

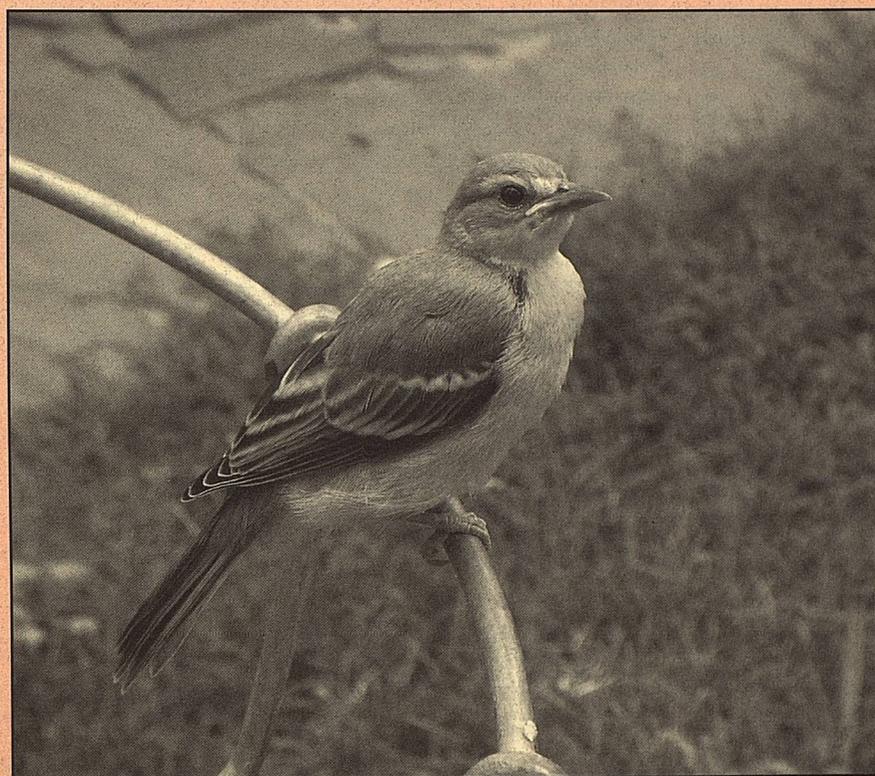
The Mockingbird Chronicles



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Baby season in full swing



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Letter from the Directors, Past and Present



It's a privilege and honor to take over the reins of SPWRC. It's a place

of great hope, and provides a wonderful service to both wildlife and the people of the Northern panhandle of Texas.

For those of you who don't know me, I'm originally from Fort Worth, Texas, but grew up in Tucson, Arizona. My degree from the University of Arizona is in Animal Health Sciences. Upon graduation, I worked at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area studying the Peregrine falcon and my fate was sealed. I received my degree in Wildlife and Fisheries from West Virginia University where I studied Bald Eagles, and then received my Ph.D. in Biology from Texas Tech University. I'm now and have always been firmly committed to wildlife and appreciate the chance to work with all the animals that come to us for help.

I'd like to thank Carol Lee for all her years of service and for trusting me with the Center she nurtured and watched grow from that first mockingbird. I'd also like to thank all those who helped the Wildlife Center grow. I look back over the newsletters and reports that were filed over the past twenty years and see how many people donated countless hours to feeding all the animals.

I look around the Center and see all the talent that created the peaceful place that it's become. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard and stayed that extra few minutes that turned into an hour. Thanks also to everyone who donated their time to keeping the Center infrastructure beautiful, repaired and maintained. I also thank everyone who has donated financially to keep our doors open. I look forward to meeting all of you who have been associated with the Center for many years, and those of you who recently discovered us. With your help, I know we'll continue to prosper for the next twenty years and well beyond.

Dorothy

As most of our readers know, I made the decision to retire in July, 2007, and it became official June 1, 2008.

