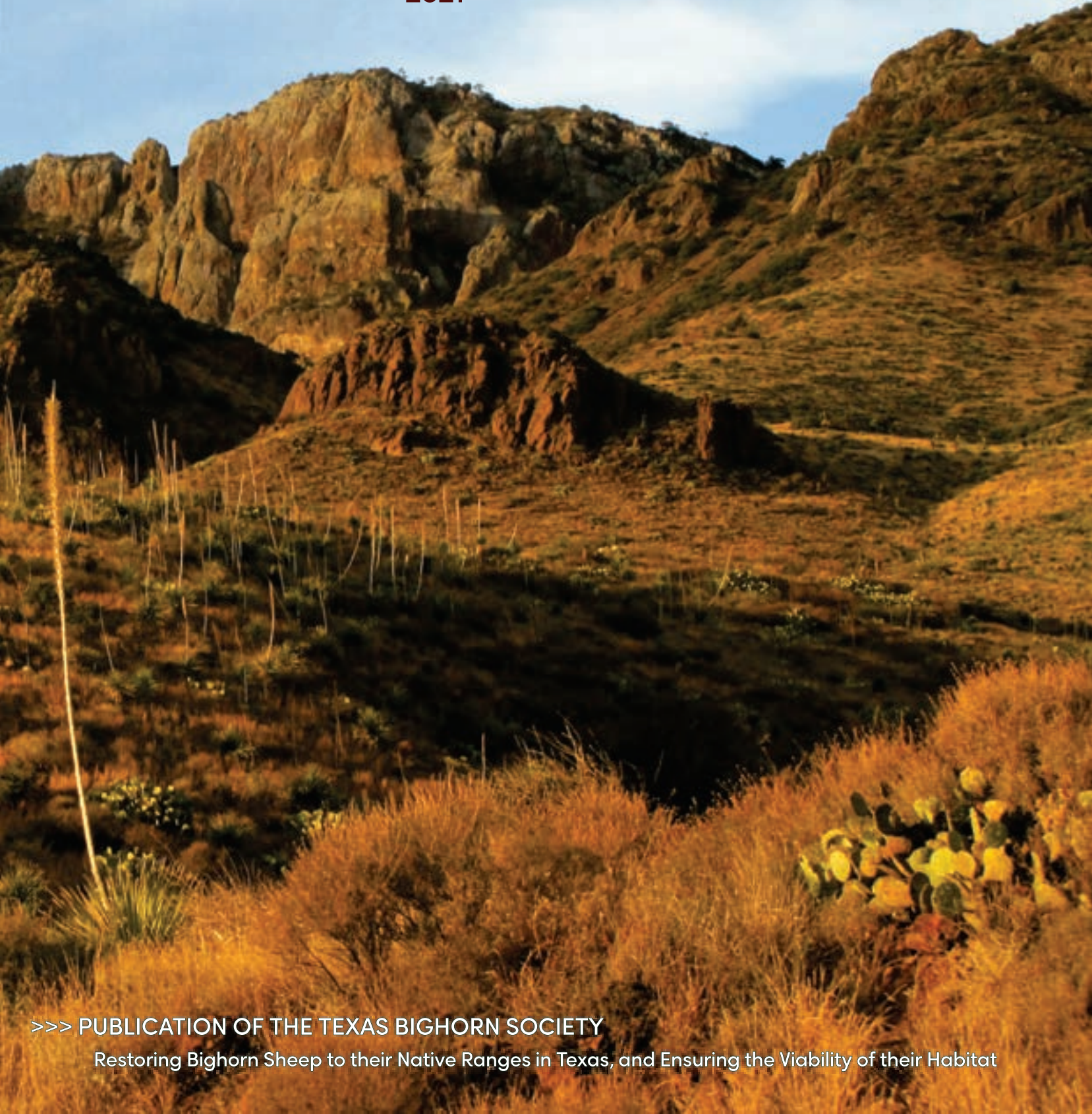




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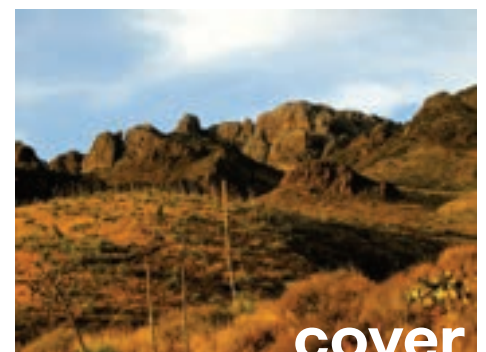


