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# The Mockingbird Chronicles



Newsletter of the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

Number 1/2011

## Our 23rd Year!



Inside: Read about our winter activities, volunteers and latest Eagle Scout projects  
Meet our new Operations Manager and Board members

## Letter from the Founder



**Carol Lee**

achievements since our inception in 1988, but I didn't do it alone. Over the years we've had many hundreds of helpers: volunteers, veterinarians, board members, Texas Tech faculty members, high school and college students, interns, advisors, junior volunteers, community service helpers, and our most important component: **donors.**

Thanks to your year-end gifts and the response to our 2010 Holiday Appeal, we raised enough to help us get through the remainder of late winter/early spring, and to buy a badly needed new computer, printer and monitor. It costs approximately \$6,000 per month to keep our doors open.

We replaced Operations Manager Katie Stafford after she married in October and relocated to California soon thereafter to be closer to her family.

After reviewing many applications and applicants over the next two months, we chose Kristen Shimek to replace Katie as our Operations Manager. You can read more about Kristen on the following page, and we're delighted to have her! Kristen and Executive Assistant Jason Flores created a page for us on Facebook, so be sure to stop by for a visit!

### **If at first you don't succeed.....**

Many of you who are long-time friends, readers and donors know I retired twice in the past few years. This year, I'm going to try again, after taking the job on again since February, 2010. Our Board recently formed a "Search Committee" and will be actively looking for qualified applicants to take over the administrative duties. The position description is posted on our web site spwrc.org

I've never taken a salary from the Wildlife Center, but things will change when we hire a new Executive Administrator. That means we'll have a full time and part-time manager, and a new Administrator. For nineteen years we were 100% volunteer, but we continue to

grow and we need people to predictably work during our busiest seasons and at certain times of the day. An additional salary also means there will be more belt-tightening and more watchful eyes on spending. A large percentage of our income is spent on salaries, food and supplies for our wildlife patients and permanent wildlife ambassadors. Utility costs are also very high, because much of the year we have incubators running around the clock, and during winter there are heated perches to keep our birds of prey warm during periods of extremely low temperatures.

I'm excited about our future, and will continue to serve on the Board of Directors and put together our quarterly newsletter for the time being. I'll do everything I can to insure our ongoing, future success....we've all worked too hard to let the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center fade into oblivion.

Thanks to your continued help and support, we hope to be around for a long time to come.

This issue is full of scores of names of people who help us in one way or another, and we are sincerely appreciative of every gift.

Thank you all for your continued support with your contributions of funds, time, skills, supplies and everything else that's been donated since our humble beginning in 1988!



*Carol*

### **Thank you SPVMA**

A huge thank you to South Plains Veterinary Medical Association again this year for their very generous gift of \$1,500.00.

We are sincerely appreciative of the Association's assistance in our efforts for wildlife. SPVMA's Officers are: Our own Dr. Tim Polk of Animal Medical Center, President; Vice President Dr. Casey Carrothers; Dr. Don Hegi, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Shelli Wolfe, CE Chairman.

This group has donated to us for at least the last thirteen years. Thank you!

*The Mockingbird Chronicles* is a quarterly publication of the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center Inc. (SPWRC). The organization is an IRS determined 501(c)(3) non-profit facility that cares for orphaned, injured, ill and displaced wild animals with the ultimate goal of returning wildlife back to its natural habitat.

SPWRC holds state and federal permits but receives no funding whatsoever from either regulating agency. SPWRC operations are maintained through donations, gifts, education programs, quarterly newsletter subscriptions, memorial contributions, "wildlife ambassador" sponsorships and fundraising events. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent the law allows.

Executive Director Carol Lee  
Operations Manager Kristen Shimek

### **Officers and Directors 2010 - 2011**

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Cover:

### **"Trooper"**

A large female Eastern Screech Owl (Trooper was brought by a State Trooper to us. She had a fractured wing and would never fly again, so she was transferred to another educational facility.

