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# Tamarack Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center

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## The Mission of TWREC

Our mission is to help Pennsylvania wildlife by

- Caring for injured, orphaned or ill wildlife in order to enable their return to the wild
- Promoting appreciation and understanding of wildlife through education.

### Hours:

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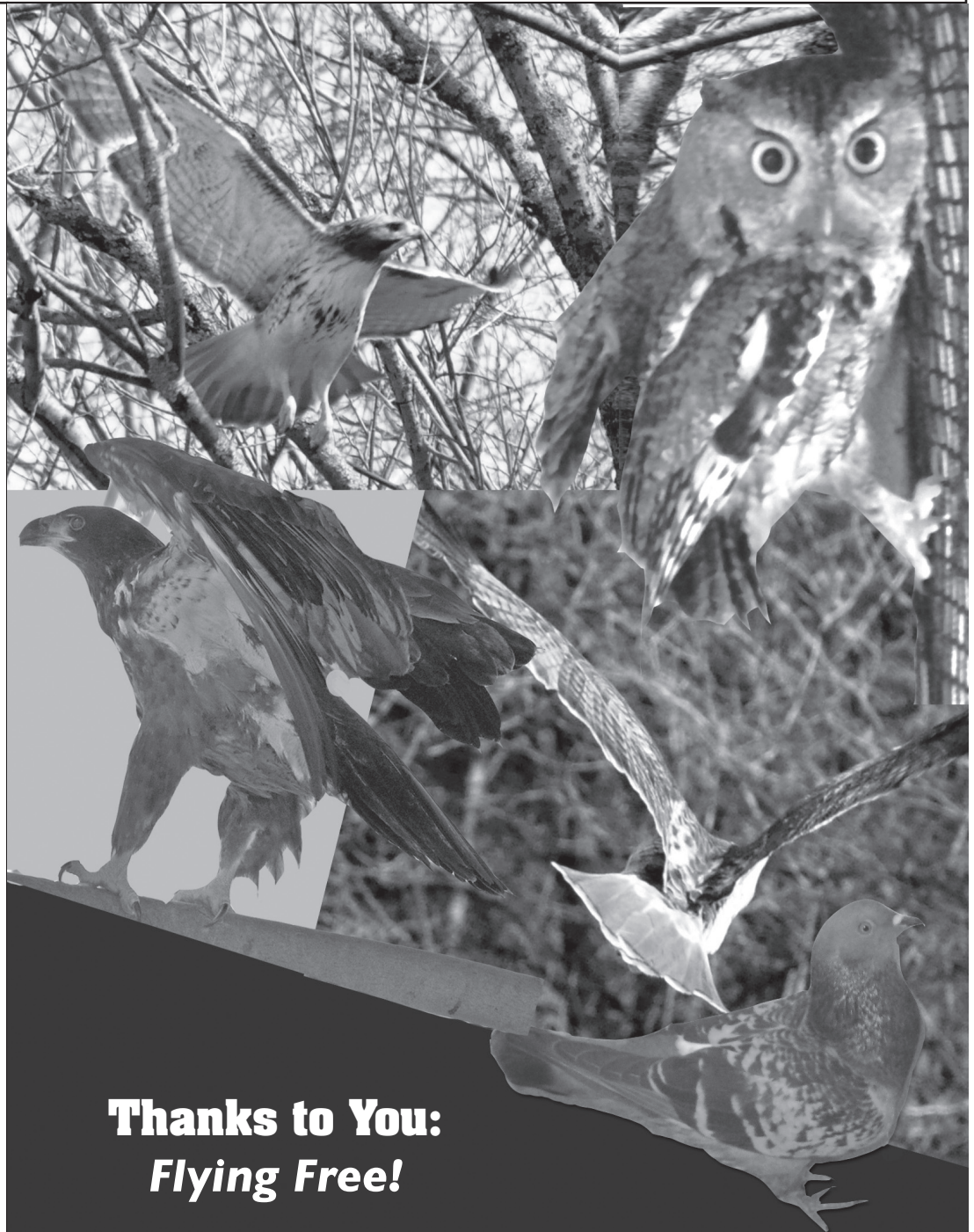


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**Thanks to You:  
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The wildlife pictured on this page are a sampling of those who have been released in recent weeks or who we expect to release soon: Bald Eagles, Red-tailed Hawks, Cooper's Hawks, Rock Doves, and Eastern Screech Owls. Their freedom is possible only through the efforts of all who support the Center. Thank you!

## Moving Forward

By Nancy Wisgirda

For all things to be successful, they must evolve. Humans, animals, plants—indeed, the very planet—all of us together must adapt to change or create change, to move forward. So it is with organizations.