I gave myself eleven months to find a successor, and tie up loose administrative ends as I passed the torch to Dorothy. I realized my limitations - particularly that I could no longer raise almost all the baby birds that were admitted. It is very physically demanding with feedings every half hour all day, every day, for about six months. Together with our Board, we decided to hire two part-time interns for the busiest part of the summer months, in addition to the two employees we already have. We were also fortunate to attract a full-time unpaid intern to help cover our busiest periods.

At the end of May I had surgery, and recuperation was slow-going for a number of weeks following. I sincerely appreciated all the cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes during my convalescence.

Now, however, I'm moving forward again and as this issue goes to press, I want to thank the thousands of people who've helped the Wildlife Center over the past two decades in some small or large way, with their contributions of time, talent, funds or expertise. I am very proud of our volunteers and our collective achievements and know the Center will continue to grow and be of service to wildlife and area residents for many years to come.

Carol

Cover:

The Northern Oriole shown was a delight to raise and release. I must confess I brought a dozen songbird youngsters home one weekend in June when the Wildlife Center was short-staffed. It was wonderful to be able to enjoy my passion in a small and welcome dose.



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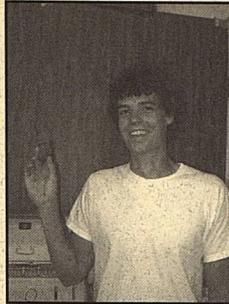
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Volunteer Spotlight :

Alan Sosa was born in Houston and went to school in Katy, Texas. "I completed my Bachelors Degree in Biology at the University of Texas at Austin in 2007. Each summer, I participated in some animal-oriented job or research project including working in the primate department of the Houston Zoo, conducting research on threatened salamanders with the City of Austin, studying marine biology in the Turks and Caicos Islands, and researching the impacts of invasive predators on frogs in Arizona." He said also, "As a native Texan, Texas schools were my first choice. More importantly, however, was the opportunity to work on a project that has real world consequences with a focal organism that I'm interested in." Alan is currently working on his MS in Wildlife Management at Texas Tech University in the Department of Natural Resources Management.



Working with his advisor, Dr. Gad Perry of Texas Tech, was another reason he decided to pursue graduate work at TTU. "Dr. Perry's well known for his field research on reptiles and amphibians both in West Texas and other parts of the world. As my advisor, his role is to aid in developing my abilities to conduct research and interpret my findings. As such, we collaborate on designing my project, implementing it, analyzing data, and presenting the results."

Regarding his research on box turtles, he explains, "The aim of my research is to explore the viability of urban Ornate Box Turtle populations. To do this, I'm sampling areas throughout Lubbock for Box Turtles while also intensely monitoring approximately 25 turtles. This entails attaching a radio transmitter to their shells and locating them almost every day to see where they're moving. Although some Box Turtles in Lubbock are confined to backyards, I've found many that free-roam around neighborhoods appear to be surviving.

Alan is also tracking Box Turtles that are released after being cared for at the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

This will allow us to develop a release plan to maximize survival. This research is important because as a result of habitat loss and collection, Ornate Box Turtles are declining and urban environments might one day be their last refuge."

Alan hopes to complete his Masters in December, 2009. He hopes to work for a state or federal agency studying reptiles and amphibians, but since there are few positions dedicated to those species, "I'd be happy doing any scientific research that allows me to spend a substantial amount of my time outside."

As for hobbies, he enjoys playing sports like basketball, football and soccer, camping, fishing, and eating home cooked meals.

He says his favorite part about working at the Wildlife Center is learning about animals other than reptiles and amphibians. "Almost all of my work has focused on them, so it's nice to learn about other groups of animals from people who are as interested and enthusiastic as the staff and volunteers at SPWRC.

(When Dr. and Mrs. David Close discovered a number of tiny, newly hatched 1/2 ounce Box Turtles when they were having their yard landscaped, they knew they'd have a difficult time if they were simply relocated. Alan took an interest in their care, and it was a win-win situation. Maggie Hancock also provided them plenty of TLC whenever she was volunteering.....Ed.)

