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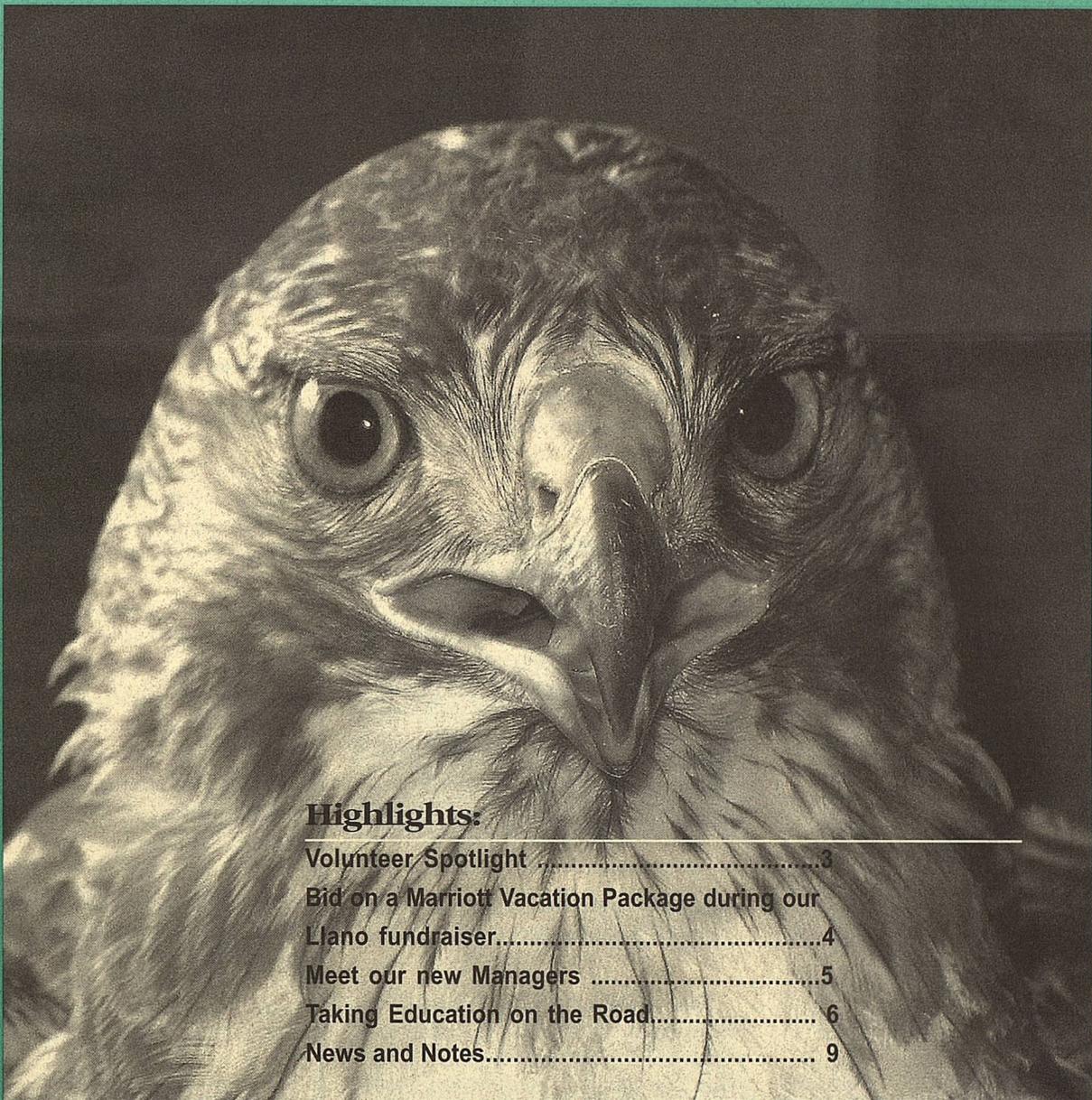
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The Mockingbird Chronicles



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Letter from the Director

Looking ahead to our 19th year of service to wildlife

Several major changes took place during the last quarter of 2006. Our on-site Manager Debbie Tennyson left for a paying job in an Atlanta suburb the end of September. In November we hosted a national raptor conference, and hoped one of the attendees would be interested in relocating to Lubbock to take over. Several months before, Debbie and volunteer Lindi Butler wrote a grant for two salaried positions. Sadly, it was denied. No one was beating down our doors to work without compensation, so after nineteen years of extraordinary growth and development, our Board validated the need for one salaried employee. After having an all-volunteer staff since 1988 this was a big decision, but a salary did attract one very well qualified candidate. That applicant was five-year Wildlife Center volunteer Lindi Butler, whose dream it was to manage a non-profit. Lindi was previously a state caseworker with Children's Protective Services. The Board named Lindi our new "Operations Manager" and she took over all the duties of our day-to-day operations January 2nd, 2007, now overseeing all animal care and treatment, volunteer activities and coordination of our education programs.