Tamarack has evolved over the years, steadfast in its mission to help injured wildlife and educate the community, yet malleable in its efforts to do so. As money and time ebbs and flows, so has the service. Yet it is always there.

Sue DeArment has been the backbone of this service nearly since Tamarack's inception. So shall she remain. Still, now is a time for change, an evolution of relationship. As other dedicated staff grow in their experience and capability, Sue is now able to turn more of the day-to-day operations over to the people she has nurtured, and will now take on a more advisory role.



Tamarack has reached a point where it can stand on its own with a solid base of volunteers. Over 100 volunteers donate their time and hard work to take dispatch calls, admissions, and feed and care for the education birds. Last year volunteer hours totaled over 9,000. An incredible effort.

Tamarack also has two new sponsoring veterinarians. Dr. Felix, our long-time sponsor, is retiring; he will now pass the torch on to

Drs. Ramey and Pumbo. These veterinarians will provide x-rays, examinations and advice for the more complex cases Tamarack encounters.

The final goal is to have two additional certified rehabilitators on staff. This role, historically belonging solely to Sue, will eventually be shared with Carol Holmgren and Kris Steiner, both veteran Tamarack staff. Having three rehabbers



will better enable Tamarack to care for wildlife and more evenly distribute the responsibilities of such a noble cause.

A cause which Sue DeArment carried in a very singular fashion for a long time. Now, she doesn't have to. She has been Tamarack's backbone, its hands, and its voice. Now, she can be its wings.

## From the President's Perch

By Sarah Sargent

Spring has sprung already! What a mild winter we've had, and as usual, lots has been happening at Tamarack.

**Online.** Some of our winter patients have been released- hooray! If you "friend" us on Facebook, you can see the pictures and share the stories as new patients arrive and old ones are released. Also, we can now accept donations online- thanks to our tech-savvy volunteers Toni Kelly and Grey Whittney! Go to our website or Facebook page and click on the "Donate" button to help us out as we approach summer, our busiest time of year.

**Transitions.** The board of directors faces a challenging year ahead (see "Moving Forward") as we transition from being an organization very much dependent on Sue DeArment and her selfless generosity, to one which functions well even when Sue is taking some much deserved time off for travel, kayaking, or whatever else she feels like. We are striving to develop better ways of getting the work done, and done well, but without any one person being overburdened. We applied for a grant from the Nonprofit Partnership in Erie to help us with planning our transition, and were awarded half of what we asked for. So we are looking for additional support to make up the difference. Any ideas? Let me know at [ssargent@audubon.org](mailto:ssargent@audubon.org) -Thanks!

**Volunteers.** So many of you do so much. Thanks to all of you! For our new system to work, we will need even more people to share the tasks that need to be done. At this point we could use some more office help. Are you comfortable with bookkeeping (especially using Peachtree!)? Or doing mail merges and printing labels? An hour or two of your time, now and then, could really help us out. Let us know!

Enjoy the warmer weather, and all the beauty that nature has to offer. And please continue to help us help wildlife in need. Thank you.



## The Value of Birds Going to School

By Judy Acker

*French Creek Outreach Coordinator for Audubon Pennsylvania*



Research has proven that experiential learning is a very effective way for children to learn. That is why, when staff or volunteers take the education birds into schools for programs, and students

get to have a personal and up close experience with the birds, engagement happens and learning takes place. The students immediately connect with the birds, feeling awe, empathy, wonder and excitement. They are engaged and listening intently—taking it all in. There is just no comparison to having the live birds present during a lesson and say--looking at pictures in a book or even watching a video.

Today's kids are constantly bombarded with images, data, and entertainment—sometimes to the point of sensory overload. The information technology available at a moments notice through TV, computers and phone aps can be overwhelming. With all of these distractions, children often do not spend a lot of time outdoors anymore. Therefore, having the live birds present and learning to talk softly and move slowly so as to not startle or frighten the birds is one way of helping slow the pace down and allows the kids to connect with nature on a personal level.

Teachers as well are faced with many demands on their time. With Science PSSA testing now done in grades four, seven, ten and twelve, getting all of the concepts and content addressed that the students need

to know is a daunting task. Not only are students to be adept in Environment and Ecology standards but also Science and Technology. Tamarack's live bird programs have been correlated to both sets of standards and help address many of those concepts for different age levels and grades, thus helping teachers cover information in a way that the children will remember.



Fortunately, Tamarack's live bird programs are very affordable, even for schools that are dealing with major budget woes. Since the birds are able to travel to the school site, the expense of buses for students is eliminated. And if there is no money in the budget to sponsor the program, many schools or teachers fund the modest cost of a Tamarack program through contributions from their PTO, or by inviting donations of a dollar per student. Sometimes a little creativity is all that is needed to find funding.

