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# The Mockingbird Chronicles



Newsletter of the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

Number 2/ 2007



## It's Baby Season Again!

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### Letter from the Director

## Pondering changes for 2008: Resources and Reality

The summer newsletter is usually late, and is always the most difficult issue to finish because my workload suddenly skyrock-

ets with the arrival of spring and the first baby bird. That was April 1, several weeks earlier than in the past. My computer was also down for a week, adding to the frustration of getting the issue to the printer on time.

Perhaps I see the big picture most clearly in the middle of summer, when my days of raising baby birds are long and wearisome. Songbirds remain my passion, but they're extremely labor-intensive, and the 1-3 ounce "bottomless pits" aren't called that for nothing. Babies grow rapidly; their metabolisms are very high — and they're hungry about every thirty minutes from 7 AM until dusk, almost 9 PM by mid-June. Songbirds definitely thrive when there are only a few primary caretakers, assuring continuity of their care as well as special attention to the tiniest ones that are compromised, injured, sick, or simply under par. Songbirds are the reason the Wildlife Center was established, and they continue to generate much of our summer revenue. That fact notwithstanding, many animals arrive without any donation toward their care.

The Center's experienced its share of growing pains during the past few years, including changing - after nineteen years - from a 100% volunteer staff to what is now two part-time salaried employees. One of our Board Members said it best, "We simply outgrew our resources." Many also don't realize that our organization isn't funded by the state and federal agencies that regulate our activities. We depend entirely on donations, newsletter subscriptions, animal adoptions, fundraising and other special events, gifts, grants and education presentations to generate funds.

We're coming to a crossroads again, and soon. I started working with wildlife in 1985, established the Center in 1988, and now want to slow down in order to have some semblance of a life during the spring and summer months - and turn much of my job as Executive Director over to someone else.

We'll definitely continue to raise songbirds and raptor chicks. I'll also continue to raise some of the more difficult bird species, and those that need more than routine care.

We have a dilemma brewing, however: we rarely get donations when a mammal is admitted, and some species demand scores of volunteer hours to raise just one, plus their expensive formulas. Additionally, volunteers often call to say they're not coming in, or simply don't show up, leaving everything on the "to do" list to only two or three people. **This is the reality of our current situation.**

How will the public react if we change to an all-bird center? What happens to other animals that are simply "dropped off?" How can the public help us solve some of our obstacles? Adding more committed volunteers or salaried employees are certainly two solutions.

Isn't the Wildlife Center about care for *all* wildlife species though? Definitely yes, but it's also about **resources**. Those resources include thousands of hours of time, effort, plus our expenses just to keep our doors open (utilities, insurance, veterinary costs, food, formulas and supplies for an average of 3000 wild animals cared for annually. Our cost is about \$4,500 monthly to operate, *not* including salaries. Moreover, animals continue to arrive from farther and farther away, and historically, we've not turned any wildlife in need away. Now, the path to the future is becoming one of those angst-producing "business" decisions, and we'll discuss options at length during our upcoming Board meetings. There are many unanswered questions, and I welcome your feedback. My email is [spwrc@suddenlink.net](mailto:spwrc@suddenlink.net)

Possible solutions: Admit birds only and serve as a regional bird center; add a part-time employee to function for the next year(s) as Executive Director; add a part-time employee to help with and oversee summer baby bird care; look for other grants to help fund our ongoing needs. I'll continue to help once a replacement is found, but in a less-demanding capacity. As we move into our third decade of service, we know there'll be unforeseen things we must deal with as we continue to provide service to wildlife and residents over an ever-increasing geographic area.

*Carol*

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**Cover:** First White-tailed Deer fawn of the year, admitted early June, 2007



## Volunteer Spotlight



**Pat Harris**

Pat Harris was born in Mississippi, grew up in Louisiana and moved to Texas after college. She married her high school sweetheart, Jim, at the end of her freshman year of college, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year by taking a land tour/cruise of New Zealand and Australia. Pat particularly enjoyed visiting several wildlife centers during their trip, and petting and feeding wombats, kangaroos, koala bears and many other species of wildlife.