Thank you, Lubbock Area Foundation

Sincere thanks to the Lubbock Area Foundation for their donation of \$10,000. These resources are earmarked for three things: food and supplies for our permanent educational birds of prey; food and supplies for our wildlife patients in rehabilitation and for veterinary supplies. Our wonderful veterinarians don't charge us for their skills and services, but we do pay for supplies, and they add up rapidly. The Foundation's assistance greatly reduces our burden on having to generate this amount independently, and we are sincerely grateful to them.

20th Anniversary Celebration at Outback Steakhouse was a success

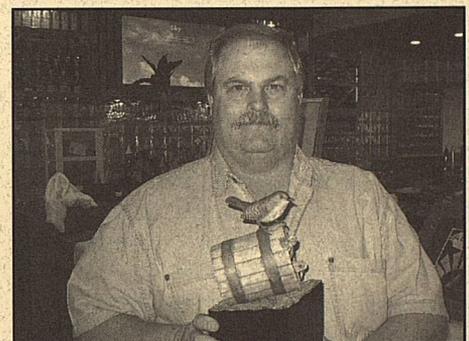


Holly Bise and Outback Steakhouse Proprietor, Paul Willems

On March 22nd, 2008, the Wildlife Center celebrated its Twentieth Anniversary. Outback Steakhouse donated meals for our guests, and we owe special thanks to Wildlife Center Intern Holly Bise for spearheading the planning, and to Paul Willems, Outback's Proprietor. The meal was excellent, as was the service and hospitality.

We held a Silent Auction before the meal, and thank everyone who donated items, and to Dorothy Tinkler and friends for putting together a wonderful wildlife video with music to play while guests dined. Pat and Jim Harris won the Door Prize of two free round-trips donated by Southwest Airlines.

The event raised \$7,594.50.



Woodcarver Randy Hamilton displays a wren he carved and donated for the Silent Auction

Summer Open House

Between five and six hundred guests joined us June 28th for our annual summer Open House. We enjoyed beautiful weather and a little cloud cover, keeping it cooler than during previous years.

Particular thanks to special event volunteer Sheila Johnson for coordinating donations, and to our wonderful sponsors for decorations, food and other items to make the day special for our many guests.



Volunteer Gail Barnes shows one of the Center's baby skunks off to visitors. There's always time for public education!

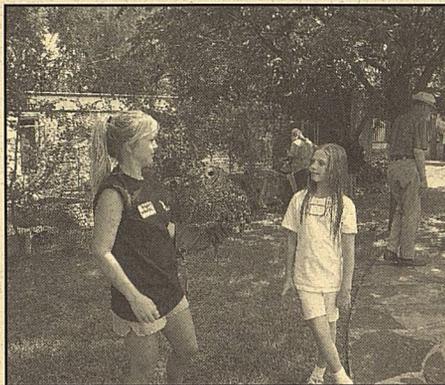
Thanks to dedicated volunteers and to Board Members Dr. Jim Moyes, Beth Bartley, Dennis McDaniel, Charles Swift, Rob Lee and Bill and Judy Pesetski for their valuable help during the event. Beth Bartley, Katie O'Roarke and Sabrina Robbins helped children paint fowl feathers, and there was a display of migratory birds' nests, eggs and feathers.

Volunteers were on hand to answer questions and adults and children alike learned about our outdoor pond's interesting ecosystem. Filled with native fish, a few turtles and many beautiful water lillies, Rob Lee helped the small visitors find and net tiny fish for a few seconds and learn about life in the pond.

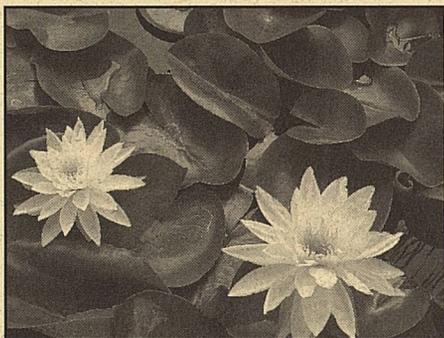
The event raised over \$1200 that will be used to purchase one or two new incubators in the upcoming weeks after we look over the current models.