Lindi lives off site so filling that position still left the house on the property vacant. A new volunteer was also on the scene last fall, and was interested in helping me with the administrative aspect of running the Center. The house was offered to that volunteer, Dr. Dorothy Tinkler, in December and she'll help with administrative tasks on a regular basis. Her help has already been invaluable. Dorothy is our new "Program Manager" and initially she's focused on grant writing. 2007 will be a critical year as we continue to grow, providing an ever-increasing service to wildlife and residents on the Texas South Plains and beyond.

We sincerely hope that when the public brings in a wildlife casualty, they'll share the

financial responsibility for that animal's care. An orphan may be with us 4-8 weeks, while a casualty may stay for months or almost a year.

We hope the community will help support our fundraising events, subscribe to our quarterly newsletter, or sponsor one of our non-releasable wildlife ambassadors through an adoption (See page 11).

We don't always have everything we want, but we always seem to have what we need, and hopefully 2007 won't be an exception.

Carol

* If you're interested in volunteering call the Center at (806) 799-2142. During spring and summer we're open during daylight hours, seven days a week.

Please note:

If your donation arrived after Saturday, March 3, 2007, it will be acknowledged in our summer quarterly Mockingbird Chronicles.



"Shadow," a Barred Owl, is one of our non-releasable wildlife ambassadors

Nature holds the key to our aesthetic, intellectual, cognitive, and even spiritual satisfaction. Each species is a masterpiece, a creation assembled with extreme care and genius. — Edward O. Wilson

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Wildlife is accepted without regard to species, size, temperament, or popularity with the human race.

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Red-tailed Hawk
taken by Carol Lee

Volunteer Spotlight

Maggie Hancock began working at the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in June, 2005. She's a native Texan and was born in El Paso. She and her husband Danny enjoy hiking, camping and bird watching,



Maggie Hancock

keeping a "Life List" of birds they see during their travels.

Maggie retired from the Texas Rehabilitation Commission where she worked with students with disabilities, helping them with college tuition, fees, books, and room and board.

She started volunteering at the Wildlife Center because she's always been an animal lover and first brought Carol several displaced baby Blue Jays about sixteen years ago.

Her favorite resident animal at the Center is "Cash," one of our Eastern Gray Squirrels who's not quite normal.

Maggie's favorite task is feeding the little gray squirrels during spring and summer. Maggie's least favorite activity is cleaning the squirrel cages, but she willingly does it.

Danny works for Sorghum Partners as an agronomist and Operations Manager.

The thing you might not know about Maggie is that she's a big Rolling Stones fan and was recently to one of their concerts.

You're a great volunteer, Maggie!.....Ed

Adoptions

- Leisa Abbott visited during our holiday open house and adopted "Ricky" for her mother-in-law, Mollie Abbott, of Lubbock.

- Vickie and John Craig adopted "Percy" in Memory of Frank Cobb. Dolores Cobb was notified of their kindness.

- Lois and Loyd Shrout from Manor, TX adopted "Shadow." The Shrouts are the kind couple who found the injured Barred Owl and transported her for help. Shadow was later transferred to us by wildlife rehabilitators and Wildlife Center supporters Ed and Kay Sones of Cedar Park, Texas.

- Wildlife Center patrons Steve and Betty Warring adopted "Bobby."

- Karen McCain adopted "Ricky" for Carre Avian in Memory of Carre's beloved cat, "Rikki Tikki."

- Leslie Rundell and the Westwind Elementary 2nd grade adopted our Mexican Free-tailed bat "Ollie."

- Dorothy and Stan Hanesworth of Matador, Texas, adopted "Gracie" in Honor of Dorothy's sister, Frances Morris, for her birthday.

- Lindi and Joel Butler adopted "Harris" in Honor of Lindi's grandmother, Mrs. Edna Lewis's 90th birthday. Mrs. Lewis lives in Beloit, Wisconsin.

- Malcolm and Julie McLaughlin of Herndon, VA adopted "Shadow" in Honor of Malcolm's dad, Tom McLaughlin of Lubbock, who's one of our valuable volunteers.

- Peggy Mulcahy adopted "Gracie" for her daughter Kellie Mulcahy, in Memory of "Mika" the hamster.

- Peggy also adopted "Gracie" for Kellie in Memory of three baby Guinea Pigs, "Clover," "Cinnamon" and "Nutmeg." Peggy is also one of our loyal volunteers.

- Randy and Shanna Hamilton of Shallowater, Texas, adopted "Jasper."