Pat's first degree was a BA in journalism from LSU. Years later, a part-time job sparked an interest in accounting, and when she & Jim moved to Lubbock in 1975, she enrolled in Texas Tech University and graduated with a MS in accounting in 1978. She joined Mason Warner & Company at that time and stayed with them until her retirement in 2004.

When SPWRC was incorporated, Pat was a member of the original Board and has acted as CPA/Treasurer for the Center since then.

Most of her volunteer hours are spent on accounting tasks, but she sometimes joins other volunteers in feeding baby birds and mammals during the spring busy season. Baby opossums are her particular joy.

Her husband Jim is a retired landscape architect and they enjoy traveling, gardening and indulging their houseful of cats. Pat thinks there's a "Sucker" sign on her back fence as pets just appear and move in. The new ones always take an immediate trip to the vet for neutering or spaying to ensure no little ones

will appear—that is the Harris' price for free food and lodging!

The Harris' have one daughter, Lisa, who lives in Santa Fe and inherited her parents' love of animals and wildlife.

We appreciate you, Pat, and all you do for us!

## Changing of the Guard

Lindi Butler came aboard January 1, 2007, as our new Operations Director, but unfortunately she left us the end of May after husband Joel was offered a job in Austin, Texas, that was too good to pass up.

Gail Barnes assumes most of her duties, and her part-time staff is Daniel Andrews and summer intern Shannon McIntire, until Shannon returns to college in mid-August.

We wish Lindi the best of luck, and sincerely thank Gail, Daniel and Shannon - as well as all our other volunteers - for their service to the Wildlife Center and all the animals that depend on everyone for their well being!

Special thanks to my assistant, Program Manager, Dr. Dorothy Tinkler, for her administrative help and especially her help in keeping our bottomless pits, also known as baby birds full several days a week since April 1st!

Thank you also to Leanna Smith of Levelland, Texas, and Shannon McIntire for their weekly help with songbird youngsters!

**Do you know?** Adult swallows will carry a mass of crushed insects, squashed in a ball in the throat, back to their youngsters. A Barn Swallow may take four hundred meals a day to its chicks.

### Please Note:

If your donation arrived after July 12th, 2007, it will be acknowledged in our fall newsletter. As always, if your name or gift was inadvertently omitted, I apologize. Please let me know so it will be included next time. Hundreds of slips of paper pass through our Center weekly and inevitably, some always fall through the cracks, especially during our busiest, most hectic time of year.

## Thank you, Lubbock Area Foundation

The Lubbock Area Foundation makes many things possible across the South Plains, helping in various fields and institutions, including the arts, youth programs, libraries, schools, and health and human services. The Wildlife Center received its first grant February 3rd, 2004 from the Ruth Wright Fund for Animals, a component fund of the LAF. In 2007, the Center received a grant from this same fund in the amount of \$13,000. These resources are earmarked for food and supplies for our permanent educational birds of prey, our wildlife patients in rehabilitation, and our veterinary supplies.

Unfortunately, our costs for virtually everything always go up and never go down. The Foundation's assistance greatly reduces our burden on having to generate \$13,000 independently so we can concentrate our efforts on animal care without having to constantly work to generate income to help support our efforts. Every May, our food costs and other expenses skyrocket as more and more animals are brought in daily.

We are sincerely appreciative to the LAF for their continued support of our efforts.

Dr. Ruth Wright had a great love for her pets, and that love evolved to include all animals. In her will she directed that her estate be used by the Foundation for the support of organizations that provide care for animals that are lost, abandoned, or injured. Ruth passed away September 26, 2002.

Donations, grants and gifts are unquestionably our lifeblood, and this generous contribution assures that all our patients will benefit directly through Dr. Wright's legacy, and her shared passion for animals. The LAF works for the communities of the Texas South Plains and sums it up best on their web page with four words: For Good. For Ever. We are sincerely appreciative.

### HELP STILL NEEDED

We still need someone to help with yard care, mowing and grounds maintenance. If you can help us a few hours a month, please call Gail Barnes at the Wildlife Center.