Photo Wild Bird Rescue, Wichita Falls, Texas)

## Volunteer Spotlights



**Kristin Shimek**

New Operations Manager Kristin Heath Shimek was born and raised in Odessa, Texas, with her two older sisters, Amy and Erin.

She writes, "I was an avid softball player (and still am), played violin, loved to draw and loved to read. My family always kept a wide variety of pets, from Cockatoos to Labrador Retrievers, and from Hog-nosed snakes to Guinea Pigs. In short, I grew up with a passion for the arts and the animals. A family legacy, you might say. My father has always had a deep connection with animals and my mother, sisters and I are all painters."

Kristen attended Texas Tech University from 2005 to 2009, with a major in Biology and a minor in Art. "Any real direction in my life really hit in those last semesters when I took Ornithology, Natural History of Vertebrates, Animal Behavior and Mammalogy. In each class I credit the wonderful professors and their infectious passion for animals for inspiring me. I find all wildlife, birds in particular, fascinating and beautiful. Learning about them is a great pleasure and caring for them is the same-songbirds in particular. With my new direction, after I graduated I worked on two different Internships. One was in East Texas working with Painted Buntings and Indigo Buntings, and the other was in upstate New York working on Veeries with Dr. Ken Schmidt from Texas Tech. Both experiences were extraordinarily fun, rewarding and helped to keep me on track."

She says, "I was recently married in November to my wonderful husband, Evan. He is a graduate student and teaching assistant in Mechanical Engineering at Texas Tech and will someday be getting his PhD. We also welcomed a recent addition to our little family: "Juno," the Catahoula Leopard Dog."

Kristen writes further, "I'm so thrilled to have been offered the position as Operations Manager at SPWRC. The opportunity is extraordinary and the people are a pleasure to work with. Words can't capture how lucky I feel to be counted as part of this team."



**Gail Barnes**

Gail Barnes is a graduate of North Texas State University and Texas Tech University and has degrees in Marketing and Animal Business.

She became a volunteer at the South Plains Wildlife Center in 2000. She worked for the State of Texas for seventeen years and after the loss of her daughter, Gail realized life was too short not to follow her dreams, and she became a full time volunteer.

She said she was inspired by Carol Lee and got her own State, Federal Rehabilitation and Possession permits in 2005.

Gail manages two non-profit organizations: she's a satellite operation of Bat World Sanctuary--Bat World South Plains and NightWings, Inc. She specializes in the rehabilitation and care of bats and owls.

She's also the Volunteer and Education Coordinator for the Wildlife Center, and Gail heads and coordinates the Center's Junior Volunteer Program. Her passions are wildlife rehabilitation and environmental education. Last year 110 environmental educational programs were presented in the Lubbock, in addition to a 200 mile radius of Lubbock.

Gail is an active member of the Nancy Anderson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and received the state Community Service Award.

She was also featured on the front cover of the *Texas Techsan* magazine a few years ago with an article about her called "Winging It."



**Ben Hays**

Ben Hays is a Junior and an Agricultural Communications Major at Texas Tech. Born and raised in Georgetown, Texas (near Austin). He's from a family of six, with two brothers and a sister. His sister is an environmental lawyer in Austin, Texas.

Ben wanted to come to Texas Tech because it was away from home, and said he "wanted to do something different. Living in Georgetown all my life so close to Austin and the University of Texas made it a difficult transition, but looking back I'm very glad I made the move. Living away from home in West Texas broadened my horizons, and exposed me to different types of people and cultures."

When he graduates, Ben hopes to get a career in sales or marketing. He currently works part-time for The Institute of Environmental and Human Health.

He said, "Over the Christmas holidays I was fortunate enough to go on a Whooping Crane tour out of Fulton, Texas. It was amazing to see how urban sprawl and construction are depleting our natural resources – not just in relation with oil, but also with water and food supply for the habitat and wildlife we share the land with."

Ben has discovered a big interest in environmental conservation over the past few months, and said he's excited to have an opportunity to work with us at the Wildlife Center.