- Ed and Judy Barkowsky of Snyder, TX, adopted "Festus" for Greg Starkins' March 19th Birthday. Greg lives in Lloyd Harbor, NY.

2006 was another very busy year

Here's a brief look at the wildlife rehabilitation work that went on inside our facility last year:

- * 2115 State/Federally protected animals
- * 1138 Songbirds
- * 332 Birds of prey (adults and chicks)
- * 603 Mammals
- * 42 Reptiles

Most numerous songbird species

- * Mourning Doves (316)
- * American Robins (101)
- * Blue Jays (91)
- * Western Kingbirds (37)



Volunteers cared for 101 Mississippi Kites like the youngster pictured above

The most numerous mammals admitted were:

- * Cottontails (199)
- * Eastern Gray Squirrels (180)
- * Virginia Opossums (129)

Other mammal species included Jackrabbits, bats, Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrels, Mule Deer, one Pronghorn, Porcupine, seven White-tailed Deer, several baby skunks and a Badger.

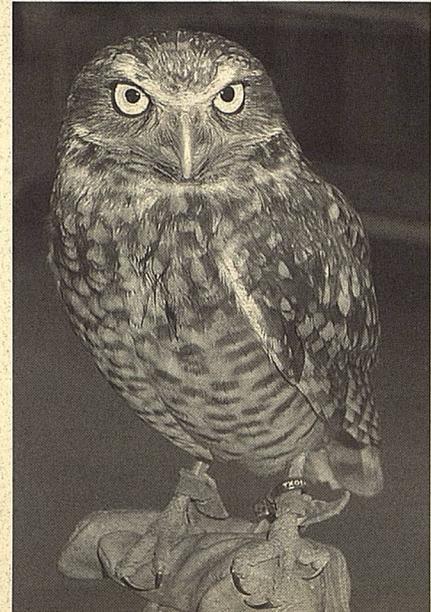
For a complete wrap-up of raptors by species, turn to our back cover.

2007's baby mammal season started with a bang February 23rd and 24th, when thirteen baby squirrels were admitted after tumbling from their nests during a storm of blowing dust and 60 m.p.h. winds.

Join us Saturday, May 5th, 2007 at the Llano Estacado Winery
for an evening of fine wines, savory
hors d'oeuvres, a Silent Auction and fun
- to benefit South Plains Wildlife
Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

For the past 19 years, the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center has helped many thousands of orphaned, injured, ill or displaced wild animals indigenous to the Texas South Plains. Please support our continued efforts to care for these magnificent creatures while you enjoy great food, wine and shopping during the evening of May 5, 2007.

This year we have two great trips to auction off, compliments of Marriott Vacation Clubs International. One is a 6-day 5-night Vacation Certificate at one of two Hawaiian resorts: Kauai Beach Club in Kauai, Hawaii, or Ko'Olina Beach Club on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. The Hawaii vacation is for two adults only. The second 4 Day/3 Night Vacation Certificate is stateside at one of the four following resorts: Marriott's Newport Coast Villas (Newport Beach, CA); Marriott's Shadow Ridge (Palm Desert, CA); Marriott's Canyon Villas (Scottsdale/Phoenix, AZ) or Marriott's Timber Lodge at South Lake Tahoe, CA. Whether your passion is golf, skiing, or just lounging by the pool, both packages have something to offer everyone. Air fare is not included, and the same person cannot win both packages.



Bowie Elementary students and teachers will donate our themed baskets this year. Baskets as well as art and individual items will also be available for bidding during the **Silent Auction** from at 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM. **Cash and checks only, please.** This event is a great way to shop for graduation, Mother's Day, birthdays and anniversaries. There'll be dozens of baskets brimming with gifts of wine, food, gift certificates and items to please and indulge someone or everyone on your list.

We rely on our spring fundraiser to help with the high cost of raising many hundreds of wild baby songbirds, bird of prey chicks, ducklings and baby mammals. The rapidly growing youngsters eat many times their weight in food each day, and we provide a wide variety of foods and formulas that each particular species needs to grow and develop normally.

The event will be catered and fine Llano wines can be enjoyed during the evening. Tickets are \$25.00 each and will be available at the door and in advance. However, **please make a reservation** by calling Carol Lee at (806) 745-8120 no later than May 2nd so we'll have an accurate head count for our caterer. If you prefer to mail a check in advance, please send to Carol Lee, c/o SPWRC, 3101 77th Street, Lubbock, TX 79423. **Ticket donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

Monetary donations from the public toward this event are welcome, too, as are items for baskets, or perhaps you'd like to donate a basket already filled with gifts for a new baby, book lover, gourmet cook or virtually any other theme. We hope to see you!

