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# The Mockingbird Chronicles



Newsletter of the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

Number 2/ 2014

*Our Summer Newsletter is dedicated to the Memory of  
our dear friend and beloved veterinarian,  
Dr. Jeanette Lubenau Huseman*



## Highlights:

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## Letter from the Founder



**Carol Lee**

This newsletter is dedicated to our veterinarian and friend "Dr. J" who was never too busy to care for our wildlife patients or care for our sudden emergencies.

We've known her for many years, and saw her dream of a new state-of-the-art-veterinary hospital come to fruition two years ago, when "Above and Beyond Pet Care Hospital" opened its doors in southwest Lubbock.

"Dr. J" was loved by her family, friends, colleagues and every one of us at SPWRC. She will be profoundly missed.

Dr. Blaine Oden and his staff will continue to care for our wildlife, and we are sincerely appreciative, and also to our other veterinarians at Animal Medical Center.

You can read much more about this wonderful person at [legacy.com](http://legacy.com) under her full name: Jeanette Lynn Lubenau-Huseman.

The tedium of the winter months suddenly ceased, and everyone catapulted into high gear. "Baby season" started later than usual this year, but wildlife babies don't know about calendars or Daylight Savings Time. Every year our first baby bird and mammal admissions arrive around April - but it's sometimes earlier and sometimes later.

They are all a challenge to keep up with because their demands for food keep our staff and volunteers hopping. Some animals have already been released, and are faring well on their own.

This newsletter issue was particularly difficult to finish, and I had to move or eliminate some initial articles and photos to make room for many acknowledgements and Tributes, as well as our ever-present news and activities.

The baby birds are "bottomless pits" requiring feedings every half-hour during daylight hours for several weeks as they grow and rapidly develop into fledges, juveniles and adults.

Our expenses also grow rapidly - for food, supplies and utilities.

Volunteers and veterinarians have always been the backbone of our wildlife operations, providing countless hours of service so each animal receives the best care, treatment and nurturing possible....and a chance to be returned to their natural wild habitats.

We'll have much more on our building updates - the barn and waterfowl/water bird facility - in our September quarterly issue. (see also p. 3).

It's our everyday donations from Keystone Donors, from Adoptions, Tributes, contributions from animal admissions, fundraising events, *Mockingbird Chronicles* subscriptions and outreach education programs that allow us to keep our doors open, provide wildlife food and supplies and pay our bills. Foundation and other large gifts allow us to make necessary, and much-needed improvements at the Wildlife Center.

**Thank you, one and all!**

*Carol*

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A big thank you to John Frullo, Melissa Boone and the staff at Midtown Printing for doing a great job with our annual Holiday Appeal and quarterly newsletters!

**Cover Photo:**  
**Dr. Lubenau operates on an injured Bald Eagle**

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**SPWRC holds state and federal permits but receives no funding whatsoever from either regulating agency.**

SPWRC operations are maintained through donations, gifts, grants, education programs, quarterly newsletter subscriptions, tributes, "wildlife ambassador" sponsorships and fundraising events. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent the law allows.

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| Education Coordinator | Gail Barnes    |
| Operations Manager    | Daniel Andrews |

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## SPWRC loses a very dear friend



**"Dr. J." working on one of our Bald Eagle patients**

**March 12, 1970 - May 15, 2014**

Words can't adequately express the sadness we felt May 15th when we learned our beloved veterinarian Jeanette Lubenau, affectionately known as "Dr. J." passed away after a 20 month battle with cancer.

Several of us knew Dr. J since she visited the Wildlife Center during the time she worked at South University Veterinary Hospital.

She was interested in wildlife all those years ago, and that love never waned, but grew exponentially instead.

Her colleagues and staff will carry on, but we will always remember her big smile, genuine caring for her family, friends, clients - and for wildlife. She'll always be part of the clinic she founded and loved. Visit

<http://www.aboveandbeyondpets.com/hospital-our-history> to read much more on Dr. J and the clinic's history.

She got her Above and Beyond clinic AAHA (American Animal Hospital Association) certified and was the only certified clinic between Dallas and Albuquerque.

In the past, she raised two service dogs, "Lando" and "Duchess."

Jeanette leaves a husband, Lonny Huseman, a son, and two daughters.

Her favorite wildlife species were always our baby Striped Skunks.