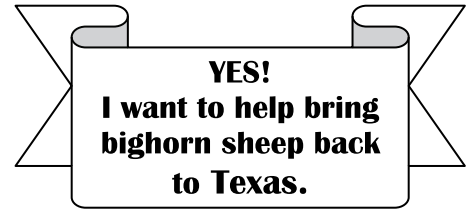
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On behalf of the current members, the TBS Officers & Directors, and all the Texas Bighorn Sheep your patronage will go to support, we'd like to welcome you to our organization! We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at the next TBS event!

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A LETTER FROM THE **PRESIDENT**

MEMBERS,

Here's hoping you had a Happy Thanksgiving and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Just a reminder, the Dallas Safari Club Convention is January 6-9, 2022 followed by the Wild Sheep Foundation Show on January 13-16, 2022. Like always, TBS will have a booth at each event, so please stop by and visit.

There was a TBS Board of Directors meeting in Dallas on October 23. The following are some of the topics and important upcoming dates.

We are starting our "Adopt A Guzzler" program as a way to ensure continued maintenance and function of our guzzlers. More details to follow on this program.

The Wild Sheep Foundation will hold the Chapter and Affiliate Summit XIV this year in San Antonio, Texas and it will be hosted by the Texas Bighorn society. The Summit is May 19-21 at the Courtyard Marriott Riverwalk. I will email more details as they are confirmed.

There will be a "Symposium on Ecology and Management of Barbary Sheep (aoudad)" in Lubbock, Texas on the Texas Tech Campus on April 11th -15th, 2022. This symposium is a multi-institutional symposium for state agencies, researchers, academics, landowners and outfitters from west wide states and Mexico. Dr. Perri Wolf of the Wild Sheep Foundation will give the keynote address. Watch the website for more details.

Again, thanks to everyone for your continued hard work and dedication to support the Texas Bighorn Society and the conservation of Desert Bighorn Sheep in Texas. ”



Sam Cunningham, President

Texas Bighorn Society



EDITOR'S *letter*



Bonnie McKinney
Editor, *The Bighorn*

This year has flown by quickly, I hope everyone had a great year and will be enjoying the upcoming holiday season with friends and family.

If you are attending Dallas Safari Club Convention or Wild Sheep Foundation's annual show please stop by the TBS Booth and lend your support or volunteer to help work the booth.

This issue is full of news, projects, and updates. Froylan Hernandez, TPWD Program Leader for Desert Bighorns has asked for hunter-guide cooperation in collection of tissue samples to further their disease sampling of desert bighorns, and he has included a short summary of this year's annual bighorn surveys. Both Black Gap WMA and Elephant Mountain WMA have updates on their projects and new employee's in this issue.

The "Women Hunt" program from the Wild Sheep Foundation is a super great program for women wanting to really learn how to hunt, along with all the other parts of being a good hunter and conservationist, Tiffany Osburn was one of the 12 chosen women for this program and the only Texas woman, she has a great article in this issue. Ladies, if you are wanting to learn to hunt or just hone your skills please consider applying for this program.

Here in the Trans-Pecos this past year rainfall was really good in some areas, so green and lush, whereas some areas received very little moisture. We are all hoping for a wet winter and great summer rains to catch up in 2022. Drought continues in many areas and the TBS guzzlers are playing a huge part in keeping not only the desert bighorns but all of our wildlife and birds in water. Without water, we don't have wildlife. Wildlife water guzzlers play a huge part in keeping bighorns as well as other wildlife scattered out across the landscape and not concentrating at one or two water sites, which is cause for concern because it is much easier for disease transmission to occur when a concentration of wildlife are forced to use just a couple of water sites.