"A Night on the Wild Side"

Saturday May 5th, 2007 - 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Llano Estacado Winery

FM 1585 (3 miles east of Hwy 87 South)

Make your reservation on or before May 2, 2007 (see above)

*Tickets available at the door and in advance - Cash and checks only, please

Casual attire

\$25.00 donation per person; tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law

Meet our new Operations Manager and Program Manager

Lindi Butler was born in Macomb, Illinois. She moved to Iowa when she was 15. She attended Illinois State University, received a BS in Physical Geography and finished her studies with an internship at The Murie Center in Moose, Wyoming. This is where her dream of working in environmental nonprofits really took shape. The history of Olaus and Mardy Murie was inspiring, and her experience living on the ranch in Grand Teton National Park made her realize she couldn't be happy working in an office. "There was something about looking up from my desk and locking eyes with a bear cub outside the window. Working that close with nature was something I knew I wanted to do forever." After her internship ended in August 2000, Lindi returned to Iowa to look for graduate schools. While doing so, she worked for the Wapsi River Environmental Education Center. There she encountered many wildlife species and helped with programs and interpretive hikes. She also had the opportunity to take children to a farm that was part of the Trumpeter Swan Restoration Project in Iowa.

Lindi's mother and stepfather lived in Lubbock so she considered Texas Tech for graduate school. They had a program she was looking for: an interdisciplinary studies program called environmental education. She could focus on non-profit management, wildlife management, biology and geography. Lindi lived back in Lubbock by January 2001, working as a research assistant, traveling between six different National Parks. "I was in heaven, but that only lasted one semester, and then it was back to the classroom." In January 2002, she took a non-profit management class that gave her the option of a service learning project. "I started volunteering at SPWRC immediately and can't stay away. It became such a major part of my life, and I'm forever thankful for the opportunities I have here."

Before she and husband Joel married in June 2004, Lindi had her wedding photographs taken with her favorite wildlife ambassadors at the Center. After completing her MS degree, she was hired by Children's Protective Service while Joel finished school. She



**Lindi Butler, (L.) Operations Manager
Dorothy Tinkler, (R.) Program Manager**

worked there fifteen months until she was offered the Operations Manager position at SPWRC, ecstatic to have the opportunity to work full time at the Center. This is a dream come true for me!" Lindi's favorite quote from Mardy Murie is, "What you have loved, others will love, and you will teach them how." She said SPWRC gives her the opportunity to teach others the importance of wildlife. "I'm excited to be a part of the changes going on at SPWRC and can't wait to see where we go from here!" Joel recently completed his master's degree in anthropology (archeology) and is doing contract archeology.

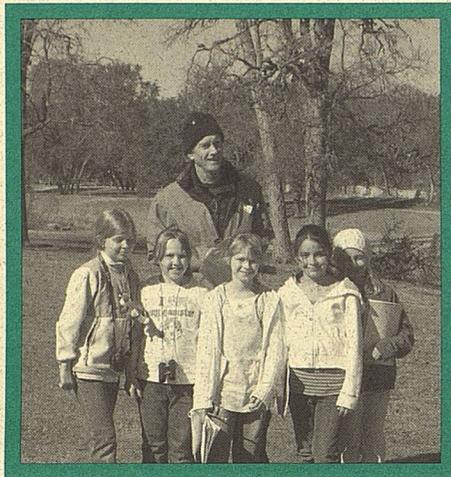
Dorothy Tinkler was born in Fort Worth, Texas. Although she grew up in Tucson, Arizona, she's a Texan at heart. Her grandfather erected the monument to Fanin's men at Goliad and with that legacy, she and her cousins in Victoria, Texas, feel it's important for Texans to know the story of Fanin's men.

The family often went camping when she was a child and one of their big trips was to Canada where the family of six slept in a travel trailer. Her mother wasn't much of a camper, but she went along gamely. After her mother's death, Dorothy and her father started really exploring. They went scuba diving in Belize, drove from Tucson to Alaska and spent a month exploring the Yukon Territory and Alaska. She also kayaked along the Baja Peninsula. While kayaking in the Queen Charlotte Islands along the coast of British Columbia, she saw her first wild Bald Eagles and Orca and realized she needed to find a job working with wildlife. Dorothy attributes her love of the outdoors to those early camping trips, the days spent in the desert and summers in the mountains. She received her bachelor's degree in Animal Health Sciences from the University of Arizona with plans to become a veterinarian, but af-

ter days of spays and neuters, she really missed the outdoors. Dorothy began working at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area doing water quality and studying peregrines realizing that doing outdoor research was where she belonged. She also worked summers studying Mexican Spotted Owls, bats, and songbirds on the Tonto National Forest. She looked for a graduate program and found a research project studying Bald Eagle post-fledging success at Florida nest sites at West Virginia University where she earned her master's degree. Mapping of distributions of animals has always been of interest and is what brought her to Texas Tech. She looked at how conversion of land cover affected the distribution of birds of prey for her Ph.D. dissertation. A wildlife center volunteer the last 8 months, she enjoys the wildlife contact the center provides and the positive impact it makes on animals that come through its doors. As Program Manager, she's looking forward to animal care and writing proposals to fund the many expenses the Center incurs, caring for about 3000 animals annually.