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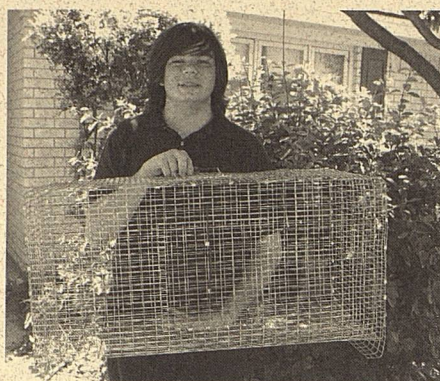


## Building Excitement: at long last - final plans for our new building!

If you've wondered about the status of our interim project, our "all purpose" building, we finally have good news. This particular project has had a number of stops and starts for a number of reasons over the past several years. When we first learned from a contractor in late 2006 just how sound the "old" stable was, we decided not to tear it down and replace it. Instead it was rewired, and is now a perfect haunt for our foster barn owls to raise orphaned chicks that come in. We then looked at another site on the property and the project grew, was modified, changed, and grew again. Now, after many revised blueprints from architect Eldon Bennett (EB Designs), advice from engineer Charles Lusher regarding City codes, landscape architect Tom Boudreau, and input from volunteers who'll be working there, we know exactly what we want, and we're on the home stretch. Rob Lee, spearheading the development, spent countless hours pouring over plans determining all the minute, final details including exact dimensions for windows, doors, colors for brick and traffic flow, we're now finally ready to go. Rob says, "The floor plans and design work are completed. Lubbock City Zoning Department approved our plans and we're nearly finished with the engineering and all the building code details. We hope to have everything completed and ready for bids by August 15th, 2007. One contractor has already visited the site. We sincerely thank both the New Belgium Brewery in Fort Collins, Colorado (2004), and the Dora Roberts Foundation in Big Spring, Texas (2005) for their partial financial support of our efforts to complete this much needed structure.

## 38th Eagle Scout Project completed

May 29th, Eagle Scout candidate Zachary Patterson completed his Eagle Scout project. Zac and fellow Scouts from Troop #575 made eight cages for our small songbirds, modeled after a cage I had and liked very



**Zac Patterson holds one  
of the songbird cages**

much. The cages are of sufficient size to house half a dozen fledgling blue jays, mockingbirds or robins, or eight smaller birds. The latches are easy to open with one hand, and we were very pleased with his work. Zac overcame a number of obstacles over two years to be able to complete his project, even changing troops. His cages were put into immediate use, and we are sincerely grateful. Scouts who helped Zac were: Kurtis Cavitt; C.J. Mroczkowski; Zachary Sands; Shayne Smith; Trevor Smith; Aaron Wampler; Philip Wampler; Derek Ward; Devin Ward; Dustin Ward; Lynn Sands; Alan Sill; Mickey Smith; Shelly Walraven; Carl Wampler; Robert Ward is the Scoutmaster.

## Variety of Species admitted during 2007 baby season

This year, we've had a number of species that we don't see every year.

In the bird department there was one American Goldfinch; two juvenile Greater Roadrunners; House Wren; Horned Lark; Grasshopper Sparrow; Ladder-backed Woodpecker; three nestling Curved-billed Thrashers; five nestling Bullock's Orioles plus one adult; nine nestling Chimney Swifts, six nestling Barn Swallows, two fledgling Red-winged Blackbirds and a Yellow-billed Cuckoo. We also admitted two White-tailed Deer Fawns plus a few reptiles in addition to Box Turtles, including a Bull Snake and a Texas Horned Lizard. The majority of these patients were successfully released back to the wild.

## Caller wants Wildlife Center to "control" birds at area park

We always enjoy a little humor during our busy months, and we had a dose recently.

After almost twenty years of caring for wildlife, there aren't a lot of wildlife-related phone calls that surprise us anymore.

Some involve a lengthy message on one of our answering machines giving the bird's life history. Eventually the machine cuts the caller off, but I could have gotten the gist in just a few seconds: "I need your help, please call me."

One of our key volunteers took a call July 9th. She told me afterward, "A lady called about birds dive-bombing children at Preston Smith Park. She said the birds 'were scratching and clawing the children and some children were bleeding.'" This sounded like something right out of a Hitchcock movie, but without photos, I admit, I was hard pressed to believe it.