"Dr. J," you will certainly be missed!

## Project Updates

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Carol and Rob Lee and Gail Barnes met with architect Mary Crites, Chad Henthorn and his Project Manager Daniel Horton from Teinert Construction in Lubbock.

We met to discuss the next phase of our building project: the complete modification of our three-story barn and the waterfowl/water bird facility.

We talked at length about our dreams and requirements for a contemporary animal care facility that will encompass ample room for both baby bird and baby mammal care and all the necessary components for us to provide top quality wildlife care. The builder and architect will work hand in hand and when everything is finalized, actual construction will begin. Following our discussion, we all toured the barn's three floors.

We're excited about the work that will soon commence and we'll have a lot more to report in our September newsletter issue!

Funding for the barn project is made possible by a grant from the J.T. and Margaret Talkington Foundation, and an anonymous donor has made the addition of a waterfowl facility possible for our many ducks, geese and water birds.

We are all excited to get started after many months of plans, drawings, ideas and discussions!



**Planning continues with architect and builders**



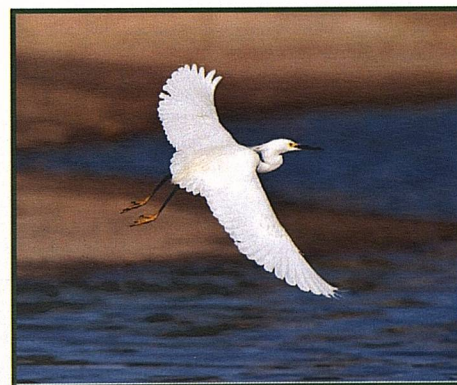
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## Shutterbug



**Photographer Danny Hancock calls this male Painted Bunting a "Rainbow with Wings"**



**Snowy Egret**  
Photo by Danny Hancock



## National Geographic Photojournalist Joel Sartore

### shares photos he took here in January

If you received our March 2014 spring newsletter, you knew Joel Sartore visited in January. He recently sent a CD of the songbirds he photographed while here, and gave us permission to use them for a period of ten years. A contributor to *National Geographic* for the past twenty years, Joel has been on assignments around the world and on every continent. He has also been a contributor to *Audubon*, *Time*, *Life* and other publications.

Joel's passion is the "©PhotoArk," his creation and the photographic goal of which is to "document biodiversity, show

"By isolating animals on black and white backgrounds, we can look them directly in the eye and quickly see that these creatures contain beauty, grace and intelligence. Perhaps some even hold the key to our very salvation."



American Robin

Last but by no means least, Joel writes, "The bottom line for me is this: At the end of my days, I'd like to be able to look in the mirror and smile, thinking I made a real difference. Now, how about you?"

Visit <http://photoark.com/> and read more, sign up the mailing list, or better yet, donate.



Blue Jay

what's at stake and get people to care while there's still time. More than 3200 species have been photographed to date, with more to come." There is a lot of information about Joel and the PhotoArk on the web, and I have a few favorite quotes from Joel on some of those sites: "Every year I see more habitats lost, more species consumed for food, medicine or simply for decoration" and... "They say people will only save what they love. And they certainly can't love something if they don't know it exists. That's where these photos come in."



Mexican Free-tailed Bat

## Adoptions

\*Paula Womack of Wilson, Texas, adopted "Maddie," "Vincent," "Farley," and "Athena" for her son Jacob Womack.

\*Carole and Stan Daniel of Lubbock (C & S Art Works) adopted "Athena," our adorable little Eastern Screech Owl.

\*Susan Radle adopted "Festus," our Turkey Vulture and "Toenails," our Swainson's Hawk, in Memory of her mother, Charlene Gill.

\*Lynda and Mark Stoll of Lubbock adopted "Farley," our Burrowing Owl, for David Marshall of Lorenzo Texas, in Memory of his wife, Vicki Lyn Marshall

## Baby Birds 101

By the time this newsletter reaches mailboxes, baby bird calls are coming in frequently at the Wildlife Center. Read "Baby Birds 101" on our web site at [spwrc.org](http://spwrc.org) before you call us. Do the right thing by the bird you find, and always rescue, don't kidnap young, healthy fledglings. The web site explains the difference.