Taking Education

During our January trip to Cedar Park, Texas, we planned an afternoon outing at a park to help a group of Junior Girl Scouts earn their Wildlife Merit Badge. The 9 and 10 year olds decided beforehand on six of ten badge requirements they wanted to do, and they'd all be Field Biologists for several hours. They investigated above and beyond the requirements, learning about habitat and what things animals need to survive, field marks that distinguish one species from another, how



Rob and the Junior Girl Scouts: Savannah Freeze, Robin Davies, Sarah Orth, Reya Martinez and Taylor Williams

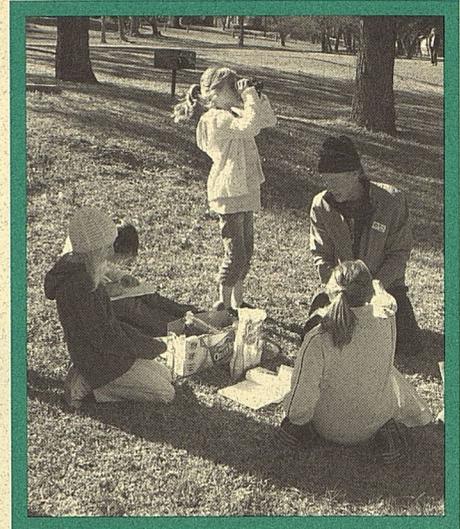
animals are classified, locating birds by sound, and how to use binoculars. Perhaps the most fun was learning about different types of bird beaks and how different beaks work. We had a tweezers, straw, Swiss army knife, scissors and strainer to demonstrate the actions of various bills. We demonstrated how a starling's beak works like a scissors, but in the opposite direction, parting grass so insects are exposed. During the exercise, the Scouts learned about beaks that crack, probe, shred, strain or spear. After an hour of exploring and observation we moved to the water's edge to watch some mallards as they dabbled for vegetation. They collected water in their glass bowls and found tiny pond dwellers like

mosquito fish, crawfish and a few spiders. After a short study of each creature, they returned their finds back to the pond.

Each girl had to complete her journal, drawing a picture of the animal they wanted to learn more about and answering questions like how the animal gets around, how it communicates, protects itself, and what its predators are.

Every girl pictured is a member of Girl Scout Junior Troop 1416, Lakeline Service Unit in Cedar Park, an Austin suburb.

The Junior Troop leader is Savannah's mom, Jenny Freeze.



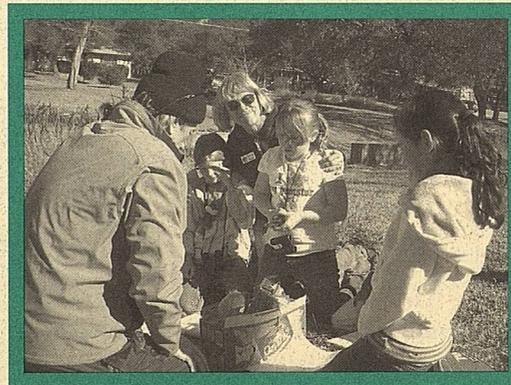
Sarah Orth learns to look through and focus binoculars while Robin, Taylor and Reya wait their turn

We also talked about baby birds, and that they normally spend a few days on the ground perfecting their flying and other skills.

Unless they're injured, they should not be picked up unless they're in danger.

Their parents are their role models during this critical period, showing them where to hide, how to find food and how to avoid predators. The girls learned that if you touch a baby bird, the parents won't abandon it, so it's okay to move it to a safer location away from a dog or out of the street if it's in danger.

They also learned about calling a licensed wildlife rehabilitator if any bird had a hurt wing, leg, was bleeding or lame. Rescue injured animals, but don't kidnap healthy ones – little birds learn to fly within several days, so let their parents take care of them during these few critical days they may be on the ground.



