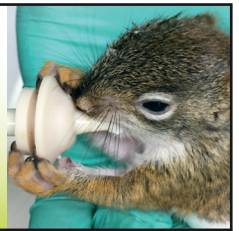




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The Mission of TWC

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.

Admissions

Presently, Tamarack is able to admit birds of prey all ages, mammals all ages (except rabies vector species), reptiles, amphibians, herons and adult songbirds and adult woodpeckers at our Saegertown Center. Other species including ducks, geese and gulls are admitted on a case-by-case basis. Songbirds and water birds are admitted on a case-by-case basis at our North East location. This is subject to change depending on case load.

For more information call
814-763-2574.

Hours

Weekdays 9 am-3 pm
by appointment

Weekends and evening
admissions by appointment



Official registration and financial
information of T.W.C. may be obtained from
the Pennsylvania Department of State by
calling toll-free within PA:
1.800.732.0999

Registration does not imply endorsement.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!



Through TWC, *You* make a difference!



Larry Slomski



Melanie Tepper

Clockwise from left: nestling Great Horned Owl; American Woodcock; melanistic Grey Squirrel; Bald Eagle.
Bottom left: Volunteer Graham Johnson holds a Bald Eagle treated for lead poisoning and injuries.
Bottom right: Emotional onlookers viewing the release of the eagle, who reunited with his mate after release.



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A sampling of recent patients and programs!

Top: Release of Eastern Screech Owl. **Second row left to right:** Great Horned owllet, Blue Jay, Janelle Harrawood and ambassador Opossum "Prudence", two Great Horned owllets, baby Fisher. **Third row:** Bufflehead Duck, Common Loon, Red-tailed Hawk; **Bottom row:** Barred Owl, juvenile Bald Eagle, Tree Swallow.



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If you have received a printed copy, consider sharing it with a friend or leaving it at a coffee shop or doctor's office waiting room for others to enjoy!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PERCH

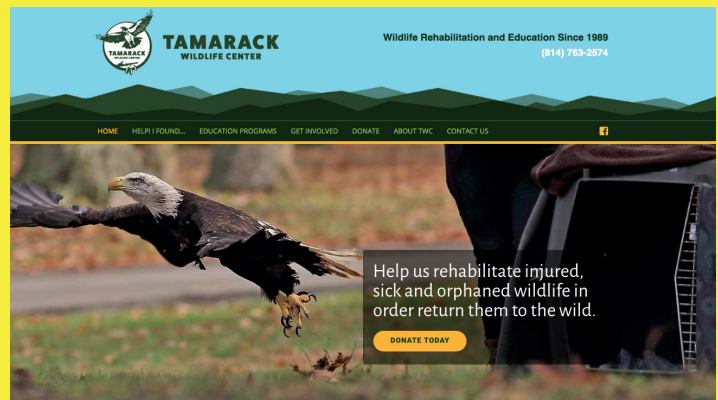
Sarah Sargent, PhD, Board President

Wow-30 years! Our organization was founded on October 10th, 1989, so we are almost 30 years old! Back in 1989, Harriet Wilson saw the need for wildlife rehabilitation in the Meadville area, and took steps to meet that need. Sue DeArment became involved shortly thereafter, leading the organization for more than 20 years. I joined the Board in 2009, I believe, so it has already been 10 years for me! Time surely does fly when you are keeping extremely busy.

There is a huge need for our services in northwest Pennsylvania, and we have been increasing our patient load, thanks to your support. This year we are on pace to surpass last year's admissions numbers, and last year surpassed the previous year. A big part of that is your financial support which is allowing us to add more staff time as well as to improve our facility so we can take more patients. Trained staff are essential for treating patients and for providing the best care for our ambassadors, and for overseeing the many, many volunteers, without whom we could not function at all! Unfortunately, there are still whole categories of wildlife in need that we are unable to accept because we are not able to provide the right care for them. So there is plenty of room for us to continue to grow. Please continue to help us help wildlife by supporting our work in whatever way you can.

