

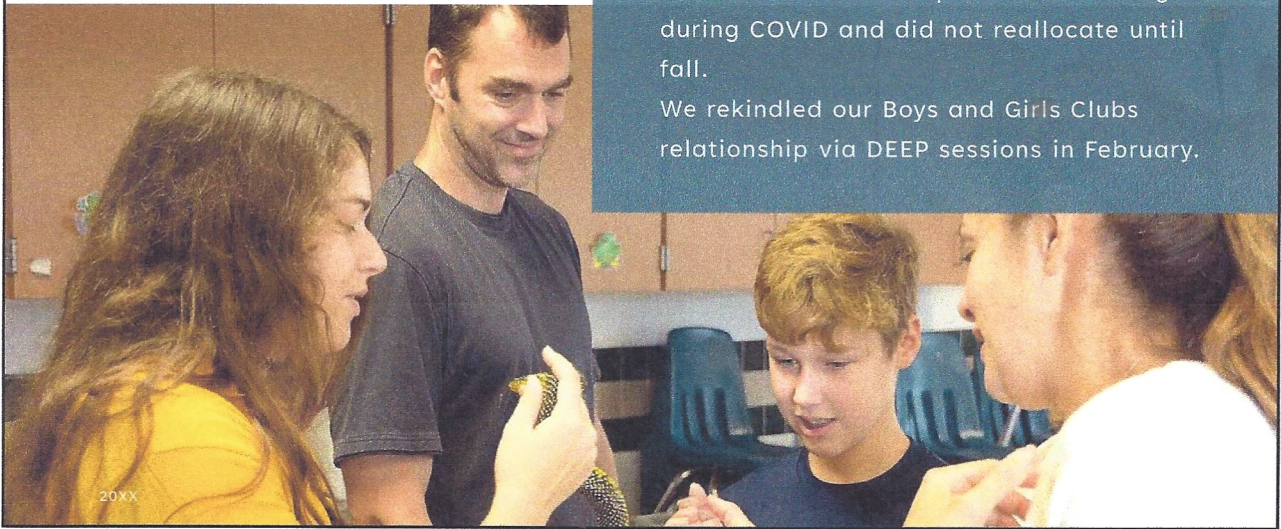
# FOBWR 2022 THE YEAR IN REVIEW

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## DEEP IS BACK!

The Discovery Environmental Education Program restarted in spring 2022...a limited season because BISD pulled bus funding during COVID and did not reallocate until fall.


We rekindled our Boys and Girls Clubs relationship via DEEP sessions in February.



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## REFUGE WALKS



- Big Boggy NWR
- McNeal Tract
- Alligator Marsh
- Peachtree Creek Forest
- Bird Pond

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## OUTREACH IN FULL SWING

- Brazoria Heritage Day
- Sea Center Nature Day
- **Spring Break DC Open House**
- Matagorda Festival
- KBR Kids Day
- GCBO Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza
- Sea Center Shark Week
- Sea Center Spooktacular
- Surfside Nature Fest
- Angleton Pumpkin Spice Market
- **Easter Seals Fishing at Cannan Bend**
- **TXDOT Study Tour visits BNWR**
- **Refuge Saturdays Open Houses**
- **Winter Break DC Open House**



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## JOINED THREE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE



Brazoria Chamber  
of Commerce



Brazoria Hispanic  
Chamber of  
Commerce



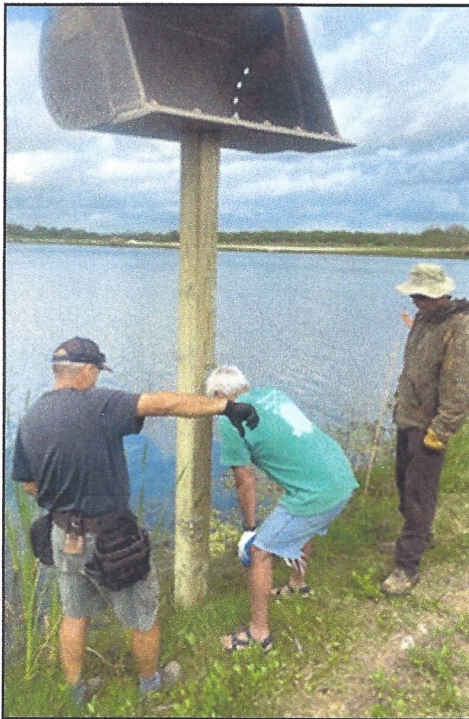
Angleton Chamber  
of Commerce



...and we hosted a Chamber Open House at the Discovery Center in October.

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## MAINTENANCE AND VISITOR EXPERIENCE

### ALLOCATED MAINTENANCE FUNDS TO SBNWR & BNWR

To address several  
“nagging” maintenance  
needs

### PURCHASED VISITOR BENCHES

Cannan Bend, 2  
BNWR Big Slough Trail, 1

### CANNAN BEND FISHING/OBSERVATION DOCKS

Refuge personnel and  
Oron’s crew built four  
platforms

### CEDAR LAKE PLANTATION TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Oron repaired trail decking

### REFRESHED BOBCAT WOODS TRAIL POLLINATOR GARDEN

Raised, steel-tub beds, new plantings

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## MIGRATION CELEBRATION

- 2022 cancelled, but fundraiser drive-through lunch held
- 2022 MC Photo Contest
- **2023** Planning underway including a fundraiser drive-through or stay lunch (volunteers needed)



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## ...AND SO MUCH MORE...



**BIRDS OF PREY**  
Phil will fill you in



**MAJOR LAND ACQUISITION WINS**  
I won't steal Mike Lange's thunder



**GRANTS**  
McGovern 35K  
Knobloch 125K  
Hershey 100K



**COMPLEX MANAGER**  
Bryan Winton joins the Complex in July



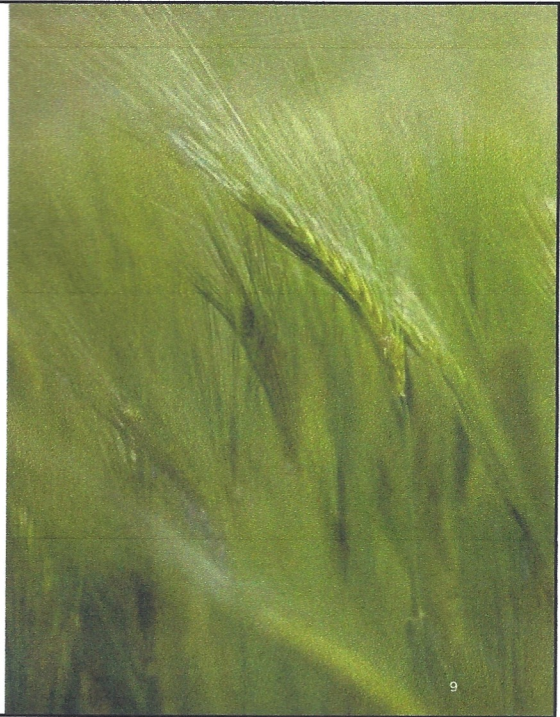
**COMPLEX VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR**  
Ruby & Laina Lewis

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## SOME CHALLENGES— 2023 AND BEYOND

- Declining FWS budget and fewer refuge personnel
- An aging Board of Directors; diversity
- Post COVID volunteer malaise
- Grants/funds for maintenance, operations
- Growing the membership



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THANK YOU, MEMBERS  
AND BOARD FOR A  
SUCCESSFUL 2022...  
...AND AN EVEN BETTER  
2023! \*

\* 2024 will be FOBWR's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary!!

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Wildlife Refuges

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