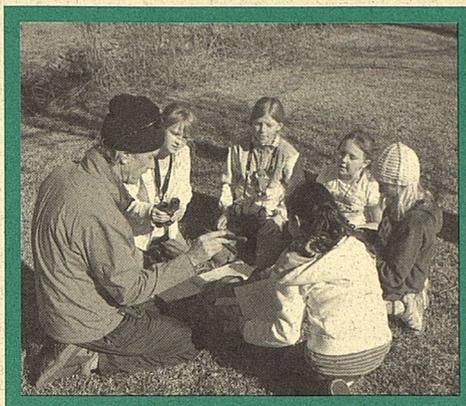
My granddaughter, Robin Davies, (center) learns that some bird beaks work like pliers

on the Road

One of the Scouts did her journal on a duck, noting that they keep clean by preening. Predators are people, dogs, and some other animals. She noted ducks "quack" to communicate, and get around by walking, swimming or flying. She wrote, "Ducks spend the most time in water" and their diet was "snails and seeds." Some of the ducks we watched also dabbled for vegetation on the lake bottom.

The Girl Scout outing lasted twice as long as we planned, but no one was in a hurry to leave, and some of the moms stayed and enjoyed the experience with their daughters, too.

It was fun and inspirational to watch the girls make discoveries and do things connecting them with nature, wildlife, and especially the outdoors.



Here the girls think of birds whose beaks work like a Swiss Army Knife

Outdoor activities for children can be as varied as your imagination.

Go on a nature scavenger hunt and find things like an acorn, a pretty leaf, unusual rock, feather or pine cone. Use the same or a different list for each child and set a time limit.

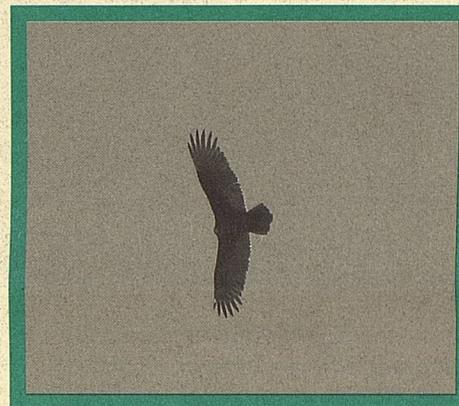
Keep a nature journal for a week or weekend and list your observations.

Sit quietly outside in a park or in the woods, close your eyes, and for five minutes think about all the sounds you hear in nature, like birds singing, or a stream babbling.

Make a bird feeder out of an empty cardboard or plastic milk container, fill with bird seed and count the different species of birds that visit your feeding station over the course of a day or a weekend.

Every child needs a mentor - usually a family member or friend - to help them enjoy and experience everything the outdoors has to offer.

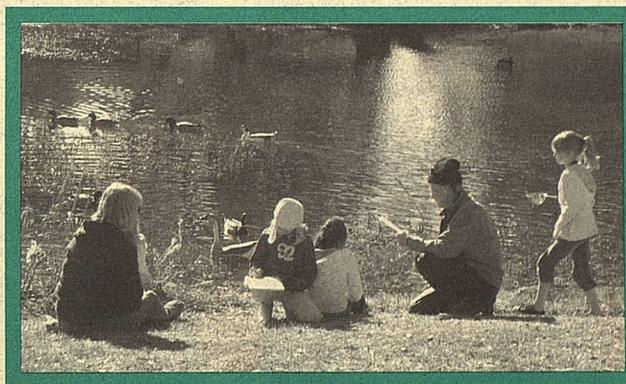
Turn off the television, put video games away and go outdoors with your children or grandchildren. Explore the wonders of leaves and plants, birds and other wildlife, or simply take a walk and be grateful there are so many things to inspire and amaze in the natural world around us.



The Scouts see at the silhouette of a Turkey Vulture soaring on warm thermal breezes overhead



Taylor Williams smiles as Reya Martinez shows off the bug in her hand, demonstrating that insects can be found even during winter



Taylor works on her journal at the water's edge

Education Programs

Twelve educational programs were presented during January and February, 2007.

Gail Barnes presented several programs on bats. Carol did an evening program for the Texas Heritage Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. Thank you to the Business Women's Association attendees



Gail Barnes walks around during the program at Waters Elementary School with Wildlife Ambassador "Bu2" our Great Horned Owl

who contributed a carload of supplies to restock our cupboards.

Our staff also did an owl program, presentation for the Lubbock Optimist Club, the Amity Study Group and guided a tour from Preston Smith Elementary's Boy Scout Troop 508 (Den 4, Bears, Gary Branch, Leader).



Our staff came together Tuesday, February 27, 2007, to present our annual program for the local Llano Estacado Audubon Society at the Lubbock Garden and Arts Center. 116 adults and children attended the free program, and almost \$300.00 in donations was raised. Most of our wildlife ambassadors were in attendance, including Percy the pelican, Harris the Harris's hawk, Festus the Turkey Vulture, Jasper the Barn Owl and the rest of the group that travel around the area with us to promote awareness and wildlife conservation. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make this particular program another successful event! "Empress," our Peregrine Falcon pictured at left bottom, was on her best behavior for the LEAS presentation. "Empress" photo and photo of program below by Dorothy Tinkler.