The upcoming Barbary Sheep (Aoudad) Symposium at Texas Tech University is on the calendar for April 11th-15th, check the TBS Webpage for more details.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

Bonnie McKinney
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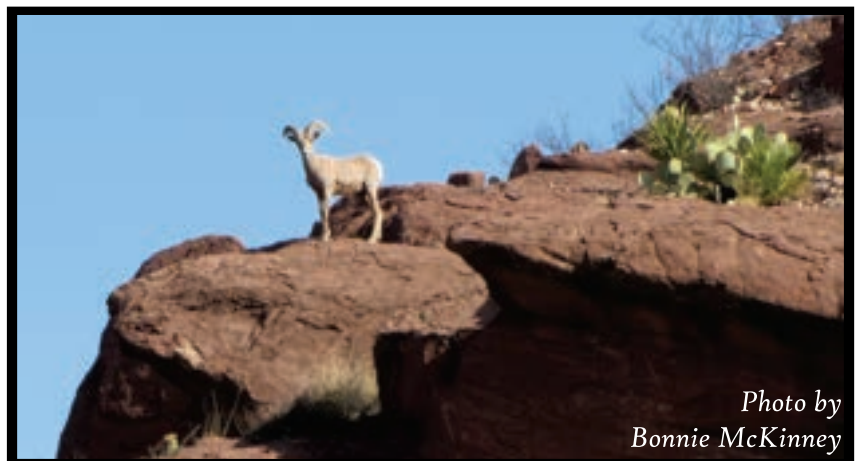


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This & That

2021 TBS BOARD MEETINGS

by Curt Brockmann, Secretary

OCTOBER

The TBS October 2021 Board Meeting was held on October 23rd at the Woolworth Restaurant in Dallas, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Sam Cunningham, President. The Board approved the minutes from the June 10th Board meeting.

We have 780 members currently, which includes 423 Life Members. The financial report was presented and approved by the Board. The Board voted on, and approved several items including sponsoring an applicant for the Wild Sheep Foundation's Women Hunt Program. Tiffany Osburn, was sponsored by TBS and was selected from applicants across the United States for the WSF Women Hunt Program. Tiffany attended the TBS meeting and talked about her great experience during the program. The Board approved the motion to sponsor two applicants for next year's program.

The Board continued discussions on how to get TBS members more involved with the bighorn sheep program. Discussion followed on the "Adopt A Guzzler Program," where members can volunteer to help maintain guzzlers. The Board was briefed on information that was learned from other sheep conservation groups that have similar programs during the Wild Sheep Foundation's Chapter and Affiliates Meeting. The Board decided to conduct a small pilot program to determine whether this is feasible in west Texas. The Board also approved sponsoring the next WSF Chapter and Affiliates meeting which will be held May 19-21st in San Antonio, Texas. Please plan to attend and we hope to see you there.

JUNE

The TBS June Board Meeting was held on June 10th at Tapatio Springs Resort in Boerne, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Sam Cunningham, President. The Board approved the minutes from the March 11, 2021 Board and General Membership meeting.

We currently have 822 members, which includes 420 Life Members. The Board voted on, and approved increasing the life membership fee to \$1,000.00. The financial report was presented and approved by the Board. Funding for the 2021 Wild Sheep Foundation's Chapter and Affiliates Meeting being held in Lewiston, Idaho was also approved.

Dr. Warren Conway provided the Texas Tech University research updates. He discussed the population structure and genetic variations in Texas bighorn sheep and aoudad herds. He also presented information on health, and the collection of microbes from tested bighorns and aoudad. Mr. Logan Thomas presented the Texas A&M University research on evaluating aoudad as a pneumonia risk to desert bighorns. Thank you both for your research and presentations.

The 2022 TBS Roundup will be in Grapevine, Texas near the Bass Pro Shop on June 10-11th. The 2022 Work Project will be on the Maravillas Gap Ranch south of Marathon in March. Plans are to build two drive to guzzlers.

The Board also discussed ideas on how to get TBS members more involved with the bighorn sheep program and management. One idea that was discussed was developing an "Adopt A Guzzler" program where TBS members can volunteer to help maintain existing guzzlers. More information on similar programs will be gathered from other sheep conservation groups during the WSF Chapter and Affiliates meeting. Have a great fall, and I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

REMINDER TO ALL TBS MEMBERS:

TBS uses "mail chimp" service to email our members upcoming news and events. If you are one of our long-time members please make sure we have your most recent and up-to-date email address.

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PRELIMINARY SUMMARY DESERT BIGHORN ANNUAL SURVEYS 2021

By Froylán Hernández, Program Leader Desert Bighorn

This is a quick summary of the 2021 annual bighorn surveys. Finally they are finished, we had some windy days to contend with. Flying in late October and mid-November with new pilots and new staff, was a learning experience. Finally, surveys were completed on November 14th.