If true, this kind of pandemonium would certainly have attracted lots of immediate media attention. The story got better.

Our volunteer gave the caller information about how some parent birds take very good care of their young and often dive-bomb people or animals that venture too close to their nest or their fledglings on the ground.

The lady couldn't identify what species these dreadful menaces were, but in reality, they could have been kites, kingbirds, mockingbirds, blue jays or numerous other species, all exemplary parents to their offspring.

Next, she demanded "we" relocate the wild flying birds - as if we could go there and magically capture these airborne denizens.

When she was told, in a nice way of course, that this was impossible, she announced that we (the Wildlife Center) were in for a law suit!

Not to be outdone, the volunteer asked her who she was going to sue?

Mother Nature? End of conversation. One more for the annals of SPWRC!

**"Nature will bear the closest inspection. She invites us to lay our eye level with her smallest leaf, and take an insect view of its plain."** ~ Henry David Thoreau



## Adoptions

\*Ed and Judy Barkowsky of Snyder, TX, adopted "Festus" for Greg Starkins' birthday. Greg lives in Lloyd Harbor, New York.

\*Crestview Elementary 2nd Graders adopted "Ollie," our Mexican Free-tailed Bat.

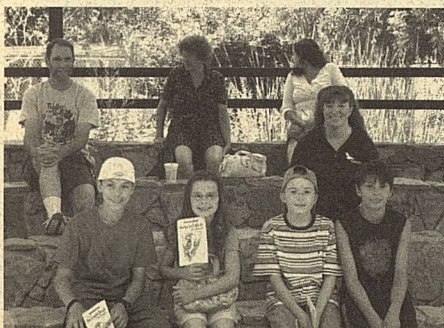
\*Elizabeth Paulk adopted "Athena" for Margaret Inskip. She also adopted "Louie" for Judy Paulk who lives in Austin, Texas.

\*Melinda Mason of Lubbock adopted both "Jasper" and "Ollie".

\*Malcolm and Julie McLaughlin of Herndon, Virginia adopted "Shadow" for Malcolm's father, Wildlife Center volunteer Tom McLaughlin.

\*Shelly and Aaron Ross of Fairview, Oregon, adopted "Hootie" for Shelly's God-daughter, Madeline Bates of Wheaton, Illinois. They also adopted "Bubo 2" for Shelly's niece, Charlotte Alnwick of Portland, Oregon. Shelly was one of our former newsletter editors.

\*Gloria Gammill adopted "Jasper" in memory of Pearlie Barber. Edward Barber of Beaumont, Texas, was notified of her kindness.



**Dorothy Tinkler (middle row, right) hosted "Lunch with the Birds" July 7th, for four young people and three adults. Read about our next event for Halloween on page 8.**

## NEWS and NOTES

\* In mid-May we said goodbye again to Estacado High School's pre-veterinary students, headed by advisor Starla Ewan. Her students were an invaluable help once a week!

\* Congratulations to Jason Marshall, one of our loyal volunteers. Jason graduated May 12th, 2007, from Texas Tech with a BA in Anthropology. He'll enter the Masters program at Western Michigan University this fall. His research will focus on vertebrate paleontology, specifically on fossil prosimians, the earliest primates. Jason will be in Wyoming in July for a fossil dig. His career goals are to be accepted into a Doctoral program and teach at a small four-year college.

\*Doris Mager, Founder of S.O.A.R. (Save our American Raptors) visited Lubbock again this year and we were delighted to see her. Driving her van with her educational raptors from her home in South Carolina across the Southwestern U.S., Doris does education programs in state parks, on reservations, in schools and at other locations. Doris only missed one year coming through Lubbock since 1988. She's 83 years old, and one delightful lady!

\*On March 31, volunteers presented a wildlife program at the Lubbock Civic Center during the "Texas Outdoor Adventure" event. They took several of our "wildlife ambassadors" and talked about what we do and a little about the bird in their care. Participants were Tom McLaughlin; Jerrie Rodgers; Gail and Larry Barnes; Peggy Mulcahy; Lindi Butler; Maggie Hancock; Ray Nitzschke; Katie O'Rourke; Jessica Utter and Ashley Damico.