Remember, baby birds NORMALLY spend a few days on the ground hopping about learning essential survival skills from their parents, who are always close by, although they may be out of sight. Please bring injured or compromised birds as quickly as possible to SPWRC – **don't feed, and keep them warm, dark and quiet.** Young birds eat about every half hour during daylight hours, and proper nutrition is essential if they are to thrive. Stress and malnutrition are the biggest killers of baby birds.

Even "well-meaning" people can be a threat to a healthy young fledgling. Remember, it's not legal to keep a wild, protected songbird as a pet in Texas. (Starlings, English Sparrows and Pigeons are not native, and there are no state or federal laws that protect or prohibit them from being kept as pets).

Baby mammal info is also on our web site.

*Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.*

John Ruskin



## Thank you for Support!

On March 3, SPWRC received a call from the Lubbock Area Foundation asking us to attend a Press Conference the following day. Gail Barnes and Carol Lee went to LAF's headquarters, where checks totaling \$32,000 were awarded to seven local animal care organizations.

Six awards were allocations from the Ruth Wright Endowment for Animals and the Jimmie Nelson Endowment. SPWRC was awarded \$8,200.00, earmarked for food, supplies, veterinary care supplies and expenses. These funds enable us to concentrate our efforts and resources on our primary Mission of wildlife rehabilitation — and not constant fundraising — which was, for many years, the key to keeping our doors open.

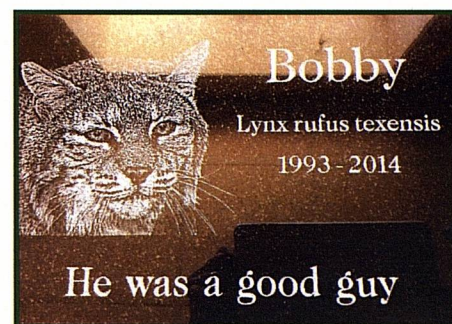
With financial help from Grantors the past few years, our focus can remain on our service to wildlife and the many communities we assist. We are all sincerely grateful for this gift!

## SPWRC also receives recurring gift from SPVMA

Later in March, the Wildlife Center received a recurring \$1500.00 gift from the South Plains Veterinary Medical Association. We sincerely thank SPVMA for supporting us for many consecutive years, believing in us, and putting their faith and trust in our efforts. The Officers are: SPVMA – Drs. Tim Polk, President; Casey Carrothers, Vice president; Shelli Wolfe, Continuing Education Chairman, and Don Hegi, Treasurer.

## A Grave Marker for "Bobby"

Thank you to supporters and wildlife rehabilitators Bebe and Ardis McCasland of Big Spring, Texas, for purchasing a very nice marker for Bobby's grave. "Bobby" came as an orphaned kitten and was our Bobcat ambassador for 21 years. Thank you Bebe and Art!



## JV Kick-Off - Summer 2014



About 40 adults, new and returning Junior Volunteers joined us Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> for introductions, sign ups, and a pizza party. The new JVs will start coming to their preferred time slots as soon as school is over in early June. We look forward to a great group again this year.

The idea was presented to volunteer Gail Barnes after my husband and I attended a wildlife symposium at the Lindsey Museum in Walnut Creek, California, 12 years ago.

Gail has taken the idea and a program was developed to involve young people in Lubbock.

2014 marks our eleventh year for the JV program, and Gail has done an excellent job "growing" the program. Grant money has helped us purchase tee shirts, water bottles, and special year-end prizes for Bird ID contests and other fun activities.

## News and Notes

Longtime volunteer Phelan Davis's 18<sup>th</sup> "Earth Day Birthday" was celebrated in part at SPWRC. Phelan started as a JV years ago. Contributions in Phelan's Honor were made by his grandparents Denise and Stanley Davis of Lubbock; Don Davis of Roswell, NM; Mary Jane and W.G. Davis of Artesia, NM; Paulette and Mike Harris family, also of Artesia, NM. The family visited SPWRC in April.

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"It's impossible to help all of them, but it's NOT impossible to help one of them." ....Unknown

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On our Facebook page you can see SPWRC's new tee shirt design in Memory of "Bobby," our Bobcat. Call Gail or Daniel for more information on our tee shirts - colors, sizes and prices.