Rest assured that, at the end of the day, you are helping to make the world a better place for wildlife through your support of Tamarack. And if it is a better place for wildlife, then it is a better place for all of us as well. We strive to have a positive, healing impact in a world where the news is often discouraging. Thank you for being part of Tamarack.

TWC has a *New Website!*



Same address, new site! "Thank you!" to web designer **Shannan Lynes of Knock Design, Inc.** who donated his time to give Tamarack a beautiful new website. Artist Toni Kelly had created the previous version almost ten years ago, which we loved. But technology doesn't stand still and we were due for an update. Shannan rebuilt the website to reflect continued branding efforts and advances in technology to tell the story of TWC for years to come. Check it out at tamarackwildlife.org! You can learn more about Shannan's work at www.knockdesign.com.

***Tamarack's 2018 Annual Report, including a listing of our donors, is available at our website
www.tamarackwildlife.org***

Thank you to all our members, on-site and helpline volunteers, educators, and medics for making this possible!



Rehabilitation Assistant Stephanie Snyder at a workshop.

Thank you to our winter and spring helpers: Allegheny College Bonner leaders: Brittany Claassen, Kalle Eggleston, Jordan Kameron, Catrina Steckler, and Jacob Walters. Allegheny College Students: George Ackerman, Candace Burkhammer, Arden Delphey, Alaina Duessel, Will Harrod, Graham Johnson. Volunteers: Allison Beck, Charlotte Brower, Katie Brozell, Soren Bruno, Martha Consla, Cathy Davis, Chris Green, Ryan Hamilton, Janelle Harrawood, Jared Jordan, Alexandra Lombard, Mary Mulligan-Haines, Tammy Ogden, Cindy Ondish, Barbara Pagano, Larry Slomski, Stephanie Snyder, Jessica Stefano, Leah Reibel, Marta Vandegrift, Alex Walker, and Isaac Wilbur.

Our fabulous Wildlife Helpline Volunteers, coordinated by Lynne Martin are: Rebecca Allen, Patty Baldwin, Billi Jo Beeman, Diann Bolharsky, Carol Brown, Christina Clark, Sandra Emke, Debbie Flemming, Bob Hartman, Julie Hirt, Marc Johns, Lynne Kasemer, Nancy Kerr, Lynne Martin, Brian Pardini, Tammy Rodgers, Marcella Smith. Substitutes are Cathy Davis, Rita Gannoe, Jim Fitch and Sharon Wesoky. We say goodbye to: Christina Clark and Cynthia Holub.

Save the date! August 13 is Erie Gives 2019

Thanks to you, Erie Gives Day has been a fantastic source of support for our center's work. Save the date for this year's Erie Gives! On Tuesday, August 13 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., supporters can visit www.eriegives.org to make a donation to Tamarack Wildlife Center. A percentage of all donations made will be matched by the Erie Community Foundation, increasing the value of every dollar donated. The more donations made to Tamarack that day, the more matching funds the center receives! To sign up to receive a reminder to donate during Erie Gives on August 13, visit www.eriegives.org.



Romeo, the Great Horned Owl, Becomes a TWC Ambassador

We are sure you will fall in love with our newest ambassador raptor, a sweet talking, handsome Great Horned Owl named "Romeo." Romeo hatched in 2013 and was raised by a licensed falconer. He cannot be released because he was reared from an owl by humans. Now retired from falconry, he found a new home at Tamarack in December of 2018. The addition of Romeo means that TWC once again has an ambassador Great Horned Owl, even as we grieve the loss of our beloved Vincent following a deteriorating medical condition last fall.

Given the name "Romeo" because he seems to have a preference for female handlers, Romeo hops onto the glove of our handlers, receiving food rewards and social interaction in return. He is talkative, and on programs, he enchants people with his conversational vocalizations. Romeo helps people learn about Pennsylvania's largest year round resident owl, the "tiger of the woods" and he secures his place in the hearts of all who meet him.

