

Partners in Palo Duro Canyon Foundation

On the Edge!



Aoudad Sheep in Palo Duro Canyon

Photo by Eddie Tubbs



Jake Voigt
Park Police Officer
2019 Public Hunt

Starting on the 5th of January, 2019, and extending to the 19th, Palo Duro Canyon State Park proper and Canonicita TPWD property were hosts to annual public hunts. The south portion of PDC State Park was closed to the public for an antlered/antler-less whitetail deer and Rio Grande Turkey management opportunity. One youth hunter participating in this hunt harvested her first buck (9 point) and turkey.

Another youth hunter successfully harvested a mule deer antlerless hunt located at the Canonicita property. Mule deer antlerless permits allow management of skewed female-to-mule deer populations that are present on the Canonicita property

Canonicita also played host to feral hog control and exotic species management by permitted adult hunters. These hunters worked in conjunction with Texas Tech University graduate students to collect valuable data on exotic species and different herd genetics.



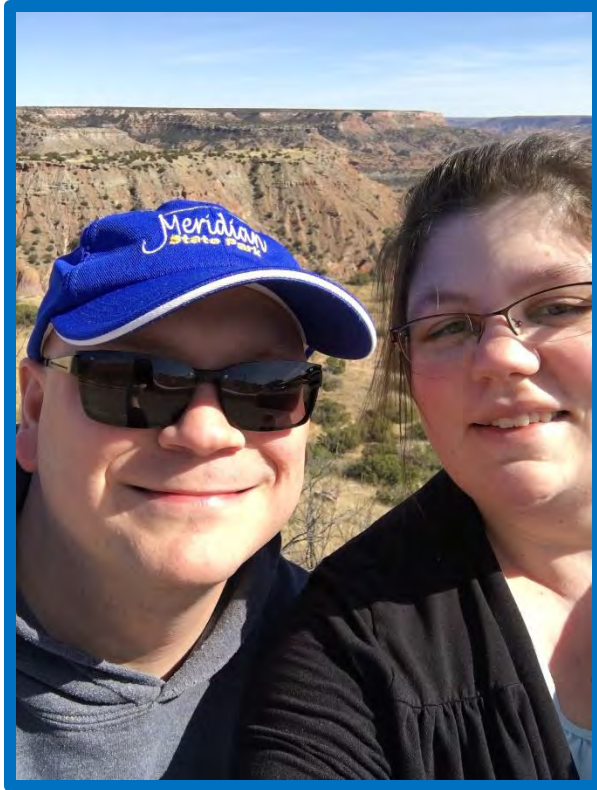
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**Aoudad, Exotic Species
Photo by Eddie Tubbs**



**Joseph Allen
Park Superintendent
And Hannah Allen**

Greetings!

I am excited to finally announce the newest member of our Palo Duro Canyon leadership team. He isn't new as y'all know him well as Jeff Davis, formerly head of the interpretation department at Palo Duro Canyon State Park.

Jeff has a wide range of experience, and I suppose the interpretative thing to do would be to go in chronological order to list them.

Jeff is a graduate of West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Anthropology and Political Science and a Master of Science in Education and Counseling.

He was a Tour Guide at Elkins Ranch, and an Interpretive Ranger at Alibates National Monument. He finally got a taste of Palo Duro Canyon State Park when he started as a Park Operational Trainee in 2007. He went on to teach 5th and 6th grades at Hereford, Texas, for several years. He even worked as a 911 dispatcher at WTA&M while getting his graduate degree. Apparently, at WTA&M is where he gained his appreciation for a bazillion computer monitors on his desk.

Jeff is no stranger to Palo Duro Canyon State Park nor to our many partners. He will serve the Park team well as he already does.

Please help me welcome Jeff, Kim, Tommy, and Dotty in their new role as Jeff transitions into our Assistant Park Superintendent. He officially took over his new role on February 1, 2019, and is already hard at work learning his new role. But don't worry, Jeff will still get to partake in offering some interpretive programs as his busy schedule will allow.

Editor's Note: In addition to his duties for the State Park, Jeff graciously and voluntarily provides a column or two in each issue of *On the Edge*!





**Jeff Davis, Assistant Park Superintendent
Kim, Tommy, and Dotty**



**Jeff Davis
New Portable Office Building**

Palo Duro Canyon State Park exists to conserve the natural and cultural resources of

the Canyon for the benefit and enjoyment of all future generations. But the Park can't reach this monumental goal without the help of our crucially involved partner groups.

As the Park's staffing changes and grows, the need for more office space has become critical. A new building or an expansion to an old building simply was not possible due to budgetary and other constraints on the Park system. An innovative and far-reaching solution to the problem was needed, and just that kind of solution was made achievable.

With the help of the Partners in Palo Duro Canyon Foundation, the Harrington Cancer Foundation, and the PD50 Race, generous donations made possible the purchase of a new, portable office building

which was delivered to the State Park recently. This building, fashioned from a new forty-foot shipping container, is a cost-effective, infinitely repurposable structure that can be used and reused by the Park for years to come.

For now, the new office building will become the new home for the Park's three law-enforcement officers. In the future, it could become a satellite shop for the maintenance crew, a field medical station for helping injured Park visitors, or one of many other uses.

This building may seem simple, but it has already had a huge impact on our daily park operations. Thanks to our valued partners, it will still be here helping us to achieve our mission for many years to come.



Office Drop



Office in Place
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