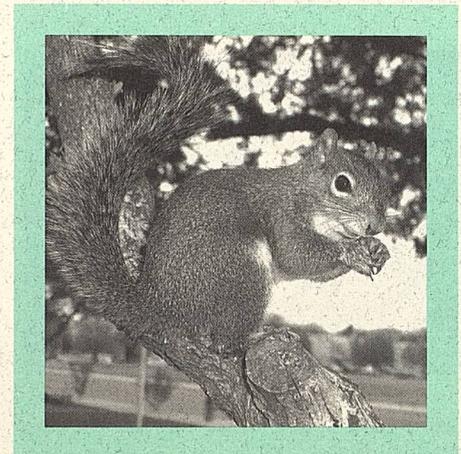
Bunnies, squirrels, raccoons, skunks, opossums, robins, mockingbirds, kingbirds, doves, ducklings and Blue Jays - these are just a few of the more common species that are admitted to the Wildlife Center every spring and summer.

Sometimes, though, we admit a cardinal, cuckoo, Badger, woodpecker or Red-winged Blackbird. These species don't come in very often but they're always a treat to care for and raise. Earlier this year a Cliff Swallow and Curved Bill Thrasher were successfully raised and released. Scores of small mammals and wild songbirds have also already been released.

Releases give us all great satisfaction, knowing that our hard work makes a difference to so many wildlife orphans and casualties.



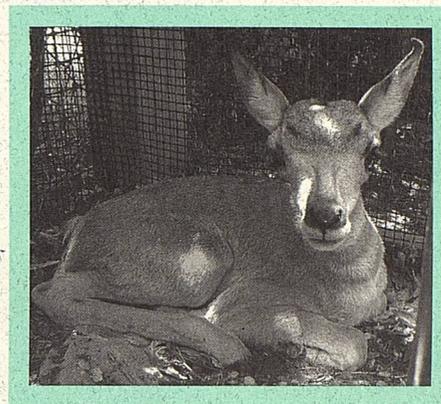
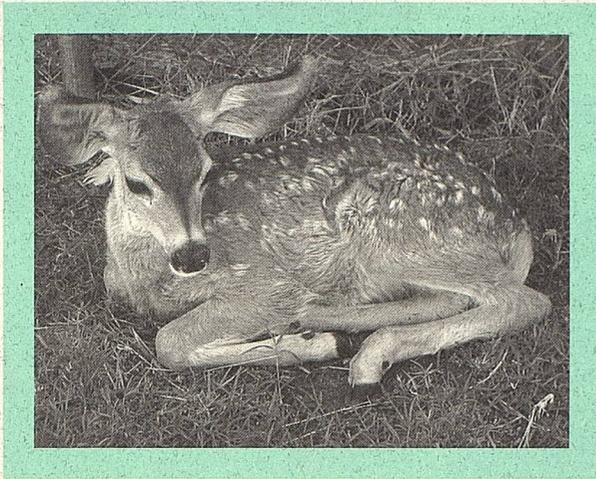
**This baby Badger was also  
able to be released**



**"Yeah, I know not everybody likes  
me, but the Wildlife Center takes  
care of wildlife regardless of size,  
color, temperament or popularity  
with the human race.  
Now I'm one of those lucky ones  
enjoying my freedom once again!"**

## Where the Deer and the Antelope Play...

.....or perhaps, a few of us just prefer to rest!  
Mule Deer Fawn ( below, left) and Pronghorn youngster (below, right)



The Pronghorn (*Antilocapra Americana*), is the only living member of its family in the world, and also the fastest land mammal worldwide, able to sprint 60 mph.

It can maintain a sustained speed of 30 mph for miles.

The Cheetah from Africa is often credited with being the fastest animal, but it sprints only a few hundred yards, and no other land mammal can keep up with the Pronghorn over a long distance.

It's a great year for some larger four-legged mammals. Our first was a Pronghorn that came from Amarillo, and then two weeks later the fawns rolled in. White-tailed fawns arrived from the Texas Panhandle and three came from Abilene, four hours away. The Mule Deer fawn came from Hockley County, west of Lubbock. All are about the same size, healthy, and will be released at safe locations when they are weaned and able to fend for themselves. The youngsters have a quiet secluded area away from people that extends around two sides of the outdoor aviary on the north side of the property. In addition to being able to romp and play in the yard, they're all returned to the safety of one of the back rooms of the aviary for the night.