A total of 727 animals were observed (224 Rams, 395 Ewes, 88 Lambs) and a 22.3% lamb recruitment. A total of 1,689 aoudad were also observed.

We did not fly the Big Bend Ranch State Park, but plan on surveying in April 2022. Also Elephant Mountain WMA was not included in the aerial surveys. However, a ground count was conducted back in May, which resulted in 48 rams, 70 ewes and 18 lambs for a total of 136 animals.

Therefore, including the Elephant Mountains ground count, the survey grand total was 863 bighorns (272

rams, 464 Ewes, 106 Lambs) and a 22.8% lamb recruitment. Undoubtedly, the two (2) disease events (Van Horn Mountains and Black Gap WMA) impacted those populations. And, the counts were down in a few other places as well. Plus, the late-flying and the new pilots probably also added to lower numbers.

I will send out a more detailed summary within the next couple of week. I just wanted to let you all know that we are “done” flying. So if you see low-flying aircraft, it is no longer us.

Thank you all for your patience and cooperation. Next year's surveys, aside from the typical weather/mechanical delays should go smoother.

Thanks again,
Froylán Hernández

DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP PROGRAM HUNTER-HARVEST TISSUE SAMPLING

By Froylán Hernández, Program Leader, Desert Bighorns

All,

I was glad to see a lot of country greening up with the recent summer rains. I hope everyone received at least some of the much-needed moisture.

As you all know, the bighorn hunt season is well underway and will go through 31 July 2022.

In an effort to expand TPWD's disease surveillance and monitoring program, and to ensure we collect at least some samples throughout the west Texas mountain ranges, we are asking that tissue samples be collected from harvested desert bighorns. I realize this adds a few steps to your hunting process, but these samples will certainly add to our disease surveillance.

The samples requested include two quarter sized pieces of the following tissues:

- * Lung
- * Liver
- * Spleen
- * Heart
- * Kidney

We would also like you to collect:

- * 2 nasal swabs
- * Fecal sample (about ¼ cup)



LUNG



SPLEEN



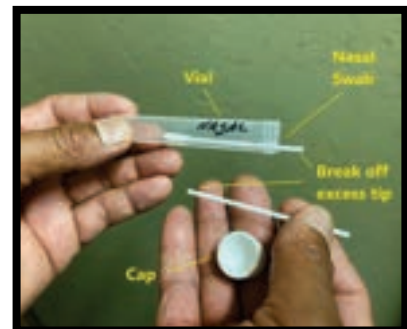
KIDNEY



LIVER



HEART



NASAL SWAB

Collecting blood would also be beneficial but obtaining blood prior to coagulation can be challenging. So, at this time, we only ask for the tissues identified above.

We have expanded our disease surveillance and monitoring to now include aoudad. Therefore, we would like to collect the same tissues for harvested aoudad. If you are interested in helping collect tissues from harvested aoudad, please contact me at your convenience.

I will provide sample kits upon request and can have them delivered to you prior to your hunt, or at time of permit issuance for bighorn hunts.

Following are the sample guidelines for your reference.

TISSUE SAMPLE GUIDELINES

Place each fresh quarter-sized tissue in an individually labeled Whirl Pak or Ziploc bag. Place a fresh quarter-sized tissue in an individually labeled formalin-filled container. If a formalin-filled container is not available, place both samples of one tissue in one labeled Whirl-Pak or Ziploc bag. The samples will be separated and (1) placed in formalin-filled container once it is available.

Fecal samples will only be collected in Whirl-Pak or Ziploc bag and NOT in a formalin filled container.

Please keep all the samples in a cool place and away from the sun (preferable in an ice chest or refrigerator) DO NOT FREEZE

Fresh Tissues (quarter size)

- 1. Lung (bottom front lobe)**
- 2. Liver**
- 3. Heart**
- 4. Kidney**
- 5. Spleen**
- 6. Fecal (1/4 cup amount of fecal pellets)**

Formalin Fixed Tissues (quarter size)

- 1. Lung (bottom front lobe)**
- 2. Liver**
- 3. Heart**
- 4. Kidney**
- 5. Spleen**

NASAL SWAB

- 1. Insert 1 polyester-tipped swab as far back as possible into the left and right nasal cavities and swirl. Place nasal swab into vial and break off excess tip. Replace cap on vial.**
- 2. Repeat this process with 2nd polyester tipped swab.**