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**Everyone is thankful for the end-of-May rains that will certainly help farmers, wildlife, and everything else!**



If you'd like to receive *The Mockingbird Chronicles* in pdf format by e-mail instead of as a paper document, send your request to Carol Lee at [spwrc@suddenlink.net](mailto:spwrc@suddenlink.net)

## Summer Updates

We're not having our customary "Night on the Wild Side" fundraiser but hope to plan an event to commemorate a "Barn Raising" on site after work gets underway.

Our volunteers and Board Members also decided to postpone summer Open House, traditionally held in mid-June, until our workload gets much lighter, several months down the road.

This event requires a lot of cleaning, in addition to soliciting donations of food for our summer guests as well as our volunteers.



## Environmental Education

The Education Division at the Museum of Texas Tech hosted their annual "Dino-Day" on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For three hours, parents and kids learned about dinosaurs, looked at fossils and talked with a paleontologist.

Some of SPWRC's education birds were once again invited to attend.

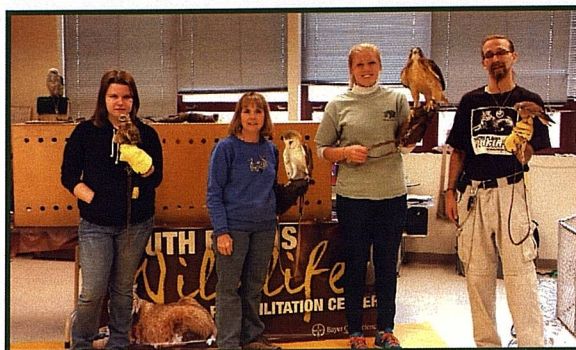


**Tom McLaughlin, Gail Barnes, Daniel Andrews, and their feathered friends attend 2014 Dino Day**

Dr. Jill Hoffman, curator for the education division of the Tech Museum, said Dino-Day also promotes the museum's permanent dinosaur exhibit, and about 1000 people attend the event.

Gail Barnes and other volunteers presented twenty-one environmental educations since our March issue was distributed.

In addition to the programs mentioned, programs were presented to the Idalou Civic and Culture Club (Idalou, TX); Child Development program at Texas Tech; for Heritage Ward Youth Group; for the Wheelock Elementary Science Fair, Bayless, Trinity, Ramirez, Roscoe Wilson and North Ridge Elementary schools.



### "Scales, Tails, & Trails" during TTU Association of Natural Resource Scientists

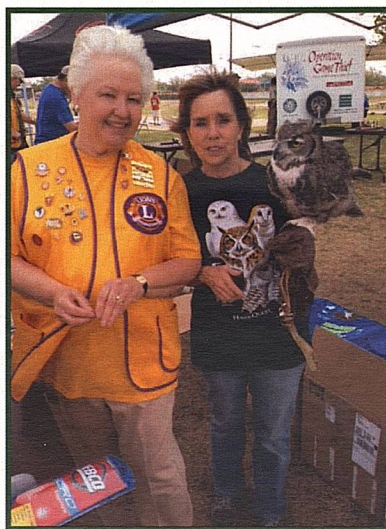
April April 5th at Lubbock Lake Landmark.

(Sarah Pettit, Gail Barnes,

Jenna Hay and Daniel Andrews)

Programs were also given for Slaton ISD (Slaton, TX for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade); two Cub Scout programs for Packs 567 and 574; our neighbors at Indiana Baptist Church Day Care. The Jayne Anne Miller students visited the center for a tour – they are the "Miller Owls" and our Great Horned Owl "Titan" is their mascot. Programs were also presented for Friends of the Library, and several private tours for Birthday celebrations (Phelan Davis and Caroline Cox); Gail attended "Career Day" at TTU April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

"KIDFISH" was held April 26th at Maxey Park. Sara McKee, below, Lubbock Lion's Club member is shown with Gail Barnes and ambassador "Titan." (Lubbock Lions Club was one of the Community Service sponsors).



## Publications Class Projects

On March 6, Carol Fowler's "Publications" class students at Texas Tech dazzled us with their four class projects.

Two presentations were for a special event or fundraiser, and two projects focused on education. The students made magnets, tee shirts, invitations, posters, wish lists, door hangers, thank you notes, calendars, coloring books, owl crafts, and more, coordinated by each particular fundraising event or education theme they planned and created. Thank you!

### 2013 animals admitted to SPWRC in 2013!

This included 1307 songbirds, raptors, mammals and reptiles and 706 non-native birds (European Starlings, English Sparrows and Pigeons). Raptors numbered 125.