**A big Thank you** to Mr. Scott Miller for his very generous contribution to have our golf cart repaired and its motor replaced. His daughter, Melissa, is one of our very great, helpful, and self-motivated new volunteers this summer!

**Thanks** also to Pat Christensen for her deliveries of soft drinks for our hard-working volunteers!

"Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

..... Author Unknown

Thanks to Gail Barnes for spearheading our Junior Volunteer program again. This was instituted several years ago and Gail is the reason for its success. May 19th parents and new JV's visited for a short meeting (photo below) and sign-up session. They started in June.



**Gail Barnes, (bottom R.) meets new JV's and parents, and the ladies that supervise them - By midsummer, JVs donated 112 hours.**

## The Mockingbird

This master of song,  
Daily hails the  
Arrival of dawn

Throughout the day  
His sweet voice is heard,  
Lyrical tunes  
From this wondrous bird

As daytime toil  
Approaches its close  
And dusk foretells  
The hour of repose

Herald of eve,  
And the nighttime long  
Trilled by  
The Mockingbird  
The Master of Song

Written by Wildlife Center supporter Cheryl Cypert of Lubbock, and used with permission.



## Offering wildlife babies



**"Nests" of baby birds will graduate to life in a cage and eventually to freedom**



**One of five Bullock's Oriole youngsters all released, and still returning for handouts the third week in July**



**This Blue Jay, now full grown, suns himself in our Desert Willow tree**



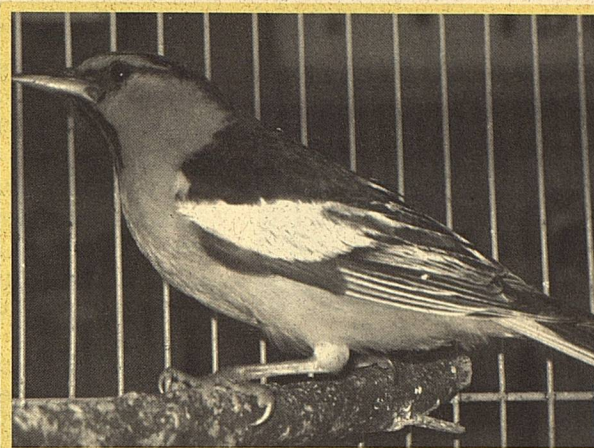
**Five baby Striped Skunks**



## and others - a helping hand



Mockingbird fledgling sits atop the flight cage - no longer inside



Adult Bullock's Oriole beats the odds and recovers from a damaged wing. He's vibrant in bright orange plumage with black and white markings on his back and wings



This robin fledgling gets a second chance  
Unlike an adult, his breast is rust-colored with black spots



This recently released Western Kingbird practices his aerial maneuvers as he hovers momentarily to snatch a bite of food



## Education



**Peggy Mulcahy at Bowie Elementary School with Wildlife Ambassador "Cookie," our Australian Kookaburra**

During April and May, eleven education presentations were given to five area schools, two church programs, two Cub Scout programs, Tahoka Rotary Club and one private tour, won at a Lion's Club auction.



**"Empress" our Peregrine Falcon**

### Our Backyard Cardinals Raised a Family

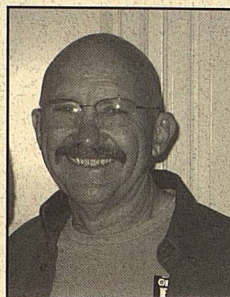
Our backyard nest of Northern Cardinals, first noticed May 4th, was watched frequently throughout the day from our kitchen window. That notwithstanding, all fledged around Memorial Day, and could be heard pipping in our back alley and neighboring yards. Mom and dad continued to visit our feeders, and we believe all the youngsters successfully went on their way.

## Semi-Retirement for Dr. Larry Farley

On Saturday, May 26th, veterinarian Dr. Larry Farley was given a surprise 60th birthday party by his wife Marion, that was also a grand get together to mark his move to semi-retirement at work.

Larry won't be working five days a week at Animal Medical center in the future, but he'll continue to put in many hours a week doing what he's always done - caring for animals, along with many of our wildlife casualties.