Sponsors for our summer Open House:

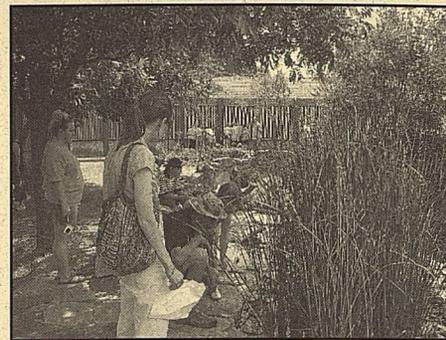
- * Luddy & Linda Faris, owners of "My Cup of Tea, Baby."
- * Fuddruckers (Rhonda Severin, Office Administrator).
- * Cookies by Design (Kris King, Owner).
- * Box of Rain Floral (Owner, Pam Marshall)
- * Sam's Wholesale Club (Jessica Garcia).
- * Market Street (98th Street).
- * Starbucks – (Naomie Hague, Assistant Manager)
- * Chick-Fil-A
- * Steak Express



Intern Holly Bise tells Maddie Court about "Shadow" about our Barred Owl. Maddie was visiting from Austin, Texas



Water lillies in full bloom for Open House



Rob Lee (kneeling) tells Open House visitors about pond ecology



Mark Klym from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Austin gives a series of informal wildlife talks



Event Coordinator Sheila Johnson welcomes guests with whimsical decor and delicious food for our visitors

Tributes

Honorariums

* Marilyn Crow of Garland, Texas, made a donation in Honor of volunteer Gail Barnes' May birthday.

* Williamson Interiors of Lubbock (Susie Williamson) made a donation in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Henniken of Big Spring, Texas.

Memorials

* Mr. Gordon Huff of Lubbock made a Memorial donation in the name of Mr. Neil Molsbee. Neil passed away May 11th, 2008. He and his wife Carolyn have been Wildlife Center supporters for many years.

* Wentwood Capital Advisors, LP sent a donation in Memory of Neil Molsbee. Neil's wife, Carolyn Molsbee and daughter Gail Morris of Fort Worth, Texas, were notified of their kindness.

* J. Teller of Hilltop Lakes, Texas, sent a Memorial in Honor of Neil Molsbee.

* Mary Dewald of Fort Worth, Texas, sent a Memorial in the name of Neil Molsbee.

* D.D. Currie, Dell Little, Vanatta Holdridge made a donation in Memory of Neil Molsbee.

* Ruben Castillo and Susie Williamson gave a gift in Memory of Cleon Davis. Wilma Davis and family were notified of their kindness.

* Susie Williamson gave a gift in Memory of "Lady." The Velleca family was notified of her Memorial donation.

* Susie Williamson also made a Memorial contribution in the name of Lillian R. May. The Joe May family of Lubbock was notified of her gift.

* We express sympathy to Joyce Komkov of Lubbock and to the family of Vadim Komkov, who passed away in Florida on May 14th, 2008. Vadim was a professor of Mathematics at Texas Tech from 1969-1980.

* Valerie Komkov-Hill made a donation in Memory of her father, Dr. Vadim Komkov.

* Judy and Ronald Rainger of Lubbock made a donation in Memory of Judy's brother-in-law, Gary W. Tydings. Rebecca Helianthus of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was notified of their kindness.

Memorials, continued

* John and Vicki Craig made a Memorial donation in the name of Ferrell Broyles. Mrs. Paula Webb of Lubbock was notified of their kindness.

* John and Vicki Craig made a Memorial donation in the name of Frank Cobb. Mrs. Dolores Cobb of Tyler, Texas, was notified of their kindness.

* John and Vicki Craig made a Memorial donation in the name of Wanda Griffin. Mr. Melvin Griffin was notified of their kindness.

* John and Vicki Craig made a Memorial donation in the name of Sarah Anderson. Mr. Joe Anderson of Lubbock was notified of their kindness.

* John and Vicki Craig made a Memorial donation in the name of Wilma Watkins. Ms. Linda McCraw, Mrs. Shirley Arnold, and Mr. Ernie Watkins, all of Lubbock, were notified of their kindness.

