



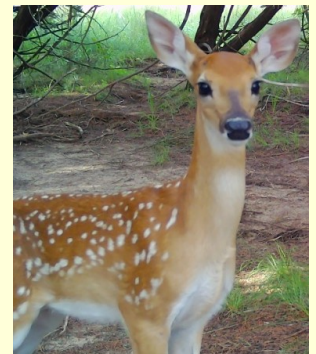
## Acton Nature Center Community Lecture Series

# 7R Ranch – A Living Model of Ranching and Ecological Resilience

Sunday, July 12, 2026 2pm

Opal Durant Acton Community Center, 6430 Smoky Hill Ct., Granbury, TX

Learn about a new venture the Davis College of Agriculture & Natural Resources at Texas Tech is building near Acton, TX. 7R Ranch, a nearly 1500 ac ranch which has been steadily restored since the 1980s, will now be an educational center helping K-12 kids, college students, and adults learn about the value of land stewardship, sustainable ranching, and the natural biodiversity of tallgrass and midgrass prairies, including pictures of native prairie plants and wildlife, as well as some preliminary biodiversity data.



**Guest Speakers - Dr. Warren Conway** holds the Bricker Endowed Chair in Wildlife Management at Texas Tech University's Natural Resources Management Department and is also the Senior Director of Outstate Research, Engagement, and Outreach Stations for the Davis College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

**Sharon Valverde** is a new Research Associate in Wildlife Research, Education, and Engagement at 7R Ranch under the Davis College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, as well as adjunct faculty at Texas Tech University.

Find the Zoom link here: <https://actonnaturecenter.org/events-programs>