About fifty family members, well-wishers and friends enjoyed an evening of good food and fellowship, and many of us saw their beautiful new home and gardens for the first time. We all wish you well, Larry, in all your new endeavors and adventures!



**Dr. Larry Farley**

## Children and adults invited to join us in October for "Creatures of the Night"

Everyone will be welcome on Friday, October 26, 2007 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Join us for an evening of exploring the exciting world of owls and bats. Gather around the fire to hear stories, fascinating facts, myths and legends about these intriguing creatures of the night. Our owl ambassadors will be present, including a Barred Owl, Great Horned Owl, Burrowing Owl, Western Screech Owl and Common Barn Owl. For children we ask a \$1.00 donation and \$2.00 for adults.

The presentation will be held in our outdoor amphitheater at the Center, 3308 95th Street. (95th and Indiana) For more information, call Dorothy Tinkler at (806) 797-3900.

## "Night on the Wild Side" Wrap Up

Our Ninth Annual "Night on the Wild Side" held at Llano Estacado Winery on May 5th was very successful, raising about \$8,700.00.

Those funds help feed and care for the many hundreds of mammal, songbird and raptor babies and wildlife casualties that arrived since March.

Thank you to our guests and all the area businesses and merchants who donated items for our silent auction and for helping make the evening both fun and successful!



**Guests Jim Harris and Dee Moyes sample fine Llano wines during the evening**

A big thank you to Principal Linda Fields, students and staff at Waters Elementary School for their March 20th contribution of \$100.00 toward our event.

In our previous newsletter, Honey Elementary school students and staff were also thanked for their contribution of \$100.00, donated to help with our fundraiser expenses.

Everyone who contributed is listed on our web page at spwrc.org Click on the What's New tab.

Thank you all for helping us help wildlife!

Good bye and good luck to Board Member Dr. Julie Thomas who left us this summer. She and husband Jon now reside in Oklahoma, and she'll be teaching at Oklahoma State University.



## Gifts to Honor and Remember

Dr. David Close of Lubbock made a generous contribution in Honor of his wife, Lewrie Close.

Angie Click of Seattle, Washington, gave a gift in Honor of our Wildlife Center volunteer, Chris Funk of Shallowater, Texas. Chris is nephew of her husband, Les Click who passed away recently.

## Memorials

\*Dr. David and Mrs. Lewrie Close made a very generous contribution in Memory of Eurlia Close, David's mother. Mrs. Close lived in Colorado.

\*Doug Mangum of Austin, Texas, and his sister, Susan Johnson of Lubbock, made a generous Memorial contribution in the name of their mother, Marybeth Mangum, as a Mother's Day tribute. Marybeth's husband, A.L. Mangum of Lubbock, was notified of their kindness. Marybeth loved all animals.

\*Cam Fannin Insurance Agency gave a Memorial gift in the name of Marybeth Mangum.

\*Debra Shepherd gave a donation in Memory of Harold Saunders of Lubbock. Harold passed away February 19th, 2007.

\*Arlyce Manney also made a Memorial donation in Harold Saunders' name.

\*Valerie Komkov Hill gave a gift in Memory of Celia Smith.

\*Don Hicks gave a gift in Memory of his Aunt, Dorothy Stephens. Her husband, Bill Stephens, Sundown, Texas, was notified.

\*Perrie Krieter made a Memorial contribution in the name of Max Baggerly. Karen Baggerly, Lubbock, was notified of this gift.

\*Gloria Hilton gave a Memorial gift in the name of Frances Patton. Henry Patton of Lubbock was notified of the gift.

\*Shirley Berry of Austin gave a Memorial gift in honor of her brother-in-law, Billy Wayne Edwards of Lubbock. He passed away in October, 2006. His wife, Sandy Edwards, was notified of Shirley's gift.

\*Wendell and Diane Aycock gave a Memorial gift in memory of "CatBean," Don and Robin Parks' beloved pet cat.