In his free time, Ben enjoys everything the outdoors has to offer.

Ben chose SPWRC because, "It's the only non-profit closely tied with wildlife and natural resources." Ben's other classes include Public Relations, Mass Communication Law and Advertising.

## Wrap Up 2010

Here's a rundown of our 2010 wildlife admissions, totaling 1198 native animals:

Songbirds, wading/shore and water birds: numbered 732. Of those, 313 were dove species. It was also a big year for the American Robin with 72 robin admissions.

Raptors – 145

Mammals – 280

Reptiles – 41, the majority were Ornate Box Turtles

We also transferred two non-releasable birds to other facilities.



## Welcome two new Board members

Our Board of Directors recently added two new members: long-time volunteer Gail Barnes, and Stacy Keith.

You can read Gail's biography on page 3, as we highlighted her as one of two volunteers in this quarter's Volunteer Spotlight.

Stacy Keith is a mom and wife who has always loved animals and is excited to be part of the SPWRC Board.

She moved with her family to Lubbock in 2008, and works as a fundraising and management consultant for non-profits.

Stacy has one son, Paden, who's in Kindergarten and is married to Ray Keith who is an attorney with the West Texas Public Defenders Office for Capital Cases. Stacy joined the Wildlife Center Board of Directors late in 2010. Stacy is also the Haynes Elementary PTA Treasurer and a member of Providence Presbyterian Church.

We welcome her enthusiasm, new ideas and suggestions and she's a welcome addition to our 2011 Board. ....Ed.

***"A clear breeze has no price, the bright moon no owner." - Blaise Pascal***

Blaise Pascal, (b.1623) was an influential French mathematician, inventor, physicist, writer and philosopher. He invented a mechanical adding machine in 1642.

## Education

Last year Gail Barnes traveled to thirteen cities and towns in the West Texas Panhandle to present programs with Ogallala Commons. They traveled to Friona, Farwell, Dimmitt, Nazareth, Crosbyton, Brownfield, Shallowater, Abernathy, Plainview, Meadow, Whiteface, Tulia and Denver City.

Each program was in three or more segments, depending on the number of students. Through hands-on learning and activities, they educated 5th graders, their teachers and communities about the water cycle, the Ogallala Aquifer, wastewater management, and looming global challenges focusing on our region's unique playa basins.

South Plains Wildlife Center presenter Gail Barnes did environmental education programs on our native birds of prey. Also discussed was habitat, adaptations and species native to the Texas South Plains. At a later appreciation luncheon, Gail was given the "Most Show Stopping Award of Excellence" as a Playa Festival Presenter from Ogallala Commons.

If you'd like to receive future newsletters by pdf please email Carol at [spwrc@suddenlink.net](mailto:spwrc@suddenlink.net)

## "Give a Hoot!"



Our "Give a Hoot" tee shirts sport our resident Great-horned Owl, "Bubo," and are made of pre-shrunk organic cotton.

They're inexpensive and make great gifts! Adult sizes are \$12.00 and children's sizes are \$10.00.

Call Gail Barnes at the Center at 806 799-2142 if you'd like to order one, and help wildlife at the same time!

## Adoptions

\*Spring Maleckar of Hammond, Indiana, adopted "Athena," our little Eastern Screech Owl.

\*Mary Asbell and Allan Mackenzie of Lubbock adopted "Vincent," our resident Chihuahuan Raven.

\*Ed and Kay Sones, Cedar Park, TX, adopted "Shadow." Ed has wildlife rehabilitation permits and was instrumental in saving Shadow's life 8 years ago when she was brought to him after being hit by a car.

\*Loyd and Lois Shrout of Manor, TX, also adopted "Shadow." The Shrouts found Shadow after she was hit by a car. The owl's transport to a wildlife rehabilitator became their top priority, and Shadow has the Shrouts and rehabilitator Ed Sones to thank for getting her prompt medical and surgical care. The Shrouts also sent a donation toward the care of "Farley," our little Burrowing Owl.