**A Mule Deer can run 35 approximately miles per hour and a White-tailed deer can run about 30 miles per hour**

(Sources differ as to which animal is actually the "fastest.")

The Pronghorn's eyes can spot movement as far as three miles away.

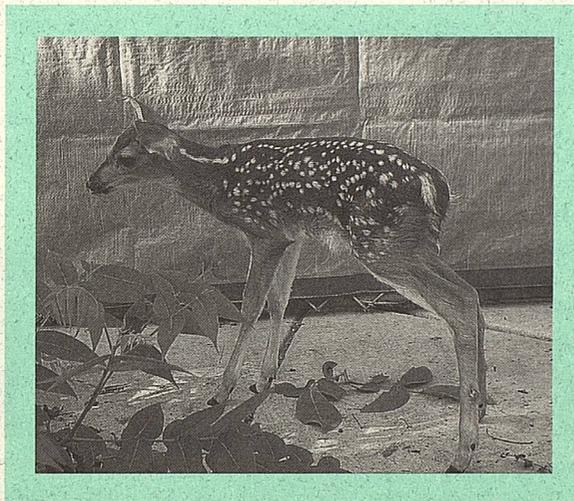
It weighs 75 -130 pounds, and males are larger than females.

An adult pronghorn is 30- 40 inches tall at the shoulder.

A buck's horns can be 15 inches long and have the distinctive prong on the front that gave the species its name.

Females typically have twins that are born at the end of winter and weigh five to seven pounds. Youngsters walk in under an hour and can outrun a man when they are only four days old. Fawns are vulnerable to predators in their first month of life, and Coyotes and Golden Eagles are their greatest threats. They lie still and the doe returns periodically - about every five hours -to nurse.

The great slaughter of the late 1800's affected Pronghorns as well as bison, and only about 12,000 Pronghorns remained by 1915. Presently, they number around one million, and the largest Pronghorn herds are in Wyoming and Montana.



**White-tailed Deer Fawn growing up at the Wildlife Center**

## NEWS, NOTES and SPECIAL THANKS

Our stable will finally be replaced this summer. Architect Eldon Bennett finished the plans, we all reviewed them, made a few changes, and they're back in his capable hands for completion. Bids will then be taken for the work. We also completed window and door selection.

February's Audubon Program featured Dr. William Wenthe, English professor at Texas Tech. His presentation was on birds and poetry. Afterwards, Dr. Wenthe sold copies of his book and donated 50% of the proceeds to the Wildlife Center. Thank you!

Thank you to Phillip and Debbie Cole (owners of "The Stash") for replacing the door on our Animal Drop-Off Building. Not only did Phillip replace the door at no charge, the Coles also sent a generous donation.

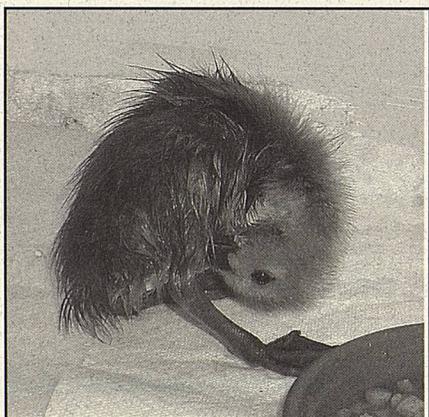
Thanks to Doris Mager who donated eleven hand knit scarves for gifts for our Raptor Conference in November. Doris, still going strong at 80, stops in Lubbock almost every year in May during her odyssey through the Southwest presenting Raptor programs.

Thanks to United Grocery (82nd and Boston) for donating produce to us three times weekly, and to volunteer Gail Barnes for picking it up and delivering it to our door.

Thanks to Pat Christiansen for bringing several cases of sodas for our volunteers.