## Memorials, continued

Several gifts were given in Memory of Deborah Masood, who passed away in April. Her son Jared Masood of Lubbock was notified. Gifts in her name were given by:

Gerald and Marti Parr  
Rich and Terri Cohen, Ransom Canyon  
Steve and Jan Alexander  
The West Texas Running Club  
Georgia and Connie Bramlet  
Michael and Loretta Owen  
Michael and Deborah Schoenecke  
John & Diana Shackelford, Cedar Creek, Texas

\*Sympathy is extended to Toby and Ellen McBride on the loss of Toby's adoptive mother Francisca Duran Williams of Albuquerque, NM in May. She was 69 years old.

\*Barbara Bruster gave a gift in honor of Randy Rogers' Birthday.

\*Alice White gave a donation in Honor of Lynn Denton and Carol Keeney.

\*Lisa and Larry Gilliland gave a gift in Honor of Lou Greco's birthday. Lou is Lisa's mother.

\*Barbara Fyffe of Floydada, TX, gave a donation in Memory of Hal Vance Campbell. Wesley Campbell and his family in Floydada were notified of her kindness.

\*Debbie Carter gave a donation to support "Ricky" and "Bobby" in Memory of her mother, Mary R. Carter.

\*Madeline Windham, Rhys Windham, Howard Curzer and Anne Epstein made donations in memory of Madeline and Rhys's hamster, "Weanky."



Baby Barn Owl

## Our Keystone Donors

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Keystone Donors are monthly benefactors who help us continue to provide care for animals like this, pictured above. These Chimney Swifts are some of the many hundreds that are admitted every spring and summer. Nine swifts were released this summer.

## Thank you for supplies!

Thanks to Bebe and Art McCasland of Big Spring for regular donations of supplies; Thanks also to Lewrie Close; Sue Hill of Morton, Texas, who donates fresh goat's milk for our fawns. Thanks to Patrice Johnson; Beth Bartley; Denise Newsome; James Oswalt; Albert Johnson; Linda and Jimmy McDowell. Thanks to Mrs. Baird's Bread; United Grocery, (82nd and Boston); Susan Rowley; DAV Thrift Store; Donna Weckard; Leanna Smith; Vicki Sweetman, Ellen McIntire, Jeff Cantrell; Madeline Windham, Linda Misch, Donna Weckard and Susan Rowley. Thank you all!



# 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.

## \$13,000.00

Ruth Wright Foundation, component of the Lubbock Area Foundation

## \$3,000.00

Dr. David and Mrs. Lewrie Close

## \$500.00

T.D. and Barbara Birge, Shallowater, TX

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Wendy Bruder, Amarillo, TX  
Stan and Dorothy Hanesworth,  
Matador, TX  
Diesta Kuhn  
Denise Newsome  
Joyce Stoneking  
Patsy Summers

## \$50.00-\$60.00

Shannon and Jason Bullard  
Laurel Burnette  
Charles and Sandra Carter; Petersburg  
Cheryl Cypert  
Linda and "Doc" Gillespie  
Dr. Donald and Willie Haragan  
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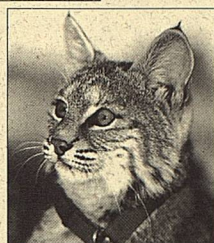
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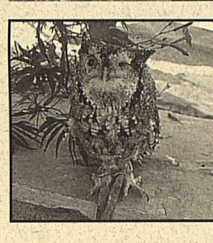
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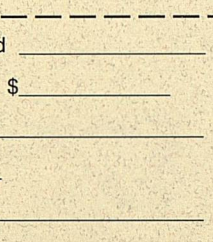
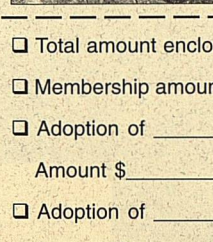
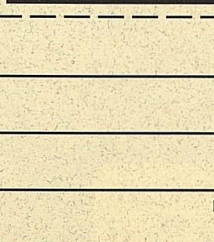
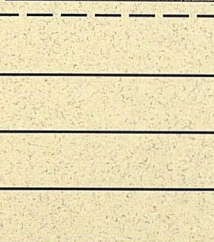
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## Animal Antics



Caught in the act, this Eastern Gray Squirrel knows when - and where - opportunity knocks

For the third year in a row, a pair of wild mallards nested among our pond plants. They didn't stay long, but there are baby ducklings every year!



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