Please Label Appropriately

- 1. Male or female**
- 2. Age (in years, or Adult, subadult, or lamb if years are not known)**
- 3. Type of tissue**
- 4. Sample collection date**

Thank you,
Froylán Hernández, Program Leader Desert Bighorns

ELEPHANT MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA UPDATE

By Cody McEntire, TPWD

Elephant Mountain WMA has seen some dramatic post-Covid changes in public use and staff time allocations. Being just up the road from Big Bend National Park, Elephant Mountain became a hot spot for campers and outdoor enthusiasts this past year. Dove hunters saw one of the best years Elephant Mountain has had to offer, with the season harvest exceeding 280 birds. Schools from all over Texas and multiple conservation groups have utilized the area for trainings, educational tours, and research. To say it has been busy here would be an understatement.

With above average rainfall (16in. to date) the area saw most earthen tanks filled and roads washed out around the area. Staff diligently worked on maintaining road conditions to allow for public access. This was accomplished in between treating brush on over 850 acres and improving the water system around the area. The late summer rains resulted in a major increase in herbaceous cover and browse regeneration. Although the conditions seemed favorable later in the monsoon season, quail numbers have remained fairly low. Originally thought to be an average year, quail surveys revealed lower recruitment than anticipated.

Elephant Mountain WMA will run multiple mule deer hunts this year, as well as one javelina, and three desert bighorn hunts. A walking survey conducted by TPWD staff in May resulted in the observation of 136 sheep with a 26% lamb crop. The numbers were fairly close to what area staff expected. The low recruitment is likely explained by the series of dry years. The sheep looked healthy as did the condition of the mountain habitat.

Upcoming projects at Elephant Mountain include constructing two new guzzlers on the area, approximately 1,000 acres of brush treatment, and starting Calamity Creek stream bank restoration. All of these projects were made possible by the generous conservation organizations that we partner with.

In other Trans-Pecos news, we have a couple new faces you may see on the area. Joshua Cross started in March as the Sierra Diablo WMA biologist. Josh is an Alpine native and attended Sul Ross State University, where he received his Master's degree while working on the desert bighorn translocation to southern Brewster County. Josh comes to us from Borderlands Research Institute, where he specialized in GIS and thesis advisory. Also joining our team is Elias Salcido. Elias started in August as a wildlife technician at Elephant Mountain WMA. Elias is also an Alpine native, however he received his degree from Angelo State University. Elias has worked on several ranches in the Davis Mountains and brings with him a strong work ethic and willingness to learn.

WMA staff are focused on continuing the work of Dewey, Brandon, and Dr. Bob. If you get a chance to visit the area you will notice a few changes including pasture names and memorial displays to carry on the memory of the three men we lost last year. We would like to thank TBS for their continued support.

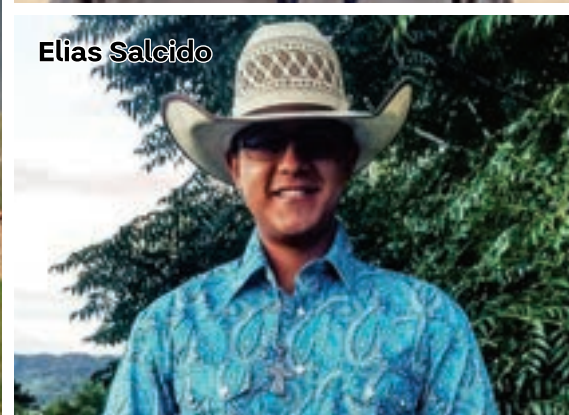
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July 12, 2021