*Sympathy is also expressed to Lewrie Close whose father died this summer in Colorado.

Thank you Summer Interns

Jordan Hagerman is from Texas A&M University. She's studying Wildlife and Fishery Sciences and will graduate with a B.S. in December, 2008.

She was a great help evenings, feeding and caring for baby birds and making sure they all had clean beds for the night.

Jordan plans to pursue a Master's degree studying aquatic mammals. She finished her internship July 7th, and we'll sincerely miss her.

Katie Stafford came from Humboldt University in Arcata, California.

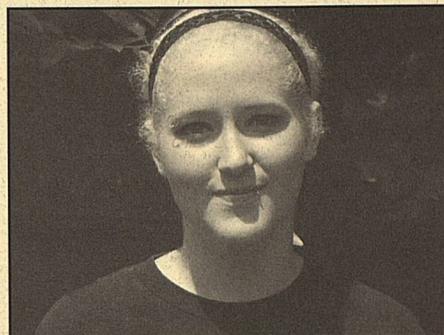
She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management and Conservation option with a minor in Scientific Diving.

Katie also helped with baby birds and worked evenings with Jordan. Everyone is happy that Katie is working at the Wildlife Center until the end of August.



Holly Bise and Jordan Hagerman

Holly Bise worked at the Wildlife Center for over a year, and is a Texas Tech graduate. Holly was our morning intern and was at the Center every morning feeding baby mammals and helping out wherever she was needed. Holly leaves us the end of July to move to Denver, Colorado. She plans to pursue a job working with large cats.



Katie Stafford

NOTES: Carol's e-mail will remain the same and personal notes and comments are always welcome. I can be reached at spwrc@suddenlink.net Since I officially retired June 1st, 2008, please direct all mail regarding volunteering, comments or suggestions directly to the Wildlife Center at spwrc2@yahoo.com

All gifts, Memorials and donations received after July 9, 2008, will be acknowledged in our September quarterly newsletter. If your name or gift was inadvertently omitted, we apologize, and please notify us.

Summer includes lots of babies

Baby season starts with a bang every year, and this year was no exception.

By mid-April, baby birds were appearing, two weeks earlier than in 2007, and they were preceded by baby squirrels, opossums and bunnies. They are a challenge to keep up with, because their demands for food keep our staff and volunteers hopping.

Scores of songbirds have already been released on the property, and are faring well on their own.

The tedium of the winter months suddenly ceased, and everyone catapults into high gear. Our expenses rise sharply for food, supplies and utilities.

Volunteers and veterinarians have always been the backbone of our wildlife operation, providing countless hours of service so that each animal receives the best care, treatment and nurturing possible.

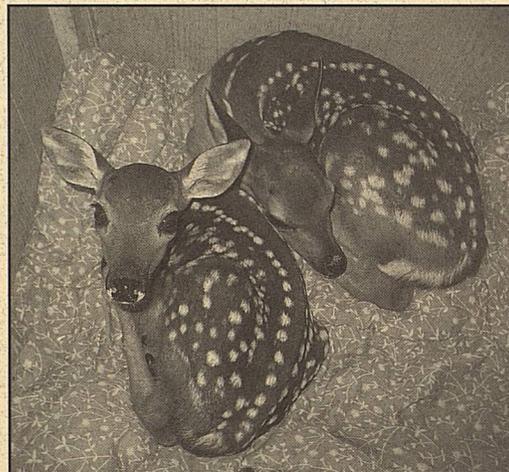
Despite the fact that everyone looks forward to baby season each spring, by the time fall arrives, we're crying "uncle" and ready for a break.

The cycle begins all over again, however, and we're all too familiar with the term "feast" or "famine" when it comes to the cyclical nature of our workload.

Who's the
cutest
of them all?