Romeo has a serious job! Exposure to live wildlife in education, has been shown to powerfully change attitudes and promote caring in the people who attend. Your TWC ambassadors reach 8,500-9,500 people annually!



MAKE YOUR OWN CONNECTIONS BY JOINING US AT A PROGRAM!

SATURDAY JUNE 22
Arundel Wine Cellars,
North East, 11-2pm

WEDNESDAY JULY 10
Cambridge Springs
Public Library, 2-3pm

WEDNESDAY JULY 17
Titusville Public Library,
11:15-12:15am

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7
Andover Public Library,
Andover, OH, 6-7pm

SATURDAY-SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 7-8
Wild Wind
Folk Art Festival,
Pittsfield, 10am-5pm

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19
Goodell Gardens
Wizard Fest,
Edinboro, 6-7pm

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6
Tamarack
Open House,
Saegertown, 1-4pm

Professional Development Takes Many Forms!

Tamarack staff and volunteers are committed to staying abreast of current best practices. As we deal with wildlife patients and long-term care of our non-releasable wildlife ambassadors, continuing education is essential. To keep up, we regularly attend a variety of national and regional conferences, as well as engaging in other trainings. As just one example, Laryssa and Carol are developing their skills in falconry, the ancient sport of partnering with raptors for hunting. Falconry helps us assist raptor patients that need free flight to be conditioned for release, and it hones our skills in handling our ambassador raptors through choice.

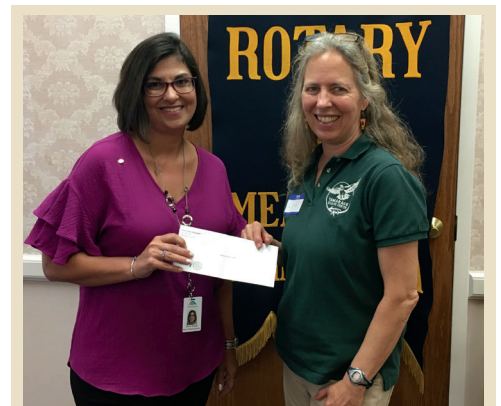
Here is what we've been up to:

Carol Holmgren, Executive Director and LWR (licensed wildlife rehabilitator): Became a Certified Professional Bird Trainer through the International Avian Trainers Certification Board; became an Apprentice Falconer; attended the National Wildlife Rehabilitation Symposium (NWRA) in St. Louis and New York Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference in Syracuse.

Laryssa Rote, Wildlife Rehabilitation Manager and LWR: Became a PA LWR for raptors; became a General Falconer; attended NWRA and New York Rehabilitation conferences;

Gina Kron, Songbird Specialist and LWR: Attended PA Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference

Janelle Harrawood, Opossum Specialist and Medic: Becoming a PA LWR for mammals; attended an opossum rehabilitation symposium in NC.



Deana Burge of Meadville Rotary presents TWC with a \$1500 grant, received by Carol Holmgren.



Donor/Volunteer Spotlight:

LYNNE MARTIN

Became involved: 2014

Background: Former owner of Insurance Agency and High School Biology Teacher, residing in Sandy Lake.

Learned about TWC: When her daughter saw news that TWC had released an eagle.

Supports TWC by: Providing financial support, and volunteering to coordinate and respond to calls on TWC's phone Helpline.

What do you think is the most important work of TWC?

What TWC does treating each wildlife patient is beautiful and spiritual, but it is the education TWC provides that extends the impact. Whether in an education program, or counseling on the phone, TWC cultivates people's awareness of our environment and wildlife, and helps move them to acting in ways that help our world.

Why do you donate?

Anything that is worthwhile needs funding to be able to make an impact. Supporting TWC puts my values and philosophy into action.

What do you value about volunteering on phone helpline?