Robert Mark Kielwasser, 59, went to be with the Lord on July 12, 2021. He was born in Skokie, Illinois to George and Karen Kielwasser on January 4, 1962. He went to Ypsilanti High School in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and graduated in 1980, lettering in football, wrestling, tennis, and golf. He put himself thru college by working offshore and went on to receive his BSC in Engineering and Business Management from Louisiana State University. He was a member of the LSU wrestling team and Sigma Chi Fraternity. Mark met Whitney at LSU and after dating for seven years, they were married in Baton Rouge, LA. He loved to tell people the story about how they 'accidentally' met on a Mississippi riverboat cruise in New Orleans. On June 24th, 2021, they celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary. They welcomed their daughter, Maria Yelena, into their family on February 8th, 2008, and she became a daddy's girl from the day they first met. Mark's namesake, Uncle Bob instilled in Mark a passion for the great outdoors. Mark enjoyed hunting, fishing, and dedicating time and energy to conservation, especially the Texas Big Horn Society. He traveled internationally to hunt and was proud of his Grand Slam of sheep and Turkey Slam. Mark also collected fine art and antiques and loved all things regarding the Civil War. His favorite time was spent with his daughter Maria whom he cherished. He wanted to give her everything her heart desired and would always encourage her to stay "Brave and Strong." She was especially proud that her Daddy could repair anything around the house and could even give her a cute haircut. Mark had a successful professional career in executive management, sales, business development, and entrepreneurship including companies such as General Electric, Boston Scientific, Eli Lilly, American Physician Housecall, OrchestrateHR as well privately help organizations in the US and abroad. In the last 10 years, he was a Co-Founder and Board Member of SYNERGEN Health. He loved mentoring fellow colleagues as well as connecting people in his vast network. Mark is survived by his wife Whitney Riffel Kielwasser, his daughter Maria, mother Karen Kielwasser, siblings David Kielwasser (Alice), Bonnie Kielwasser, Kiersten Withrow (Danny), and Paul Kielwasser (Amie), and many nieces and nephews and extended family. He is preceded in death by his father, George Kielwasser, and sister Kimberley. A memorial service will be held at Highland Park Presbyterian Church on July 30, 2021, at 3:00 PM, with Rev. Dr. Ron Scates officiating. A reception in Elliott Fellowship Hall will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, the Kielwasser family asks for donations to be sent to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) North Texas at www.NAMINorthTexas.org.

Dr. Lyndel Cates Stripling

May 25, 1948

to

August 25, 2021

Beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Lyndel Cates Stripling, 73, passed away on August 25, 2021. He was an accomplished dentist for 45 years and owner of Lake Highlands Dental in Dallas, Texas. A few of his numerous hobbies included singing, sculpting, photography, bow hunting, ranching and traveling across the world.

Lyndel is survived by his wife, Kathleen Stripling; daughter, Sommer Ludwig, and son-in-law, Karl Ludwig; daughter, Taura Ambort, and son-in-law, Matthew Ambort; stepchildren Tim Rigby, Ryan Rigby, Rhett Rigby and wife Carly, and Robyn Matkovich and husband Jerai; seven grandchildren Klara, Asher, Henry, Benjamin, Olivia, Drayton, Knox, and another on the way; brother, Dennis Stripling; sister, Rosanne Sullivan; four nieces and one nephew. Lyndel is preceded in death by his father, Wilton Woodrow, and mother, Dorothy Mae.



Carla Jean Peterman

September 30, 1939

to

July 9, 2021

Carla Jean Bennett Peterman passed into the Heavenly Kingdom of God, July 9, 2021, surrounded by her family. Born in Dallas, Texas September 30, 1939, she was adopted by Mable Claire and Homer Jackson Bennett. Carla was raised in Coolidge, Texas where her parents owned a grain mill and hotel. She graduated from Coolidge High School in 1957 and went on to SMU, where she obtained her degree in elementary education. Carla was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and enjoyed being involved in alumni activities after graduation. She married Jerry Whitaker Peterman where she fell in love with the outdoors and traveling the world. She and Jerry went on many safaris together and she also enjoyed several girls' trips to various countries. She was known for her fabulous cooking, which will be greatly missed. Carla was a member of the Junior Charity League and Dallas Safari Club, where she volunteered many years for both. She worked at UPUMC day school and ran the after-school program. She enjoyed gardening, photography and fishing, but most of all being at the ranch. She and Jerry retired to their ranch in Iredell, Texas in 2006. Carla was preceded in death by her husband Jerry, father and mother Homer and Mable Bennett. She is survived by her daughter Claire Henriksen, son Whit Peterman, grandson Jake Henriksen, and granddaughter Lauara Henriksen. Memorial service will be held at University Park United Methodist Church, Dallas. July 16, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation, 420 N. Carroll Ave. Ste. 160, Southlake, TX 76092.