\*Steve and Betty Warring of Lubbock adopted "Bobby," our Bobcat, with us since 1993.

\*5th Grade Students at Wheelock Elementary School adopted "Jasper," and "Huey," who visited their classroom December 16, 2010. Fifth grade teachers: Doug Hogan, Kenneth Hearn, Laurie Jones and Principal Del Lopez. Gail Barnes and Daniel Andrews took their Adoption Certificates to them the following day and "Percy" the pelican delivered them...just a few hours before their Christmas break started.

\*Lezlie Strickland of Lubbock adopted our Eastern Screech Owl, "Athena," and "Farley," our Burrowing Owl.

\*Volunteers Sheila and Barry Johnson of Lubbock adopted "Percy," our beautiful American White Pelican.

\*Dwight Overton adopted "Athena" our little Screech Owl for Shawn H. Overton of Shamrock, Texas.

\*Dwight also adopted "Vincent," our Chihuahuan Raven for Eric Overton of Dallas, Texas.

\*Stephen Kasper adopted "Jasper," our Common Barn Owl ambassador who has been with us since 1995.

\*Marilyn Keffer, Littlefield, TX, adopted "Miss Hoary," for her great granddaughters: Madlyn Nichols and "Athena," our Eastern Screech Owl, for her great granddaughter Kameryn Nichols, both of Lubbock.

## Tributes

### Tributes to Remember:

\*Jean Morrison of Lubbock made a Holiday contribution in Memory of her son, David.

\*Barbara and T.D. Birge of Shallowater, Texas, made a generous donation in the name of Paul A. Beach, of Post, Texas. Paul's wife Kathy Beach, also of Post, Texas, was notified of their kindness.

\*Lou and Ericka Densmore of Slaton, Texas, also sent a Memorial donation in Paul Beach's name. Paul's wife Kathy Beach was notified of the Densmore's Memorial gift.

\*A Memorial brick was also purchased and laid in Paul's name during the previous quarter, as he was a good friend and benefactor of the Wildlife Center for many years.

\*Susie Williamson and Ruben Castillo sent a gift in memory of Boyce "Pete" Mosley. Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Mosley of Lubbock were notified of their Memorial contribution.

\*Mr. and Mrs. Madison Bellamy made a Memorial donation in the name of Bradley Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Randle Moore, Bradley's parents, of Shallowater, Texas, were notified of their kindness.

\*Elizabeth Morrow and Chuck Pratt of Arlington, Texas, made a Memorial gift in the name of Olivia Hunt Horn.

\*A Memorial gift in Olivia Hunt Horn's name was also received from Drs. Shelby and Brian Green of Lubbock.

\*A generous Memorial donation was also sent to the Wildlife Center in the name of Olivia Hunt Horn by Mary Gutwein of Lafayette, Indiana, from the family of Marjorie McKinney.

\*Mr. Don Hicks of Lubbock made a Memorial contribution in the name of Terry Stone who passed away recently. Terry's brother, Leland Stone, of San Antonio, Texas, was notified of his gift.

\*Dr. and Mrs. Jim Moyes made a contribution "In loving Memory of Peggy Swift," wife of Board member Charles Swift, who passed away recently.

\*Carol Lee also made a Memorial donation in Peggy Swift's name.



### Tributes to Honor:

\*Gail Barnes of Lubbock, Texas, made a Holiday contribution in Honor of the Gordon Family of El Paso, Texas: Pat, Laura, Patrick and Aidan Gordon

\*Pamela Taylor of Ralls, Texas, made a donation in Honor of five families at Christmas:

\*Mr. and Mrs. Ken Welch, Katy and Kelly, of Baird, Texas

\*Mr. and Mrs. Josh King and girls, of Baird, Texas

\*Clay McDuff and Family of Spring Hill, Florida

\*Mark McDuff and Family of Colora, Maryland

\*Chris, Kelley and Jake Johnson of Louisville, Kentucky

\*Dr. Malcolm & Mrs. Tanya Thomas of Lubbock, Texas, gave a donation at Christmas for the following individuals, also of Lubbock:

Dr. & Mrs. Jeremy Burke

Drs. Cynthia Dunn & James Kirk

Mr. & Mrs. Alan Henry

Mr. & Mrs. John Owens

Dr. & Mrs. Donald Robertson

\*Dr. and Mrs. Jim Moyes of Lubbock made a generous Holiday contribution in Honor of their three grandchildren: Jerri Lyn Moyes, Nicholas J. Moyes, and Daniel F. Moyes.

\*Dr. and Mrs. Brent Nall of Lubbock sent a generous Christmas donation in Honor of friends and colleagues, all of Lubbock:

Dr. Jane Goldthorn

Dr. K. Narendran

Drs. Chetlen and Connie Crossnoe

Dr. Patti May

Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Hannel

Dr. and Mrs. Mark Nordyke

Dr. and Mrs. Ron Smith

Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Cord

Dr. Duncan and Melanie Burkholder

\*Susie Williamson sent a Holiday donation in Honor of their friends:

Judy Butcher

Susan and Joe Combest and family

Kristie King

Donnie Leonard

Joe and Debby May

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Pharr

### Tributes to Honor, continued:

\*Susie Williamson sent a Holiday donation in Honor of their friends (continued):

Kathy and Frank Phillips

Gracie Weems

\*Ruben Castillo and Susie Williamson also Honored the following:

Karen Malouf

Sally Haliburton

\*An anonymous contribution was also made thanking Cindy Martin for her three years of service on the Wildlife Center's Board of Directors.

(Tributes are listed in the order received).

Sympathy is also expressed to Board Member Lisa and husband Larry Gilliland, whose dog "Jake" died after a long, happy life of eighteen years.



"Samantha" our Red-tailed Hawk

### Wish List

In addition to the Wish List on our web site (spwrc.org) we'd also love to have:

\* An inexpensive digital camera

\* Lawn equipment - riding lawn and push mower

\*Stainless steel tables and shelving

\*Microscope

\*Upright freezer

\*Ink cartridges -Epson-69 Black and HP-56 and 57 or office supply store Gift Cards

## Holiday fun

We had a great December, kicked off by "Percy," our American White Pelican, dressing up in his holiday finest and showing off for the KLBK-TV (our local CBS affiliate) newscast, broadcast from the Wildlife Center mid-month. Meteorologist Nikki Dee Ray was on hand to introduce Percy to viewers, and Gail Barnes told listeners about him and why he's a permanent resident at the Center. Thanks also to volunteer Barry Johnson for helping during the broadcast. You may have to have a Facebook account, but here's the link to the Wildlife Friday segments: Visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/KLBK-This-Morning/165052296849258>

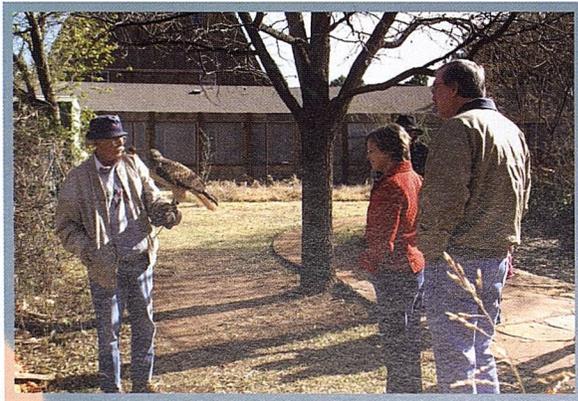
Our December 11th Open House was visited by over 300 guests, and we were again fortunate to enjoy mild winter weather. Thanks to our volunteers and Board Members who helped with the event, and to Shelia Johnson who set up and hosted the festive refreshment area. She also contacted area merchants who donated food and other items.