Every week, I have experiences talking with people that melt my heart and inspire me, talking with people who have found a wild animal and who care. I want to cultivate their compassion and encourage their awareness of wildlife and nature. These are the people who will make a difference in our world.

Who inspired you to care about the natural world?

My grandfather was an agricultural extension agent. At age 8, he told me, "Something good will always happen when you go outside." That has proven true over my lifetime.

What message do you have to share?

For anyone with a passion for our natural world, donating or volunteering is an opportunity to make a difference and feed your passion!

Thinking Globally, Acting Locally

Ben Haywood, Volunteer and Allegheny College Professor of Environmental Science

Just a few weeks ago the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), a United Nations organization, released one of the most comprehensive assessments of global loss of wildlife and ecosystems ever performed. The report highlights alarming news about the status of our wildlife and the places they need to survive. Aggregating findings from research across the globe, the report concludes that nearly 1 million species (of the 8 million currently known to science) are at risk of extinction in the next few decades, the highest the extinction rate has ever been while humans have roamed the earth.

Not surprisingly, most of the primary extinction threats are precipitated by our own species, including the alteration of land and sea, the exploitation of natural resources, climate change, pollution, and the introduction of invasive species. One of the central findings of the analysis is that humans can expect to feel the impacts of such loss as growing extinctions undermine food and water systems, the resilience of our communities, and human health.

While the IPBES report raises an important warning for anyone invested in wildlife conservation, it also emphasizes a message that underlines one of Tamarack's core beliefs – that even in the case of such global challenges, small local action can foster important change. In fact, beyond the significant role we



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play in treating our many patients, Tamarack promotes and supports wildlife conservation in three important ways:

Our patient admission information allows us to track the occurrence and spread of diseases among native wildlife and, in partnership with ecologists, analyze the influence that changing weather patterns or severe weather events have on species in our region.

Tamarack's many annual educational programs provide hands-on and personalized learning opportunities for children and adults that help connect community members to our animal neighbors and inspire conservation action.

Our extensive internship and volunteer opportunities provide critical experience for individuals to gain knowledge and practical skills in the areas of rehabilitation, education, and conservation biology. Many of our interns and volunteers go on to careers in wildlife research, education, and protection.

Although it will take substantial global effort to stop the rapid rate of species extinction, there is no doubt that Tamarack is an important local actor in that effort. Our work is not possible without you. Your human and financial support makes this work possible and ensures a long-lasting commitment to global wildlife conservation.

To review a copy of the IPBES report, visit www.ipbes.net and search for "Global Assessment Summary for Policymakers".

Winter into Spring at the Center

Carol Holmgren, Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator and
Laryssa Rote, Wildlife Rehabilitation Manager

The center's phone is ringing off the hook! Our I.C.U. rooms are full. Some days we have admitted as many as 30 wildlife patients. Education programs are fully booked. It must be spring! As of this writing in late May, over 300 patients have been admitted (a new record!), thanks to the caring individuals who found them and those who support TWC.

Currently in care, we have wildlife both large and powerful, and small and delicate! For the first time ever, we are treating a young Fisher, a large weasel species once extinct in PA. We are also treating a Bald Eagle, young Screech Owls, Red-shouldered Hawks, Red-tailed Hawks, Barred and Great Horned Owls, Painted Turtles, over 60 orphaned

Opossums, numerous infant Cottontails, 15 squirrels (Fox, Grey and Red), and colorful songbirds, including Cedar Waxwing, Blue Jay, and Baltimore Oriole. Recently released patients include Bald Eagle, Barred Owls, Red-tailed Hawk, Common Loons, Fox Squirrels, Cottontails, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Cedar Waxwing, American Woodcock, Painted Turtle, and others.