BLACK GAP

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA UPDATE

By Travis Smith, TPWD

How are things going down at the Black Gap WMA? All 103,127 acres of Black Gap are home to an assortment of wildlife including desert bighorn sheep, mule deer, quail, teal and javelina. A few employees and their families are lucky enough to call this piece of the Chihuahuan Desert home. Black Gap sees about 600 visitors each year, all looking to escape the chaos of the world and enjoy nature. Annual rainfall averages about 11 inches a year, and can vary drastically from the higher elevations along the Dead Horse Mountains to the lower elevations along the Rio Grande. This year rainfall ranged from 5.5 inches at headquarters to 8.25 inches on the northern end of the WMA.

Fall dove hunting season started rather well, but like most places it didn't last long. Shortly after opening day of the season we received a much needed shower of rain that dispersed the dove and made for more challenging hunts. To date, 238 doves have been harvested with 99% of those being harvested in September.

Many people are amused when they hear that Black Gap is open for hunting during early Teal Season, and the first two weeks of general duck season. On a year when Black Gap receives its monsoon rains there are around 10-12 earthen tanks that will hold water for 2-3 months, making a perfect resting ground for ducks headed south for the winter. Due to the lack of heavy rains on most parts of the WMA this year there were few earthen tanks holding water, resulting in only 27 teal harvested this year (17 Blue-winged Teal and 10 Green-winged Teal).

Scaled quail hunting on the WMA started off looking bleak due to a low hatch rate up until August when the rains finally showed up. Bearing this in mind, along with the fact that last year was not a great year for quail, and that surveys yielded poor results, hopes were not high and quail

hunting this year was looking dismal. When the season opened the last weekend of October, we were surprised that most hunters were happy with the number of birds, stating "we are seeing more birds this year." To date, harvest for scaled quail is 228 birds (67% juvenile, 33% adults) with harvest averaging about 4 birds per hunter.

Mule deer hunting is just kicking off. Three mule deer were successfully harvested from the WMA during our first archery hunt of the season. The terrain on the Black Gap makes for a particularly difficult archery hunt, with generally low success rates. All three harvested animals were in good overall condition. Recent game camera photos and mule deer sightings on the WMA indicate a healthy, thriving population.


Flying helicopter surveys on the Black Gap and in southeast Brewster County this year brought some new challenges. After last year, there have been some changes made in hopes of making surveys safer. We now fly surveys later in the year when daytime temperatures are lower. A new company and pilots are now flying the surveys. With this change comes a learning curve for all of us. We had to learn his flying techniques, and he had to learn our survey techniques. A total of 126 bighorns were counted this year during the Black Gap WMA/Southeast Brewster County surveys (40 rams, 71 ewes, 15 lambs=21% lamb crop). All sheep counted were in generally healthy shape.

Way out in the West Texas desert, life finds a way. The resiliency of the wildlife on Black Gap WMA continues to amaze me. The early freeze, record amounts of snowfall and low rainfall were all cause for concern. The flora and fauna on the Black Gap are doing quite well, despite the weather conditions. Let's all keep hoping for some rain to settle the dust and more fruitful days ahead.




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'WOMEN HUNT'

By Tiffany Osburn

In early August, I saw a headline in the Fish & Game Report e-newsletter that caught my attention! It read, "Women Hunt" Offers New Women Hunters Texas Hunting Opportunity." The article explained the Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF) had launched a program called "Women Hunt" and were taking applications and offering the opportunity for 12 new women hunters to take part in a very special hunter training experience at the FTW Ranch near Barksdale, Texas. I decided to give it a shot. The application process involved answering a series of essay questions about topics like ethical hunting, the relationship between conservation and hunting, and our goals and plans if selected. Weeks later, when I received a congratulatory email from WSF's Women Hunt chair Renée Thornton announcing my selection, I nearly fell out of my chair with excitement. I learned that the Women Hunt program included 5-nights lodging and 4 days of instruction at the FTW Ranch's SAAM New Hunter Program where we would learn about hunting and wildlife conservation in a safe, comfortable, and immersive educational environment.

We 12 lucky women only had to make our way to and from San Antonio, the rest was taken care of by WSF, including WSF and sponsor gear (including Sitka, Boyt, and Kenetrec) and a Yeti 65-quart cooler to bring our meat back home in. In addition, each participant enjoyed the use of a Weatherby Camilla Wilderness rifle in 6.5 Creedmoor with a Leica 3-18x44 Amplus 6 scope and plenty of ammunition. At the end of the week, we all had the opportunity to purchase our rifle package at significant discount (spoiler alert-nearly all of us did!!). On September 30th, all the ladies made their way to San Antonio for an introductory dinner where we met with Tim Fallon, Owner of the FTW Ranch, Renée Thornton and Linda Demmer of the Women Hunt committee. The next morning, the whole group boarded passenger vans and embarked on our adventure.