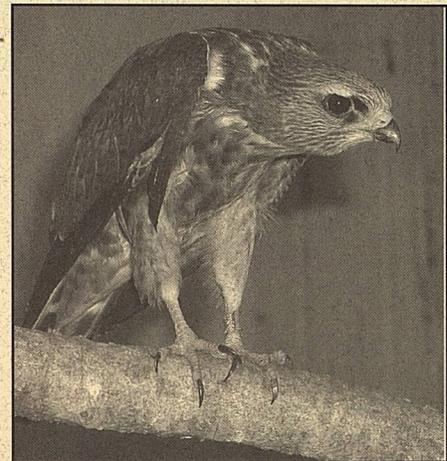
Two Virginia Opossum youngsters, cuddling up together in their cage



It's almost sleepy time for two white-tailed deer fawns. They were later joined by a very young Mule Deer



Blue Jay fledgling out on his own, but back-up feeding is provided for as long as required. Some jays never leave and return year-round for handouts



Mississippi Kite fledglings can fly prior to release in our outdoor aviary

Sometimes tiny birds come in that no one is able to identify immediately. Sometimes a particular one will "look familiar" and we know we've raised that species before, but until a nestling starts to develop feathers, "field marks" and vocalizations, we just have to be patient . . . and guess!

and lots of other activities

We'll miss you, Peggy!



Peggy Mulcahy

Volunteers honored Peggy Mulcahy for her years of service with the Wildlife Center, as we bid her adieu at a June luncheon at our outdoor amphitheater.

Peggy and their two daughters joined husband Michael in Flower Mound, Texas, where Michael was already working.

We'll also remember Peggy for the wonderful cakes and goodies from her kitchen! We'll miss you, Peggy, and wish you and your family the best of luck in the future!

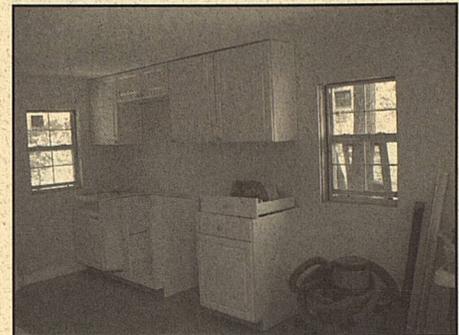
Due to circumstances beyond our control, this issue was about a month later than usual. Depending on how much news there is to report, we may combine the September and December newsletter, with a target date for distribution in early December. Holiday acknowledgements and year-end, tax-deductible, gifts should arrive no later than December 1, 2008 for inclu-

Baby Bird Building nears completion

The completion of our new "baby bird building" is finally in sight. Although the name and location of this project changed several times, this building was already in place and was the most economically feasible to repair and put to use. Renovations started March 17th. Board Member Charles Swift worked a little magic in procuring the help of plumber Ricky Eade and electrician Wayne Blaylock who provided consulting services and will help us complete the necessary wiring and plumbing.

Special thanks to Bobby Yates of Yates Flooring Center and Sales Representative Scott Bourland II for facilitating the donation of vinyl flooring and we're sincerely appreciative. Thanks to Greg Parker for the taping and mudding of the drywall, and teaching Charles

Thanks also to Louis Dunn who also helped with flooring, Board Member Jim Moyes for help with painting, Lupe and Paul Avila for applying the drywall texture, and Rob Lee for countless hours framing the windows and doors, painting, installing air conditioning units and cabinets, and leveling the floor. Thanks to Bowman's Lumber for a significant discount on some of the windows and donating the rest.



Main room of our new building, pretty in yellow and blue



Rob Lee installs insulation

Swift and Rob Lee the technique so they could finish interior walls. Jamie Parker cooked and delivered a delicious meal of homemade enchiladas for Charles, Rob, and her husband, Greg, while the guys worked into the night.