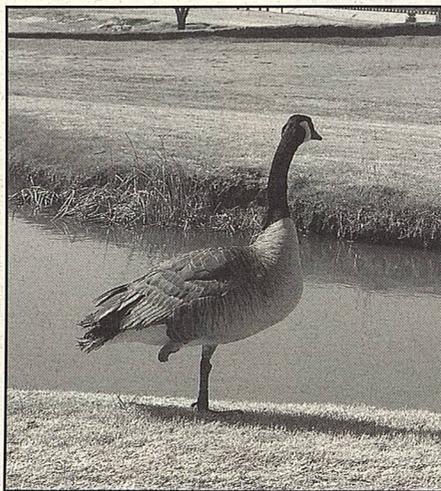
With some of the funds raised at the May fundraiser, we were able to purchase two new stainless steel three-tiered cages and two new incubators.

### Our first Canada Goose gosling preens after a dip in the water bowl



## Canada Goose Update

You may recall the story of another Canada Goose in the last quarterly newsletter, whose photo was on the back page. Bound up with fishing line, it was almost immobile with line cutting through his right leg and tangled around his tail and hindquarters.



### Standing tall the day of release

He was finally captured and brought to us February 15, after six weeks of trying to rescue him.

Unfortunately, despite ten days of treatment and medication his lower leg could not be saved and was amputated.

A very strong bird, he made a full recovery, and on March 24th his rescuers, Floyd and Clarice Robertson, had the honor of setting him free. His carrier was opened by a small pond where there were other Canadas.

He hopped immediately to the water's edge and jumped in. He clearly reveled in the water and his new freedom, splashing and dipping his head in and out. Next, he leaped out gave a couple of honks (that was no doubt a thank you to the Robertsons), then spread his wings and took off.

Around noon they spotted the goose at the playa by the Veteran's War Memorial on 82nd Street. I went by and he was still there at 5:30 PM and doing fine. The next morning, however, Floyd called to say the goose



### Back in the water again!

was back at almost the exact spot he was captured – at Dupree Park. He left the park but reappeared again April 26, but has since taken off again. We wish him the very best, and we'll watch for him as he travels about.

## Gifts to Honor

Susan Williamson and Ruben Castillo sent a donation in Honor of veterinarian Dr. Larry Farley.

Malcolm McLaughlin and Julie Lamirande sent a donation in Honor of Tom McLaughlin and adopted Hootie.

Les and Angie Click of Seattle, Washington, sent a gift in Honor of their grand-nephew Chris Funk, who is one of our wonderful volunteers. Chris lives in Shallowater, Texas.



**If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men. .... St. Francis of Assisi**

## Memorials

Dr. and Mrs. Brent Nall made a Memorial donation in the name of Darleen Stevens. Her daughter Paula Richardson and husband Dennis were notified of their kindness.

Susan Williamson and Ruben Castillo sent a donation in Memory of "Baby."

Ed and Rebecca Chauncey of Lubbock made a generous donation to the Wildlife Center in Memory of Rick Tennyson.

Tricia Brown of San Antonio also made a Memorial gift in Rick Tennyson's name.

Shelly and Aaron Ross of Seattle, Washington also gave a Memorial in Rick's name.

Stanley and Karolyn King sent a Memorial gift in the name of their friend, Myrtle Veach of Lubbock. Myrtle's husband Robert was notified of their kindness.

Beth O'Neil Atkins of Hale Center, Texas, made a Memorial contribution in her daughter's Cocker Spaniel's name. "Chloe" was seventeen years old, thanks to the constant and compassionate care given by Beth's daughter Lenora Neil Atkins of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Beth Bartley made a generous Memorial donation in the name of Sybil Rorex. Beth said, "She was a very dear and wonderful person and a great friend for many years."

Margaret and Chris Wimpee of Eads, Tennessee made a Memorial donation in the name of Harry Harris. His wife Mabel Harris, also of Eads, was sent the acknowledgement.

Susie Williamson made a Memorial donation in the name of "Molly." Acknowledgement was sent to Mr. David Glenn of Benton, Arkansas.

Gary and Miriam Edson of Lubbock made a generous Memorial donation in the name of Paul King. His wife and family, also of Lubbock, were notified.

Bill and Jody Bowers of Irving gave a Memorial in the name of Wildlife Center supporter Max Malone, husband of Alzada Malone. Max passed away June 10th.

Cynthia Malone, Max's daughter in law also sent a Memorial in his name. She said he was a "wonderful loving father-in-law, of whom I have great memories. Cyndy lives in Castroville, Texas.