For more information about outreach programs, and the team of education birds, check out our website [www.tamarackwildlife.org](http://www.tamarackwildlife.org) It is a thrill to see students engaged in learning through an experience with our education birds of prey. It's something they never forget.

## Help Wildlife When You Shop or Search Online

You can raise funds to help wildlife at **no cost to you!** Register online at **igive.com** for free, then select Tamarack as the non-profit cause you would like to support. You can shop at 889 major online companies and a portion of your sales will be donated to Tamarack. Or search the web through the igive site and 1cent is paid to Tamarack for every search you do. Use it at work when making hotel and plane reservations, and also at home.

This is a wonderful source of income for us to help wildlife and is free for you! It's a win-win!

## New Members & Contributors Since Last Newsletter

### **GOLDEN EAGLE \$1,000+**

- Jeffrey & Carol Buetikofer - Fairview, PA
- Bill DeArment - Meadville, PA
- Dr. John B. Lane, PhD - Cambridge Springs, PA

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- Erie Cage Bird Club - Erie, PA
- Erie Zoo - Erie, PA
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- Terry Knudsen - Bayside, WI
- Christine Lang - Meadville, PA
- Bill & Dorothy Leffingwell - Meadville, PA
- Karen Leshner - Union City, PA
- Linesville Rotary Club - Linesville, PA
- Shirley Morgan - Thermopolis, WY
- Nancy Norman - Cambridge Springs, PA
- Carla Picardo & Scott Wright - Erie, PA
- Karen Reichel - Erie, PA
- Beth & John Rekas - Meadville, PA

- Ridge Road Taxidermy - Meadville, PA
- Cyndi & Dave Sample - Corry, PA
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- Terrie Swanson - Albion, PA
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- Jessi & Frank Zola - Erie, PA

### **IN HONOR OF...**

- "Robert Waid's 70th birthday" by Donald & Nancy Snyder
- "Grey Whittney" by Ann Sheffield
- "Miss Lafaro's 7th grade class at St. George school in Erie" by Denise Macek
- "Oliver Lawrence's birthday" by Nancy Lawrence

### **IN MEMORY OF...**

- "Richard Hunter" by Rick & Kim Hunter
- "Charlie Wilson and James Knowles" by Harford & Audrey Knowles
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 Mixed Bird Seed  
 Thistle Seed for finches  
 Wood Pine Shavings for bedding  
 Forever Stamps  
 Gas Cards  
 Old Pillow Cases, Flat Sheets, Towels  
 Cardboard Boxes (esp. computer printer size) for temporarily housing birds  
 Paper towels  
 Bleach  
 Vetwrap, Coflex or similar product: 2", and 1/2" widths  
 Home office guillotine paper cutter  
 Digital scales for weighing songbird patients (call for details)



*Bald Eagle release photo and Goldfinch shortly before release.*

## Please Welcome Our New Sponsoring Veterinarians!

We welcome Dr. Ramey of Animal Ark Pet Hospital and Dr. Pumbo of Glenwood Pet Hospital as our new sponsoring veterinarians. Pennsylvania law requires that every wildlife rehabilitator have a sponsoring veterinarian. For the past 15 years, until his retirement in December, Dr. Ken Felix has admirably served this role. As sponsoring veterinarians, Drs Ramey and Pumbo will examine our more complex medical cases, perform xrays and prescribe medications. They are graciously donating their time and services, charging only for medicine and supplies. We are grateful for their support and partnership.

Dr. Ramey received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from Ohio State University in 1997. Already Dr. Ramey has examined a Bald Eagle and several other wild patients for Tamarack. His experience in avian and exotic medicine are assets as he examines our patients.

Dr. Pumbo also received her DVM from Ohio State University. She has an interest in exotics and assists in care of the Erie Zoo animal collection in addition to the dogs, cats and exotics she sees at Glenwood Pet Hospital. As a colleague of Dr. Felix, she has had the opportunity to examine some of our patients when Dr. Felix was unavailable.

Please note that **no member of the public should take wildlife to either Pet Hospital.** All wildlife must be admitted and examined at the Center. If needed, Tamarack staff will make an appointment for the wildlife patient to be seen.

Thank you to Drs. Ramey, Pumbo and the staff of Animal Ark and Glenwood Pet Hospitals for your support!

## SPONSORSHIPS MAKE GREAT GIFTS

You can give a sponsorship of our educational animals for \$25.00 per year. Sponsors receive a certificate of sponsorship, a 5x7 photograph and a brochure about the bird they are sponsoring. Additionally, sponsors' names are displayed by the bird's enclosure and sponsors may arrange to visit the Center for a personal encounter. Indicate which animal(s) you would like to sponsor. Send this form, along with a check for \$25 per animal per year to TWREC, 21601 Stull Road, Saegertown, PA 16433.

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