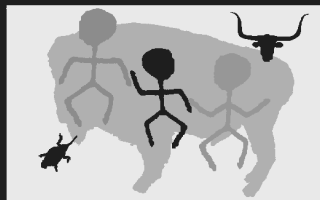


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Texans for State Parks 2022 Distinguished Friends Group Award



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In Recognition of Your
Dedication & Outstanding
Work in Support of
San Angelo State Park
On April 30, 2022



President

WE ARE NUMBER ONE!!

Friends of San Angelo State Park is honored to be selected Distinguished Friends Group of Texas by Texans for State Parks.

Texans for State Parks, a state-wide organization, annually solicits nominations of superintendents, rangers, volunteers and groups for outstanding service. Jarrett Miller, SASP Superintendent nominated FoSASP.

Presentation of the award will happen at the Annual Conference to be held at Fort Parker State park on April 30. Attending from San Angelo will be Ruth Jordan, Sally Scott, and Laurel Scott, FoSASP board members.

Jarrett wrote:

FoSASP is great group of diverse and dedicated individuals looking out for the best interests of the park. Board members consist of equestrian riders, hikers, bikers, and birders.

In my six years at San Angelo SP, I have never seen them disagree on a project or deny funds for a feasible project. They are always happy to help financially and physically when we need it.

One of the members helps us maintain the trail system, keeps up with the firewood vending machine, and mechanics on all our equipment.

Another couple of members make sure the bird feeders at the wildlife viewing area get filled daily.

Other members organize fundraising trail rides with horses.

A couple of them make sure the park store is constantly stocked with merchandise. The rest of them fill in where needed as needed.

They all form a team of volunteers that is critical to the State Park mission and I enjoy working with them.



New Face at the Park

Tara Fattouh, recently
joined the staff as
Customer Service
Representative

A young Porcupine near the Wildlife Viewing Area.



*The world is full of willing people;
some are willing to work,
the rest willing to let them.*

~ Robert Frost



Friends of San Angelo State Park

Board of Advisors 2021-2022

The Board of Directors is elected by the members to a three-year term.

Directors meet every two months to plan and coordinate activities and provide oversight of funds.

Linda Ashton	Amanda Razani
Jana Jenkins	Brownie Roberts
Ruth Jordan	Laurel Scott
Gail Metcalfe	Sally Scott
Cindy Middleton	John Talley
Deola Mitts	Terry Wallace
Steve Nelson	Deborah Watson
Sandy Pedersen	
Jarrett Miller - Park Superintendent	

The Newsletter is a quarterly publication produced by Friends of San Angelo State park, a non-profit corporation organized for the purpose of

- ensuring the future of the park by preserving it for future generations
- enhancing the quality of educational, interpretive and recreational opportunities in the park
- recruiting volunteers
- promoting regional support
- soliciting finances and resources for the perpetration of the park and
- soliciting and receiving gifts for endowments for the benefit of the park.

Ruth Jordan - Editor

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By Bonnie Wallace

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You and Goodbye" to everyone. I am leaving my post as the Park Interpreter, but I will still be in San Angelo and will definitely be coming out to volunteer.

I am sad to leave, but I am beyond proud of the quality of programs we have produced in just two years and how the interpretive program at SASP has taken off.

I came into this position looking to expand the number of programs we offer and bring new programs to attract a wider audience. I believe I can leave this position saying that we together accomplished those goals. I know I would not have been a success without help from the Friends group, volunteers, and certain staff always willing to help whenever I asked.

There is so much I will miss about this position, especially how it helped me grow as a park ranger and as a person. It will always mean a great deal to me!

Take care and I'll see you down the road!

Ranger Bonnie

BOARD NOTES

The FoSASP Board of Directors met March 15

- Financial report shows expenditures of \$11,873 including the cost of solar lights for Riverbend restroom.
- Total volunteer hours reported for February was 86.5.
- Expenditures for playground upkeep materials were approved for \$3500. Park staff will provide labor.
- Approved request to fund first aid training for all staff for \$700
- Resignation of Sarah Howell from the board was accepted.
- Goal of \$4,000 was set for San Angelo Gives donations.

San Angelo State Park Staff Directory

Jarrett Miller Park Superintendent
Carey "Butch" Street Assistant Park Superintendent
Cheree Watts Office Manager
Kari Carreon Assistant Office Manager
Stan Tinnin Lead Ranger
Rolando Chavez Probationary Park Police Office
Adam Saucedo Custodian
Amanda Schraeder Customer Service Representative
Tara Fattouh Customer Service Representative I
Tyler Jarvis Seasonal Maintenance I
Christian Martin Seasonal Maintenance I
Mike Sharpsteen Park Ranger
Matt Geisel Park Ranger

To telephone any of the staff,
call 325-949-4757. Listen for extension numbers.