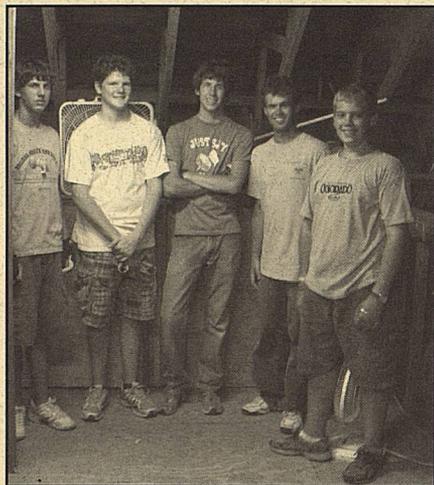


Advisor Starla Ewan, center, pictured with Estcado High School interns Elijah Rodriguez and Serena Willard

NEWS and NOTES

A big thank you to newspaper journalist Ray Westbrook of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal for his wonderful story about my retirement. It was printed May 30, the day I was having surgery at Covenant Lakeside. Thanks for the wonderful commemoration of my last twenty years of working for wildlife. My retirement was official June 1st, 2008.

We had seventeen new Junior Volunteers that started June 2nd this year, and eight returning JVs. During the month of June, JV's hours totaled 261, not including hours donated by parents who helped: Shonnie Collier, Jim and Sherry Mason, Ruth Reynolds, Teresa Patino and Joyce Dahlbeck.



Thanks to Scouts from Troop 406 in Lubbock who made storage units to be used in the three-story barn. Seventy six scouts helped with the April Eagle Scout project. Among the scouts who helped were Matt Maeker, Michael Maeker, Cody Farmer, Robbie Wiginton (future Eagle Scout) and Jared O'Neil, pictured above.

Thanks to Dr. Clint Boal, Assistant Unit Leader and Assistant Professor, Texas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit for banding a number of our young raptors recently. Occasionally a band is found, and provides some feedback about our rehabilitation efforts.

Coming soon:

A new look for our web site. Lance Lunsford of Lancer Productions in Lubbock has offered his help to teach me a bit about creating and maintaining our web site.

It's our hope to keep our readers and benefactors better informed hopefully by this fall. My brother Jay Reichard of Big Spring, Texas, has graciously done this for us, but it's always been my dream to learn about this "final frontier" after having had to master so many aspects of running a non-profit organization.

Perhaps now that I'll have more free time in the future, we'll be better able to bring you news and keep our readers up to date on the goings-on at the Wildlife Center in a more timely fashion.

Watch our fall newsletter for updates on former Wildlife Center manager Debbie Tennyson and former volunteer Amy Nusbaum in a "Where are they now" feature. Debbie left the Wildlife Center after fifteen years of service in September, 2006, and headed for Georgia, and Amy left a little more than a year ago. She's taking care of some pretty interesting creatures at the Houston Zoo.

Which birds live longest?

You can see a list of the Top Ten with their photographs by visiting the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL), that maintains longevity records from bird banding information at this site: <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/homepage/longvrec.htm>

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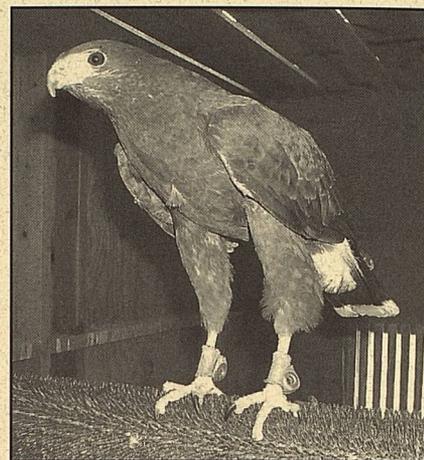
*Former volunteer Beth Bodden of Plano, Texas, adopted "Bobby" our Bobcat for Todd Felker, also of Plano, Texas.

*Beth Bodden also adopted "Ricky" the albino raccoon in Honor of Melanie Dodson's 30th birthday.

*Andrea Komkov of Lubbock, Texas, adopted "Louie" and "Athena," our Eastern Screech Owls.

*Kimberly Stelzer of Lubbock adopted "Festus," our Turkey Vulture.

*Denine and Lea Criswell, also of Lubbock, adopted "Jasper," our resident Common Barn Owl.