We know caring for "non-natives" is controversial, but SPWRC has always had a non-discrimination policy. ("Wildlife is accepted without regard to color, size, temperament, species, or popularity with the human race").

Several years ago, however, we had to make one amendment: we no longer accept raccoons...not because they carry rabies and nasty roundworms, but because there is nowhere to release them without causing conflict with people or other species.

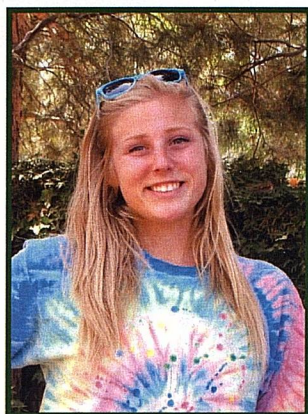
During 2013, 97 Environmental Education programs were presented.

If your donation arrived after May 26, 2014, it will be acknowledged in our September newsletter. If your name, gift or other information was inadvertently omitted or incorrect, please notify Carol Lee at [spwrc@suddenlink.net](mailto:spwrc@suddenlink.net)

If the expiration date on your newsletter label is not correct, please tell me. Donations of \$25.00 receive a subscription of 1 year (4 quarterly issues).



## Tech Student Jenna Hay develops a "Media Kit" for SPWRC



Jenna Hay

Texas Tech student Jenna Hay recently completed a "Media Kit" for SPWRC as part of a class assignment. She says, "As an agricultural communications major, writing for publication is part of my exciting career. What makes it even more enjoyable is writing about an organization that I am involved with and support wholeheartedly." She goes on to say,

"Creating a Media Kit was a class project this year for my Communicating Agriculture to the Public course, but it ended up being so much fun and such a worthwhile experience that I hardly thought of it as homework."

"Working with Carol Lee and Gail Barnes while writing all the media kit's components was an amazing learning experience, especially on the feature story. South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will continue to grow and benefit the community; I only hope what I've given them can help."

Jenna is from North Richland Hills, north of Fort Worth, Texas. She's involved with the "Goin' Band from Raiderland," her church, Tau Beta Sigma, intramural sports, and an on-campus job. "For fun, I like to spend time with my roommates, who are also my best friends, and enjoy the great outdoors."

Good job, Jenna, and we thank you for a great project!

**To learn more about birds in our area, sign up for Audubon Listserv: [leasbirds@freelists.org](mailto:leasbirds@freelists.org)**



**For all the mothers out there:  
A Canada Goose and her gosling**  
(photo by Danny Hancock)

## Tributes:

Memorials were given for Charles H. Swift, long time LISD educator. He served on our Board of Directors for several years. Memorial contributions were given by the following:

Laurie McLaughlin of Gainesville, Florida  
Lydia Wright of Dallas, Texas  
Essie Mae Evans of Lake Jackson, Texas  
Carol and Rob Lee, Lubbock, Texas  
Dr. and Mrs. Jim Moyes of Lubbock, Texas  
Brady and Anne Edwards, Houston, Texas  
Debbie and Jack Moore, Houston, Texas  
Martha Kirwin, Lubbock, Texas  
Judy and Ronald Rainger, Lubbock, Texas  
Emerson Tucker, Lubbock, Texas  
All acknowledgements for Charles H. Swift were sent to Carol Ann Olachia of El Paso, Texas. Charles passed away March 7, 2014.

A Memorial gift was given in the name of Phelan Davis's father, Wesley Davis, by W.G. and Mary Jane Davis of Artesia, New Mexico, when they visited the Wildlife Center in Honor of Phelan Davis's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in April.

Another donation in Honor of Phelan Davis's 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and in Memory of his dad, Wesley Gerrod Davis, and also of Hallie Michele Carlo was made by Michael and Paulette Harris and family, Artesia, New Mexico.

There were a number of Memorials for longtime Wildlife Center supporter Marilyn Blassingame of Levelland Texas:

A gift in Marilyn's Memory was made by Gwendolyn Wynn of Fort Worth, Texas

A Memorial donation for Marilyn was also made by Leanna Smith of Levelland, Texas

## Tributes, continued:

A Memorial contribution was also given by Wanda and Richard Stanley, also of Levelland, Texas.