Correction

Katherine Osborne
was honored
by friends
and family
with a
memorial
donation to
FoSASP.

Thank You



Colton Rowe

ASU honor students are given the opportunity to be assigned to the board of directors of a non-profit organization. FoSASP has participated in the program for several years. Colton Rowe is the 2021-2022 assignee.

He has been a valuable volunteer, recently assisting Laurel Scott to correct a hazard at the bird blind, javelina had dug a hole under the gate, creating a dangerous walk for the volunteers who enter to feed the birds.



Various Warblers are in the midst of migration. This one is an Orange Crowned Warbler. Keep an eye out for more.

From Colton:

When I began my term with Friends of San Angelo State Park back in September, I never would have believed how much the program could mean to me. Being a college student, I expected to serve as nothing more than an observer, quietly watching and learning from the board members without ever properly interacting with them.

My assumptions couldn't have been further from the truth. Even before attending a board meeting I found myself at the wildlife observation area taking care of the bird feeders. I have continued to enjoy those quiet early mornings in the park. I've encountered all sorts of wildlife at the observation area that I had never before seen so close.

The board meetings turned out to be delightfully engaging. I had no idea how much the Friends contribute to the park. The board members were gracious enough to include me in every discussion. I particularly enjoyed the planning and execution of the annual Christmas party. My prior experiences finally proved to be of use. The day of the event turned out to be a rather hectic couple of hours of driving all over town to get the venue prepared. I enjoyed every second.

Though my short term with the board ends in May, I hope I can continue to return the kindness and support extended to me by FoSASP.

VIEW BETWEEN THE EARS!

by Cindy Middleton

Spring Break trail ride 2022.

Twenty-two riders covered over eight miles on park trails in beautiful west Texas spring weather.



“The warm day had us wishing for an ice cream truck at Armadillo Ridge pavilion handing out free ice cream. “Said Cindy, “but hey, we’ll take what we can get!”

The ride was guided by Friends of SASP Board members Linda Ashton and Cindy Middleton.

Winston Churchill said,

“There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.”

And a gal, too, Winston



Thank You for helping and donating to my Eagle Scout Project! The Armadillo Ridge Pavilion at San Angelo State Park is complete, thanks to you. Enjoy the pictures, before and after!

Chase W. Jackson
Troop 374, San Angelo, TX.

Armadillo Ridge Pavilion Project improved by Boy Scout Project

"Thank you for the \$100 donation. It went towards new wood for the pavilion." Chase completed his Eagle project of clearing, repairing and upgrading at the pavilion known as Armadillo Ridge. The site which affords a scenic view of the park was badly in need of upgrading

Note: FoSASP grants financial support to any Boy Scout accomplishing his Eagle Project in the park.



LEFT: A small covey of Northern Bobwhite Quail have been making an appearance in the bird blind.



BRING A BOOK – TAKE A BOOK

Just inside the South Entrance of the park, the box holds free books for the taking. Donate a book. Borrow a book. Take a book.

No donation? That's okay, too

HAPPY READING

HELP WANTED

Volunteer needed for a few hours on May 7 for community service project to benefit the park. The park's firebreak roads need to be cleared of trash. Meeting place will be the Riverbend entrance off Hwy 2288 at 9:00 am. The Friends club will provide gloves, drinks, trash bags and lunch. Also needed, a driver who must be qualified to use a park truck or willing to pass the course before the event.

Please Contact me if you are interested.

Steve Nelson. sarcsteven57@yahoo.com 325-277-3351

Spotlight

Carey “Butch” Street San Angelo State Park Assistant Superintendent

By Laurel L. Scott

One of the best days Carey “Butch” Street has had since joining San Angelo State Park as its assistant superintendent in October was when his boss, Superintendent Jarrett Miller, sent him out to ride the trails with John Talley, mountain biker and Friends of SASP board member.

“I’m thinking, ‘I’m getting paid to do this!’”

It is also one of the aspects Butch loves about his job: the fact that no two days are exactly the same. Another is meeting people like Talley who helped design most of the trails.

“I love meeting so many people from so many places,” Butch said about his job. “They are from San Angelo or across the state and from all over the country and even other countries.”

A West Texan and outdoorsman, Butch says he didn’t know his first name was Carey until he was in first-grade and he failed to answer to it.