Wildlife Center does program for Llano Estacado Audubon Society



Dr. Chung's Class working on Intrepretive Plan



Pictured back row l. to r.: Jacqueline Salter, Micah Simecek, Brandon Hay; Middle: Tanushree Chowdhury; Front row : Shannon McFarlin, Krystal Willeby, and Dr. Yun Shun Susie Chung

Dr. Susie Chung's graduate students are working on a project to produce an Interpretive Plan for the Wildlife Center. A spring semester course project, the end product will include various methods of interpretive programs for the center, including exhibits, fundraising, promotional materials, educational materials and programs. Dr. Chung is an Assistant Professor in the Center for Advanced Study of Museum Science and Heritage Management at Texas Tech.

Thank you Alpha Phi Omega

Thank you to Paul Comish and sixteen students (pictured left) from Texas Tech's service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega.

The group arrived February 24th at 9:00 AM in chilly 60-65 m.p.h. winds and blowing dust to help with grounds maintenance and cleaning. They worked under miserable conditions all morning, but did an outstanding job!

The service fraternity helped us many times over the years to get ready for spring.

NEWS and NOTES

A big thank you to Honey Elementary School staff, teachers, and students for their donation of \$100.00 to be used to help with our May fundraiser. Honey's Principal is Mr. David Doyle. We are sincerely appreciative!

A big thank you for the beautiful cedar woodcarving of a raptor given to me by Mr. Randy McCaleb of Stanton, Texas. Randy brought us an injured Golden Eagle several years ago. "Thorn" tangled with a porcupine and came up with many dozens of quills all over and in his feet. Unfortunately, after eleven months of intense care and veterinary treatment, we couldn't give Thorn the gift of recovery or freedom. It was a very sad day for all of us.

Thank you to the South Plains Veterinary Medical Association for your generosity again during 2007 with a check of \$1500. This year's president is our own Dr. Tim Polk of Animal Medical Center. SPVMA's Vice President is Dr. Carl Clary of Acre's North Veterinary Hospital, Secretary is Dr. Casey Carrothers of Animal Hospital of Lubbock, and their Treasurer is Dr. Don Hegi of Animal Care Clinic in Lubbock. We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support!

Mark your calendars for Saturday June 9th – our annual summer Open House will be held between 11 AM and 2 PM, and hummingbird expert Mark Klym will again travel from Austin to be our special guest. He'll be hosting informal talks in our covered outdoor amphitheater. We ask a \$1.00 donation for everyone over 4 years of age.

Congratulations to Ellen and Toby McBride. Toby, an environmental toxicologist, was recently offered his dream job with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Ellen, Toby, and their 15 month-old son Carter will relocate to the Sacramento, California, area this March. Toby's Thesis Defense for his Ph.D. was February 26th at Texas Tech. His position will be a staff specialist in the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) Branch of the Environmen-

al Contaminants Division in the Sacramento USFWS office. He'll help conduct assessments of impacts by mining and industrial releases on fish and wildlife populations, restoration planning, ecological risk assessments, and oil spill responses. Ellen is a former SPWRC volunteer and past President of the Llano Estacado Audubon Society. Toby helped us when we had suspected cases of lead poisoning. You'll be missed.

Good bye to Wildlife Center supporter Cindy Reinhardt, who left for Boulder, Colorado, in December, 2006.

Gifts to Honor and Remember

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Moyes made a donation in Honor of their grandchildren: Nicholas J. Moyes, Daniel F. Moyes and Jerri Lynn Moyes.

Debbie Laverie and Diane Krumwiede gave a generous gift in honor of two people: Alison Lewis, Paradise Valley, Arizona, and Jack Sahakian, Escondido, California.

Heather Turner gave a gift in Honor of Rafael Blanco.

La Gina Fairbetter of Lubbock gave a gift in Honor of Steve Teeters, Lubbock artisan who's helped on several of our outdoor projects.

Randy Rogers sent a generous donation in Honor of the birthday of Barbara Bruster, whose birthday is March 9th.

Memorials

Dwight Overton gave a Memorial donation in the name of Roy. I. Overton. This was inadvertently missed in our December quarterly newsletter.

A number of Memorials were given to the Wildlife Center in Memory of Celia Smith, wife of Gary Smith, who passed away Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006. She is survived by her

Memorials(continued)

husband, two daughters, Aja Smith of Austin, Texas, and Mia Smith of Denver, Colorado, and other family members.

Memorials were received from:

Pat and Jim Harris

Robin and Don Parks

Louise H. Underwood and

Gwynne U. Juett

Greater Lubbock Rotary Club

Gail and Albert Tutino

Randall and Sheri McKee, Buda, TX

Mr. Ron Perkins, Abilene, TX

Pam and Randy Miller, and Bobbie

Brow, Kerrville, TX (Pam Miller was

Celia Smith's cousin).