As you can imagine, over the next few days all of us became very close. The Women Hunt committee had taken every effort during the selection process to remove all bias and successfully chose a group of women with a wide variation in age and home geographies. We were from all over; with two women from Canada, and others from Colorado, Nevada, California, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Idaho and Arizona. It turned out, I was the only woman selected from Texas!

Being a Texas girl, I was proud to represent the Lone Star State. I live in Dripping Springs with my husband, Rob Stroup and like all members of the Texas Bighorn Society, I love the outdoors. As a kid, my family had a small ranch in north Texas where I developed my love for the land and outdoor activities like fishing. Those early experiences instilled a passion for conserving wildlife habitat and agricultural lands for future generations. I'm



now a professional archeologist and serve as the state's regional archeologist for the Texas Hill Country with the Texas Historical Commission. Somewhat related, my volunteer work is devoted to the preservation of heritage landscapes and wildlands as President of the Hill Country Land Trust. All of this gets me outside and onto public lands and private ranches throughout the state.

Despite the fact that I hadn't grown up with any exposure to hunting and my firearm experience was limited to shooting cans off a fence post with my dad's .38 revolver as a kid. That changed a little bit when I met my husband Rob, who has been hunting since he was young. He encouraged me to take my first deer on our friend's ranch in south Texas in 2019. Looking back, I didn't really know what I was doing, and I certainly didn't feel competent with the rifle.

Now, courtesy of WSF and Women Hunt, I was getting a chance to truly learn about hunting from A to Z. Over the next few days our intensive training program included lots of range time learning to shoot accurately under different conditions with guidance from highly qualified instructors. Each of us ended up with a customized range card dialed in to our particular rifles and scopes. Toward the end of the week we divided up and went on several morning and evening hunts for whitetail does to help the ranch with their game management objectives. Early one morning, I was one of the fortunate women to take a whitetail doe. It was exhilarating!



This was great because the next part of our instruction included gutting, butchering, and skinning, followed by deboning and sausage making. We all enjoyed learning how to go from field to freezer. FTW Ranch invited wild game Chef Josh Schwencke to teach us about cooking methods and techniques for the various cuts of venison. The whole experience wrapped up with a graduation night feast with our guides and instructors.

As it turns out, women may be the fastest growing segment of the hunting community. We're drawn to hunting for the connection to nature, interest in wildlife conservation, and desire for a sustainable and natural food source for our families. Through the Women Hunt program, we not only learned to hunt but to also stand up for hunting and the conservation work it inspires.

To ensure our continuing engagement, the Women Hunt program reached out to the regional Chapters or Affiliates of WSF for each of the states of the 12 selected women to arrange for mentors following the training program. The Chapters and Affiliates are playing a big role in supporting us after our course and mentorship and local relationships and opportunities. The Texas Bighorn Society, as an affiliate of Wild Sheep Foundation, provided me with both an annual membership with TBS and also a superb mentor in Kathy Boone. Following the Women Hunt training program and after our year of mentorship is complete we have all been challenged to do conservation and hunter advocacy outreach in our own communities. My goal is to hone my skills and continue my journey with hunting and conservation and to serve as an ambassador for the Women Hunt program through outreach and volunteering with youth hunts. I'm also really looking forward to some hard work and camaraderie during the upcoming TBS Annual Work Project in March 2022.

I am so grateful for the Wild Sheep Foundation's Women Hunt program, and FTW Ranch for creating such a comprehensive beginner hunter training program and providing the incredible opportunity. The first year of the program was an extraordinary success and I know that Women Hunt will have many more applicants next year for this once in a lifetime experience!

Our training program included:

- *Rifle Cleaning
- *Precision rifle instruction at numerous ranges
- *Hunting methods including spot and stalk, tracking, etc.
- *Ethics and hunting
- *North American Model of Wildlife Conservation
- *Shot placement
- *Field dressing
- *Butchering
- *Wild Game Cooking
- *Opportunity to hunt and harvest a white-tailed doe



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