Our sympathy is extended to Marilyn's husband, Jim Blassingame, of Levelland, Texas.

Janie and Sonny Flores of Lubbock, Texas, made a Memorial contribution "In Memory of B.J." (July, 2008 – March, 2014).

A number of Memorial donations were received for Vicki Lyn Marshall who passed away April 26, 2014:

Vicki's husband David Marshall of Lorenzo, Texas, made a very generous donation to the Wildlife Center in her Memory.

Other gifts in Vicki Lyn Marshall's Memory were made by:

Thomas Rohrig, Lubbock, Texas  
B. Lynn Whitfield, Lubbock, Texas  
Freedonia Pashall, Lubbock, Texas  
Marleta Childs, Lubbock, Texas  
Dr. & Mrs. Clyde Jones, Lubbock, Texas  
Melvyn J. McRee, Aledo, Texas  
Carol and Rob Lee, Lubbock, Texas  
Leslie Dutton & William Tydeman, Lubbock, Texas

J.B. & Ramona Roberts, Plainview, Texas  
Linda and R.E. Mayfield, Brownfield, Texas also made a contribution "In Loving Memory of Vicki Lyn Marshall." Mark and Lynda Stoll, Lubbock, Texas, adopted "Farley," our Burrowing Owl, for David Marshall in Memory of his wife, Vicki Lyn Marshall.

All donations for Vicki Lyn Marshall were acknowledged to her husband David Marshall c/o the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University or at his home address.

We all extend our sympathy to David Marshall.

Memorials for Dr. Jeanette Lubenau-Huseman were given by:

Gail and Larry Barnes, Lubbock, Texas  
Dr. and Mrs. Jim Moyes, Lubbock, Texas  
Carol and Rob Lee, Lubbock, Texas



## Adopting a "Wildlife Ambassador" helps pay for its annual care

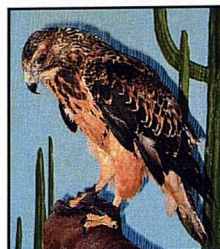
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EMPRESS  
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BURROWING OWL



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## Some Generous Children

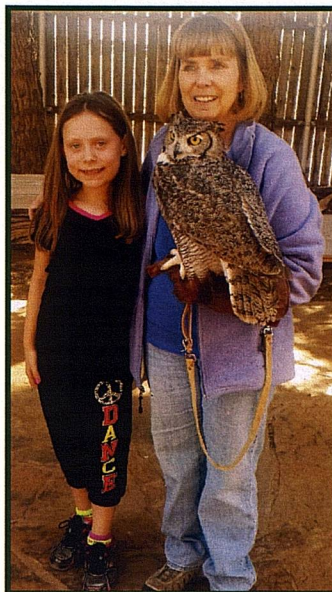
Caroline Cox of Lubbock requested presents and donations for her 8th birthday be donated to SPWRC.

She came for a tour with her parents March 19<sup>th</sup>. Caroline brought many contributions including two PetsMart Gift Cards totaling of \$60.00, a Gift Card from United Supermarkets, paper goods, and cash and checks also totaling \$60.00.

Caroline is in the 2nd grade at Cooper North Elementary School. Her parents are Suzanne and Dale Cox.

Her birthday was March 8th, 2014.

Thank you Caroline - we are sincerely appreciative of your generosity!



Caroline Cox, Gail Barnes,  
and "Titan"

## Young Entrepreneurs bring "Lemonade Day" proceeds to our patients at SPWRC

Lubbock's "Lemonade Day" was Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was started to provide kids with "the opportunity to experience entrepreneurship by planning, starting, owning, and operating their own business: a lemonade stand." All free, lemonade stands popped up all over the Lubbock area.

Two special entrepreneurs took the challenge a step further, and donated part of their proceeds to SPWRC.

Ella Bruning, age 7, brought \$4.12 and came with her mom Becky, and brother Thomas, age 3, to see some of our animals at the Center and bring her donation. Ella is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Bowie Elementary School.

Sydney Blaylock brought us \$20.00 May 8th from her Lemonade Day sales.

In the spirit of the Texas Tech Red Raiders, her stand was the "Raider Aide Lemonade Stand."

Sydney and her brother Bronte both worked on their lemonade sales.

Sydney is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Cooper Central Elementary School.