Loretta Grisham, Temple, TX

Mason, Warner, Inc., P.C.

Betty J. Brooks, George West, TX

Sandra A. River

Dr. Gene and Cathy Tate gave a Memorial gift in the name of Mary Beth Mangum. Her family was notified of their kindness.

John and Vickie Craig adopted "Percy" in Memory of Frank Cobb. Dolores Cobb was notified of their generosity.

Mr. Charles Baldwin of Lamesa, Texas, made a generous Memorial gift in the name of Jan Douglas. Jan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N.M. Stewart of Lamesa, Texas, were notified of his kindness.



CAN YOU HELP?

We need someone to help with yard care and grounds maintenance several times a month. If you can help with this please call Lindi or Gail at the Wildlife Center at (806) 799-2142.

Acknowledgments

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.

Our Keystone Donors

Carre Avian
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Karen Bosscher
Lisa and Travis Bruster
A.J. and Cindy Burkes, Denver City, TX
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Thanks for other supplies: Paige Dominictz donated linens; Jane Bolstad donated pet dishes. Leanna Smith of Levelland made more "raptor wraps" for us – great cloth wraps that are invaluable for weighing raptors. Leanna also donated plastic dinnerware for our patients. Dr. David & Mrs. Lewrie Close donated 4 Italian Stone Pine trees that were planted at the Wildlife Center recently. They also donate Wall Street Journals – perfect for lining cages. Mr. Bill Van Pelt of Washington, D.C. donated a case of paper towels and office supplies.

The American Business Women's Association donated a car load of supplies. Keenan Cobb (Blarney Stone Equestrian Center 4H) donated linens. Johnnie Taylor brought pecans. Garry Kiser donated a lizard aquarium. Ruth Howell donated baby blankets and baby food jars. Amanda Vasquez donated stuffed toys. She's the niece of volunteer Maggie Hancock. Melissa Borrett (Morton, TX) donated paper goods. James Cokendolpher donated game bird feed and Gene (Slim) Evans donated dog food. Phil and Mary Neal donated meat. Julie Andrews donated feeders and litter pans. Thanks to Dr. Suman Ahuja for four heating pads.

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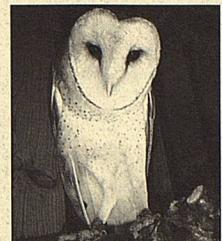
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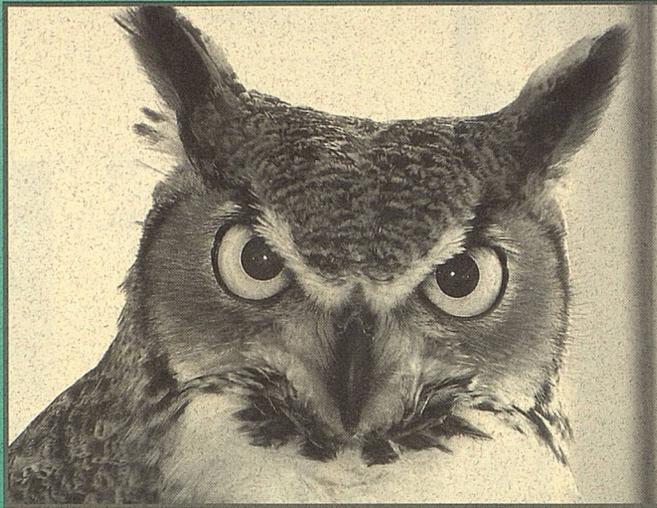
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Raptor Wrap-Up 2006

Birds of Prey - Total 332

- *Mississippi Kites (101)
- *American Kestrels (43)
- *Red-tailed Hawks (24)
- *Swainson's Hawks (16)
- *Cooper's Hawks (9)
- *Peregrine Falcons (3)
- *Ferruginous Hawks (2)
- *Northern Harriers (2)
- *Red-shouldered Hawks (2)
- *Sharp-shinned Hawks (2)
- *Prairie Falcon (1)
- *Turkey Vulture (1)
- *Broad-winged Hawk (1)
- *Golden Eagle (1)
- *Osprey (2)

Total: 210

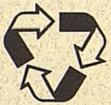


"Bu2" is one of the Wildlife Center's non-releasable Great Horned Owl "wildlife ambassadors"

Owls

- * Common Barn Owls (68)
- * Burrowing Owls (31)
- * Eastern Screech Owl (1)
- * Great Horned Owls (20)
- * Long-eared Owl (1)
- * Short-eared Owl (1)

Total owls: 122



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