Our helpline volunteers have assisted many more wildlife that did not need admission: rabbit's nests that were disturbed, but which could be repaired so the mother could resume care; fledgling songbirds that could not yet fly but were being cared for by their parents; deer fawns found lying on the ground that the mother will return to care for. If you have found an animal that you think may need treatment, call our center at 814-763-2574. Note, you will probably need to leave a message and then receive a call back. If you have a wildlife question or concern, (Raccoons in the attic? Woodchucks under the porch?) the Humane Society has an excellent resource webpage: <https://www.humanesociety.org/resource/wildlife-management-solutions>

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Honorarium

In Honor Of:

George Ackerman - Bette Dengel
Charlotte Manison - Shelly Manison
Kyfer Rumburd - Deborah Rumburd
Bobbi & Jeff Bucholz - Rebecca Gellner
Bob Hartman - Barbara Coughlin
Bianca Drew Baldwin's 8th Birthday! - Great Great Aunt Grace

In Memoriam

In Memory Of:

Mary Thullen - Barbara Layman
My wife, Kathy - Edward Henschel
My sister, Imogene, who died 11.26.2018 at 92
- William Yetman & Deborah Larsen
Loving brother, Andy Konen - April Konen and family
Andy Konen - Amanda Leute
Penelope Scott - Robert Scott
Leo T. Whalen - Linesville Pine Joint Municipal Authority
My husband, Willis - Maria Booth
David Vida - Nancy & Tim Schaaf

Long Time TWC Volunteer, Fred Heidt
- Marilyn Livosky & Jim Madden
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Fred Heidt - Gail & Janet Bodner
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To make a contribution in honor or memory of someone, donations can be made online or mailed to: TWC, 21601 Stull Rd, Saegertown, PA 16433. Be sure to include: whether this is in honor or memory; name/address for TWC to send acknowledgment; your (donor) name/address.

All members and contributors (except those desiring to be anonymous) will be listed in an annual report.

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If we neglected to include you - please let us know! We appreciate all our supporters and do our best to remember you all.

Wish List



Nestling American Kestrels, raised at the Center and released.

- Paper Towels • Bleach • Dawn Dish Detergent
- Liquid Laundry Detergent for High Efficiency Machines (HE)
- 30 Gallon Trash Bags • Forever Stamps • 2" Cohesive Bandages
- Fresh Fruit/Veggies/Greens (Call To Verify What Is Needed)
 - Nuts either in the Shell or Shelled
- Flat Sheets (Clean, Used), Pillow Cases
 - Baby Blankets • Puppy Pads
- Surgical Drape (Unused from Hospital Surgeries)
 - Sterile Saline or Lactated Ringers (IV Bags)
- Wood Pine or Ash Shavings For Bedding (Not Cedar)
 - Feather Duster or Feather Boa
(To Help Ducklings Feel Like "Mom" is there)
- Dog Toys such as Holey Roller or Durable Dog Toys for
Ambassador and Patient Wildlife Enrichment
- Fake Flowers and Greenery for Patient Housing Enrichment
 - Cotton Balls • All Sizes Latex or Nitrile Exam Gloves
- Reptile Heaters • Aquarium Pumps • HP Ink Cartridges • Copy Paper • Simple Green



Bluebirds raised from nestling by Tamarack's songbird specialist, Gina Kron

Look up Tamarack Wildlife Center's wish list on [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) for more great ideas!

Sponsorships Make Great Gifts!

You can give a sponsorship of an ambassador for \$25.00 per year. Sponsors receive a certificate of sponsorship, a 5x7 photograph and a brochure about the ambassador they are sponsoring.

Sponsorship funds help us provide food and medical care for these special ambassadors.

Indicate which ambassador(s) you would like to sponsor and whether this is a gift.

Send this form, along with a check for \$25 per animal per year to:

TWC, 21601 Stull Road, Saegertown, PA 16433.

☐ Lady Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk

☐ Alice, Cooper's Hawk

☐ Jedi, Merlin Falcon

☐ Apollo, Peregrine Falcon

☐ Sophia, Barred Owl

☐ Romeo, Great Horned Owl

☐ Prudence, Virginia Opossum

☐ Willow, Eastern Screech Owl

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*Apollo,
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