Special thanks also to Bighams' Smokehouse (Joyce Bigham, and Joe and Tish Keller) who provided our volunteers with chopped beef sandwiches with all the trimmings at lunch time. Our Open House event raised \$ 2,659.00.

Special thanks to Diesta and Pete Kuhn who expressed to friends and family to extend some help by filling some of our Wish List needs at the Wildlife Center as their Christmas gift. Zack and Cindy Robinson contributed almost everything on our list, and we're sincerely grateful to these individuals!



Wildlife Friday broadcast team with "Percy"  
Gail Barnes, (L.), Barry Johnson (Center) and Nikki Dee Ray  
Photo by KLBK News channel 13



Volunteer Tom McLaughlin visits with guests about one of our Red-tailed Hawk ambassadors



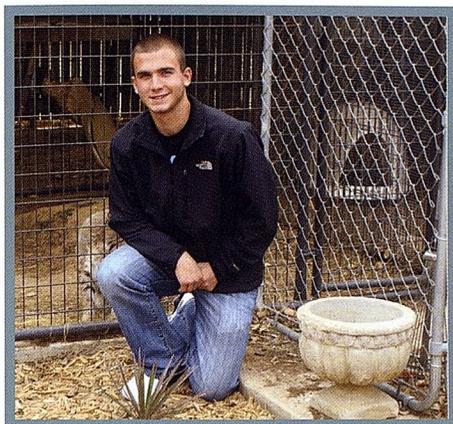
Volunteer Sherri Mason, Board President Dr. Jim Moyes, volunteers Shelia Johnson and Maggie Hancock helping with refreshments

Thank you to our Holiday Open House contributors and sponsors!

Lisa and Larry Gilliland; Market Street, 98th and Quaker;  
Starbucks, 80th & University  
Sam's Wholesale Club; Bakery Creations  
Bigham's Smokehouse; Box of Rain Floral  
My Cup of Tea – Baby; Appletree Bakery  
Jester Art Service

## and winter activities

### 41st and 42nd Eagle Scout projects are completed at the Center during January



**Taran Wells**

Taran Wells recently completed his Eagle Scout project at the Wildlife Center. He prepared the soil and planted native plants, and created a border around the big mammal area.

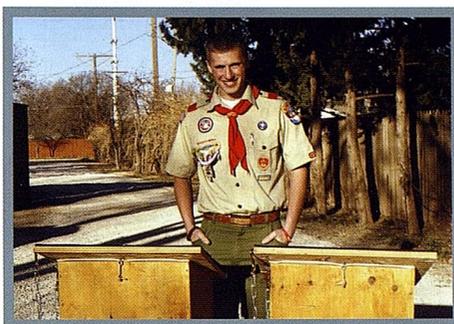
Taran is in Troop #510, and his Scoutmaster is Mark Waddups. He'll get his Eagle Scout Award in May, around the time of graduation. Taran selected the Wildlife Center for his project because of his love for animals.

Taran is presently a senior at Monterey High School. He plans to attend Texas Tech University and then go to Physical Therapy School. Photo by Gail Barnes.

### Did you know?

Talons are the long curved claws on the feet of raptors and are used to attack, seize and carry their prey. Birds of prey have powerful leg and toe muscles; combined with these razor-sharp talons, their feet are lethal weapons that can often exert enough pressure to kill prey instantly. Once a bird grabs hold of its intended victim its talons lock so it doesn't have to wrestle with struggling prey.

The length of a raptor's toe plus the curvature and thickness of its talons are related to the type of prey it pursues; the bigger and more powerful the talons, the bigger the prey. Talon size varies between species, and in relation to the overall size of the bird.



**Ryan Schalles**

Ryan Troy Schalles finished his Eagle Scout project and presented it to the Wildlife Center January 22nd, 2011. He built two opossum cages - both are very large with round holes for an opossum to climb inside and keep predators out. They also open at the top for easy cleaning.