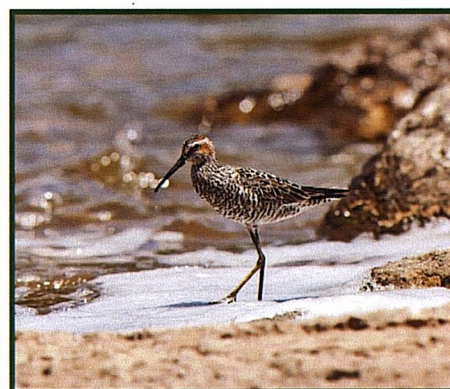
Thank you both!

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## Our Opossum Babies are adorable!



Baby Virginia Opossums



Stilt Sandpiper

Photo by Danny Hancock

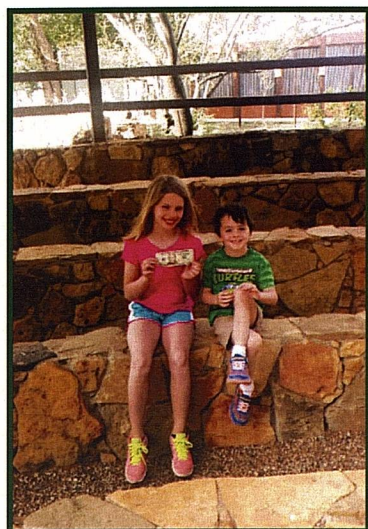
## EBay Giving Works

SPWRC is an officially registered charity with **eBay Giving Works**. This program helps nonprofits by giving eBay sellers the ability to donate to a certified nonprofit of their choice.

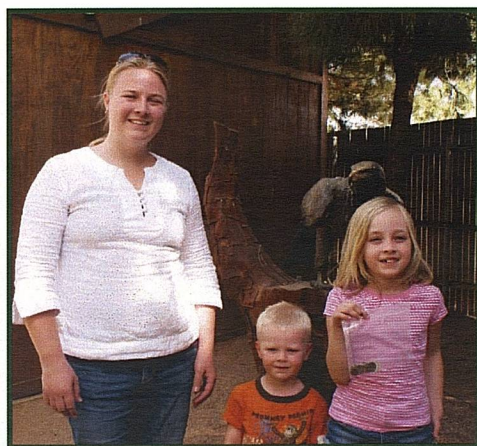
Anyone can select SPWRC as the recipient for a portion of their sale price of an item (minimum \$5 donation required). Any eBay seller can donate 10-100% of the final sale price.

Board Advisor Bill Van Pelt set up this program for our Center and we have gotten donations as a result!

SPWRC is also a registered charity with iGive.com



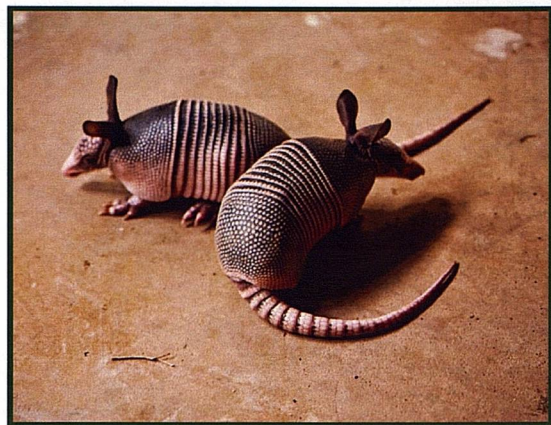
Sydney Blaylock and  
brother Bronte



Mom Becky Bruning, son Thomas, 3  
and daughter Ella, 7



## Baby Season is Underway!



**Baby Armadillos**

Photo by Danny Hancock

The baby Nine-banded Armadillos came from Dickens, Texas. A man found them on the side of the road next to their mother who had been killed. They are now between 2-3 months old, thriving, growing and eating very well.

The first five newly hatched American Kestrels (top right) came from New Mexico from a drilling rig. The second group of five more kestrels came from Lehman, Texas (Hockley County), and the same situation. Our most recent kestrel chick came from Amarillo, TX.

American Kestrels are our smallest North American falcon species, and can often be seen in our area.

We raised fourteen kestrels during 2013. Youngsters are always released from our property so they can return for food handouts until they can hunt and catch their own food and are 100% self sufficient. This usually takes several weeks, and it's a joy to watch them zooming around outdoors.