“I’ve gone by Butch all of my life, even before I was born,” he said. His mother had a favorite china doll she called Butch, but the Street family tradition is that the men are given names starting with the letter C. Hence Carey, but he answers to Butch.

Working at San Angelo State Park is the culmination of a dream.

“Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has been on my radar for a long time,” Butch said. “I really love the outdoors. I’m not the kind to enjoy being stuck in an office. I knew a game warden when I was growing up and that really interested me.”

He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Sul Ross State University, majoring in criminal justice and minoring in range and wildlife management. He graduated from the Odessa College Police Academy and worked as a police officer in Eastland, then as a sheriff’s deputy in Brewster County. He became a reserve officer and went to work full-time in the oil-field until the pandemic shut the work down. He went back full-time to the Sheriff’s Office in Brewster County, assigned to the border, working on narcotics and illegal immigrant interdiction.

Then he and wife Jerri decided to combine

households with his parents and settle in San Angelo. He was commuting from Marathon weekly and his parents were in Coleman. He also has two married sons, a daughter attending Howard College, and four grandchildren.

The state park job was just what he was looking for.

“I still have a lot to learn in this job,” Butch said. “Every staff member except the interpretive ranger reports to me and I report to Jarrett. Eventually, I’ll take a lot off his plate so we can both get more time in the field.”

One assignment he is really excited about is he is taking over the hunt programs.

“I love kids and many of our hunts are youth hunts,” Butch said. “I started taking my own kids fishing when they were five and I’m looking forward to the hunts. If I can teach kids something, see them learn, I get joy out of that.”



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Additional Donation \$ _____

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Steven Baer

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*Arelle Brininstool

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*Cary Brown and Sue Wetsel

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*Theresa Cain

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*Ilene Cooper

Charlie and Marsha Crabtree

Jim Crawford

*Christopher Daniels

*Martha Dolliver

*Mary Ellen Douthit

*Esther Douthit

*Dorothy Douthit and Lisa Truesdell

*Rebecca Duncan

*Lisa Freeman

*Mary Golder

Frank Gully

Laurie and Mike Hampton

*Jackie and Judy Hight

*Patricia Hines

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*Martha Yarbrow

Rebecca Young

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Annual Membership fees for 2022 are currently due and payable.

- Members can submit payment by mailing a check with the application or on-line at friendsofsanangelostatepark.org. To easily access the website, scan the code on page eight
- Membership income accounts for a large part of the funds used to support the park.

Benefits to Members

- Annual one-time free pass to the park
- 10% discount in the park store
- Quarterly newsletter
- Free dinner with annual meeting

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TOURS IN THE PARK

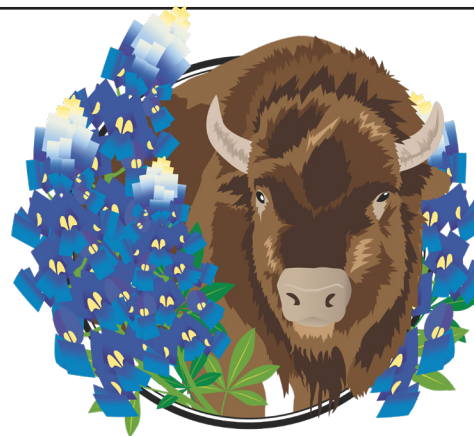
Throughout March a total of twenty-nine programs reached a total of 884 people. Almost a thousand people came to the park and participated in interpretive programs.

Spring break week was a big success. Last year, because of Covid, self-guided programs were held, but this year guided group tours are back. Overall, for spring break there were a total of seventeen programs attended by park campers and guests. Many of these programs were led by Friends volunteers, John Talley, Linda Ashton, and Cindy Middleton, and other volunteers, Pat Bales, Kaylie Waigand, and the Angelo Astronomy club.

Bonny Wallace, who has organized and led tours for the past few years, is leaving her position. Assistant Superintendent Carey "Butch" Street will be the contact staff for any "Interpreter" issues that arise until that position is filled again.

"All staff is tasked with being park interpreters of the park's many features," he said, "Please do not hesitate, to come to me with ideas, suggestions for programs or especially offers of assistance, he said. Contact Butch at 325-277-6348.

See San Angelo State Park Facebook for tour updates



Silver Bluebonnet Day

AT SAN ANGELO STATE PARK

May 4, 2022

9:00 – 2:00

Free for Senior Citizens

Picnic Lunch

**Self Guided Driving tour
through the park**

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For more information call

Please RSVP

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