Ryan is a senior at Lubbock High School and is 17 years old. His hobbies are rock climbing, camping, welding and hanging out with his friends. Ryan plans to enter the US Marine Corps after graduation. Once his Eagle Scout project is completed, he'll be automatically be promoted to Private 1st Class A Rank above all other recruits. Photo by Malinda Sargent.

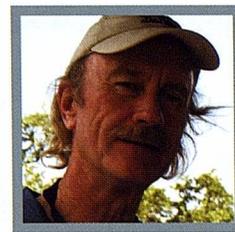
**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT:** SPWRC is seeking applicants for the position of Executive Administrator, a full time salaried position. A job description is posted on our website at spwrc.org. Submit applications via e-mail to: Rob Lee, Secretary, Board of Directors, robertclee@suddenlink.net



Baby bird season is right around the corner. Please call if you can help feed for any period during daylight hours, seven days a week!

### Rob Lee: Participant in The Texas Legacy Project

Over twelve years in the making, "The Texas Legacy Project: Stories of Courage and Conservation" is a collection of sixty-two interviews with conservationists from around the state of Texas and covers a range of environmental issues.



Wildlife biologist Rob Lee was a Special Agent with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Division of Law Enforcement, based in Lubbock from 1986 until his retirement in 2002.

The website sums his achievements up well: "A winner of the 1998 Guy Bradley award, which recognizes outstanding law enforcement contributions to conservation,

Mr. Lee is best known for his ten-year effort to eliminate waste oil hazards to migratory birds in west Texas, which contributed to the deaths of millions of songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors caught in the sludge of over 1200 un-netted open oil pits, a loss that exceeded the Exxon Valdez spill impacts.

Rob Lee also participated in the prosecution of defendants involved in pronghorn antelope killings, rare insect smuggling, Burrowing Owl poisoning, and game bird poaching.

Outside of work, he serves on the Board of the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, which provides care to orphaned, ill, injured and displaced wildlife, as well as offering environmental education to the community."

The book is published by Texas A & M University Press. Rob's interview begins on page 15 in the book. It's available at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.

Visit [www.texaslegacy.org/](http://www.texaslegacy.org/) for more information and interviews.

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## A fun evening at the annual program for LEAS

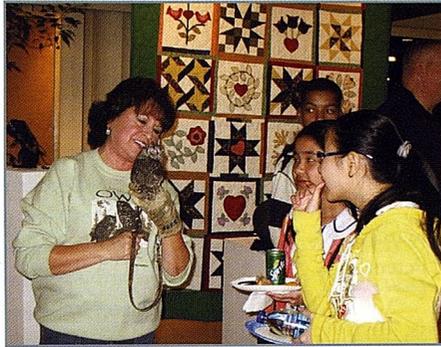
On Tuesday, February 22nd, the Wildlife Center was a guest of the local Llano Estacado Audubon Society (LEAS) for a presentation on "The Wild Side of Lubbock."

Close to 150 adults and children stopped by to learn a little more about Lubbock's diverse species of wildlife, including songbirds, birds of prey, bats and other mammals and area reptiles.

Carol introduced our staff and volunteers and the wildlife ambassadors they brought along to show our visitors. Topics touched on were our Mission of wildlife rehabilitation and environmental education and goal of release back to the wild whenever possible. Mentioned also was the 432 species of birds documented in Lubbock at some time during the year, the laws that wildlife, conservation and emphasis of wildlife as a precious natural resource. We also mentioned special adaptations of birds of prey, and how these birds make a living, their similarities and differences.

Among the ambassadors there, "Percy" walked around the room greeting people and providing photo opportunities. Our hawks, falcons, owls, vultures and kite were also on hand. Guests had an opportunity after the program to enjoy refreshments, take pictures and visit volunteers and animals individually. Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening a success. Donations raised were \$591.00. Special thanks to the Chapter for their check!

Photos above are volunteer Maggie Hancock showing Eastern Screech Owl "Athena" to interested young ladies; below is volunteer Jerrie Rodgers holding "Windie," our Mississippi Kite ambassador.