\*More Memorial gifts in Max' Malone's name will appear in our September newsletter, because of space limitations in this issue.

Priscilla Dellenbach made a Memorial donation in the name of Elmer Lide.

Juanice Myers also gave a Memorial donation in the name of Elmer Lide.

Jerry and Jeanie Koch gave a donation to Honor the Memory of "Tan Duck."

Sympathy to Board Member Beth Bartley, whose father died June 13th.

Sympathy to my first volunteer Mary Wesley on the loss of her dog "Ruben" who was 13. He died May 2, 2006.

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Thanks to everyone who supports our efforts. We appreciate every penny, and be assured that it goes directly to the treatment, care and housing of the wild animals entrusted to us.

## Spring Clean-up

We got a head start on spring cleanup around the grounds in late February. Clara Sanders and Boy Scouts from Troop 543



L. to R. Kevin, Timothy, Nathan,  
Jeremiah, Clara Sanders and Nathan

spent a Saturday morning raking and bagging all the leaves in the front of the property. They did a great job, and we are very appreciative!

Environmental Law Society students from Texas Tech University came the same day and worked in the back of the property cleaning up debris. Thanks to Kayla Murray for once again coordinating this, and to Travis Adams and Teresa Hellstern for their help!

## Thank you for supplies!

To Sandy Owens for disposable gowns, gloves, masks, shoe covers; To Helen Releford; Leanna Smith for seed, paper towels, nest containers and pillow cases; Bebe and Art McCasland of Big Spring for beef heart and seed. To Robin Parks for scratch pads and a blanket. Thanks to Josett Birley for two pet carriers. Thanks to Kristen Shurbet for a \$50.00 PetsMart Gift Card, and Roadway Express for a dozen new bath towels. Thanks to Lewrie Close; Mike Lovinger; Linda Mounce; The Stalmakers; John Rische; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith; Deborah Masood; Sara Gilliam; Albert Johnson of Wichita Falls, Texas. Thanks to Gerald Wilson for nuts; Luis Holguin for seed; Patrice Johnson and to Blake and Addie Grant, Levelland, TX.

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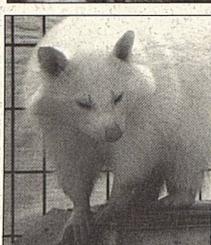
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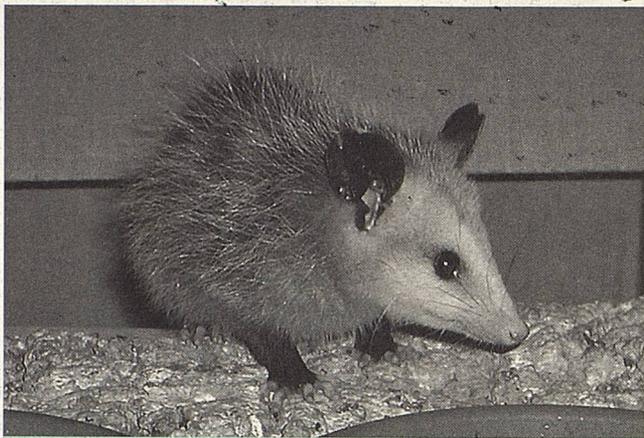
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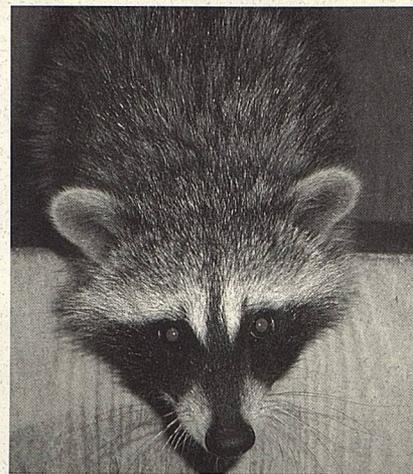
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### More wildlife babies.....



The young opossum was on our back picnic table one evening eating the remnants of food the birds left behind at dusk. Both of these animals are definitely some of the most common urban wildlife species.

This baby Raccoon was one of several that found its way to us from around the South Plains. If you would welcome one or two to your land, please let us know – it's getting harder and harder to find release sites for Raccoons.



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