**These Barn Owl chicks arrived in March**

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**Five Baby Falcons:**

**American Kestrel Chicks just days old**

## Commemorative Bricks

Four Commemorative Bricks were purchased by our volunteers during the last quarter in Memory of four of our wildlife ambassadors, through collective donations.

These bricks are for "Bobby" Beloved Bobcat 1993-2014; "Gracie," Beloved Gray Fox 2004-2013; "Stitch," Beloved Opossum 2011-2014 and "Digger - Little Man" 2013.

This is a great way to support SPWRC while honoring or remembering a family member, friend or beloved pet.

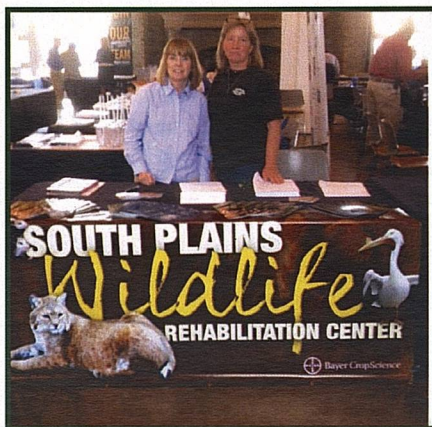
Visit our web site ([www.http//spwrc.org](http://spwrc.org)). You can print and mail instructions for your brick or bricks. **Each brick can accommodate 3 lines and 15 characters per line, including spaces.**

New bricks will be inscribed and laid in our Commemorative Brick Walkway before our Holiday Open House.

## Want to Volunteer?

If you'd like to volunteer at the Wildlife Center, call Gail Barnes at (806) 799-2142.

Click the "Volunteer" tab on our web site at [spwrc.org](http://spwrc.org) and you'll find the volunteer Waiver and Application.



**Gail Barnes and Barbara St. Croix at "Career Day" at Texas Tech April 2, 2014**



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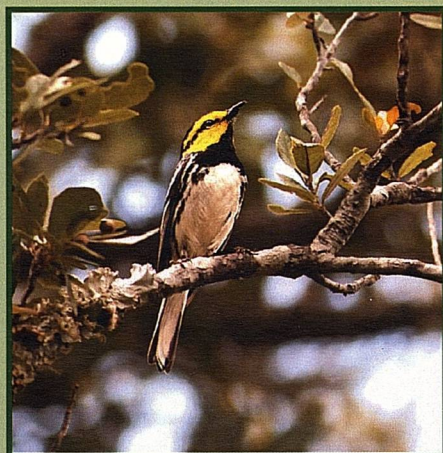
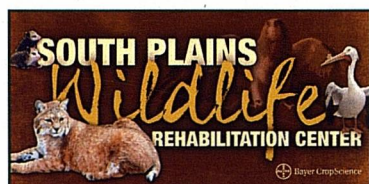


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**Male Golden- cheeked Warbler**

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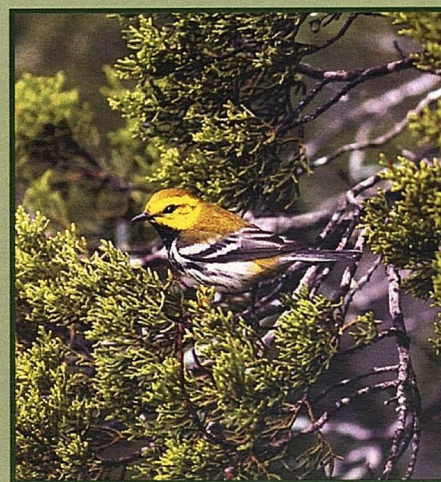
The Cornell Lab of Ornithology online has an abundance of bird information. There are ID tips, online tutorials, bird call recordings, birds' descriptions, maps and ranges. You can also find and identify similar species, and learn how to distinguish one species from another.

The Golden Cheeked Warbler is an endangered species in Texas and throughout the U.S. due to habitat loss and fragmentation. The species was listed May 4, 1990.

Photographer Danny Hancock captured a photo of this bird in April in the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

Of the nearly 360 bird species that breed in Texas, the Golden-cheeked Warbler is the only one that nests exclusively in Texas.

There are also more species of warblers than in any other state.



**Black-throated Green Warbler**

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