## Thank you for supplies!

Special thanks to Mary and Mike Wesley for donating a laptop computer. Mary also donated wildlife supplies. Mary was our first full-time rehabilitator back when the Wildlife Center was in its infancy.

Thank you also to the following:  
Georgia Butler – Animal food, blankets  
Dr. and Mrs. David Close

(New animal stretcher and transport unit)

Lea and Denine Criswell

Joyce and David Knaff (food and supplies)

Loretta Kolb (stuffed animals for our baby mammals)

Bebe and Art

McCasland (raptor food)

Troy and Shirley Revert

Jon and Nancy Riches

Debbie Shropshire – animal bedding

Leanna Smith - (paper goods)

Debbie Wilborn

William Van Pelt, Washington, D.C.

## Do Rescue, Don't Kidnap!

Baby bird season is just around the corner. Please remember to rescue, and not kidnap.

You can read Baby Birds 101 on our web site spwrc.org

Rescue if there's an obvious injury, if a bird was in a cat's mouth, has a lame leg or wing or is

bleeding.

You can move a young bird out of street or harm's way – the parents won't abandon it. It's not true that if you touch a baby bird the parents won't come back.

This doesn't apply to baby mammals.

## Our Keystone Donors

Carre Avian  
Karen Bosscher  
Cindy and Jody Burkes, Denver City, TX  
Jason and Becky Cooper  
Albert Johnson, Wichita Falls, TX  
Joyce Komkov  
Katricea Lampley, Seminole, TX  
Rob Lee  
Joyce Lisenby  
Dave Melton  
William and Deanna Schwartz

We welcome Becky and Jason Cooper of Lubbock as our newest "Keystone Donors." Becky is a Sunday volunteer at the Wildlife Center. We appreciate your monthly gift!

## We need more Keystone Donors Can you help?

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### Commemorative Brick Walkway Update



**Rob Lee wears many hats and places the second batch of bricks in early December**

SPWRC created a Commemorative Brick Walkway so everyone can have an opportunity to leave a meaningful, permanent mark on the Wildlife Center. This walkway of memories is composed of individual bricks inscribed with names, personal messages or memorable quotes. This is a wonderful way to support SPWRC while honoring or remembering a family member, friend or pet.

### Brick Walkway

The brick pathway is in front of the outdoor amphitheater on the Center's grounds.

Each commemorative brick along the walk is available for purchase and will be inscribed according to your wishes. The 4"x 8" size will accommodate up to three lines with a maximum of 15 characters per line (including spaces). The walkway was started in October 2008, and will be ongoing until all bricks are sold. Thanks again to Beth Bartley for spearheading this project. You can print an order form from our web site at spwrc.org Click the link "Order a Paving Brick." We'll continue to sell bricks until all remaining bricks are sold.



### Engraved brick

The engraver will engrave new bricks in lots of six, so we hope to have many more in place by our summer Open House on June 18th.

Apologies to donors **Mary and John Gillas**, as their brick was inadvertently missed during the engraving of batch #2, so it will be the first brick engraved in the next batch of six bricks.

Brick orders were placed this quarter by the following:

Charles and Beverly Colbert  
 Ardith Orr and Iris Elliot, Gifford, IL  
 Ruth Reynolds  
 Dwight Overton – two bricks  
 Esther Lucey  
 Marla Carver

### PLEASE NOTE:

If your donation arrived after February 28th, 2011, it will be acknowledged in our summer quarterly newsletter.

Your gifts to SPWRC are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

As always, if your gift, Tribute or Adoption was inadvertently omitted, please notify me at spwrc@suddenlink.net so it can be included in our summer issue.

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## Lucky Me!

This tiny Ruby-crowned Kinglet was brought into the Wildlife Center and needed a few days of R & R.

Volunteers Danny and Maggie Hancock released him in their bird-friendly backyard, and as the photos (by Danny Hancock) show, he was very happy to be on his way again!