"Harris"

Our Harris's Hawk, "Harris" passed away the last quarter. One of our wildlife Ambassadors since 1997, he was transferred here from Clairmont, Texas, following a call to Texas Parks and Wildlife in Austin from a veterinarian's wife who found him in her horse pasture in November that year. In all probability, Harris was kidnapped as a nestling or fledgling bird by a would-be falconer. He likely escaped but had not learned hunting skills from his parents, and would have died if not discovered. He later lost his right eye due to an old injury, but lived a long life with us in Lubbock. We don't know his age, but we enjoyed having him with us, and he went to many educational programs over the years.

Parent birds can always use a helping hand

During spring and summer birds are pairing up, mating, building homes, laying eggs and raising offspring. For some, the cycle is repeated as much as three times. Here are some things you can do to help parents at their busiest time of year:

1. Keep a shallow dish of water out for birds to drink and bathe in. Keep the water clean, and be sure to refill your birdbath or fountain if you have one. Water depth should ideally be about three inches.

2. Don't mow meadows for awhile. Box turtles and bunnies will appreciate the favor too, and higher grass provides extra cover from predators for ground nesting species and small mammals.

3. If you find a nest, resist the temptation to intrude. It makes adults uneasy and you may lead a predator to the nursery.

4. Parents must meet huge demands to keep offspring safe and healthy and they have to eat too. Offer fruit, and until it gets very hot, they'll enjoy peanut butter, too. Some buy mealworms.

5. Offer bits of yarn, dryer lint or animal fur. Some bird's nests are insulated with soft materials. Be sure string and yarn are in very short pieces so little feet won't get tangled when they're ready to fledge.

6. Some birds eat eggshells, and this is especially good for females to replace calcium. Dry them in the oven for 30 minutes at 250 degrees first, then cool, crumble, and find an open spot to scatter them where they'll be seen.

7. If you trim hedges or shrubs, first check for active nests. Mockingbirds like low shrubbery, as do some other species.

8. If you live where there's a lot of cavity nesting species, offer a nest box. The Internet is full of good plans for Barn Owl boxes and for other birds.

9. Keep cats indoors and ask your neighbors to do the same. Roaming cats take a huge toll on nestlings and fledglings, and cat bells don't help when a bird is too young to fly and get out of harm's way.

10. Some nests, like Barn Swallow nests can be left up, because often the birds will return to the same nest site over and over.

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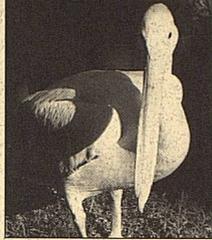
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*Several factors have harmed whooping cranes. The primary one is the loss of habitat. Wetlands have been drained for agriculture. Oil and gas development and the construction of intercoastal waterways for barge traffic are additional threats.

*Bird banding is one of the most useful tools in the modern study of wild birds. Wild birds are captured and marked with a uniquely numbered band or ring placed on the leg.

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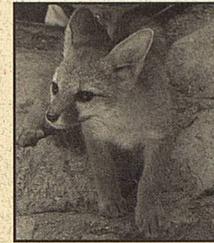


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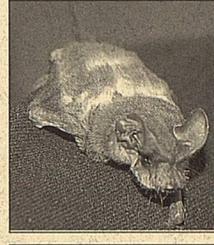
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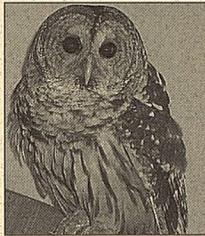
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Another Happy Ending



A Graylag Goose came to the Wildlife Center with fishing line wrapped around one of her legs.

She was brought to us by a local family that had watched the goose and her own "family group" at a Lubbock park.

They knew the goose family's routine and when she stopped following them into the neighborhood they knew something was wrong.

The big bird was limping, but could still swim away so it took about three weeks to catch her. She came to the Center and was very docile. Volunteers were able to give her injections and put cream on her wounds without worrying about being bitten, as she'd stand very still. In the mornings she'd greet us with honking. After two courses of antibiotics, she was released at the park from whence she came and reunited with her family. We love happy endings! Photo and story by Dorothy Tinkler

Photos: Graylag Goose back home after treatment



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