



2008 Ornament Sale a HUGE Success!

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We had an incredible year for our Christmas ornaments. Poor volunteer Rachel was working overtime to meet the demand!

St. Mark's School in Colwich is just now wrapping up a week of ornament sales for us, and we had our ornaments on display at the Garvey Extraganza (downtown in the Garvey Center) and at the Pioneer Arts and Crafts Fair at Century II after Thanksgiving.

But the biggest thanks must go

to Clark Davidson elementary school in Goddard, Kansas. They sold over 250 ornaments and raised an astonishing \$675 for us! Way to go, Clark Davidson!

The monies raised will help us provide food, shelter, and veterinary care to both our resident birds and the wild ones we receive this coming winter season. The efforts of Clark Davidson alone will keep our birds well-fed for the entire month of December.

If you haven't purchased your Eagle Valley Christmas ornament yet, there's still plenty of time before Christmas to get your order in. Our cute, festive ornaments each feature a picture of one of our resident birds. They make a terrific and thoughtful gift for anybody, because the money goes to a worthy cause.

Again, thanks to both Clark Davidson and St. Mark's schools for helping us raise money for our winter food supply!

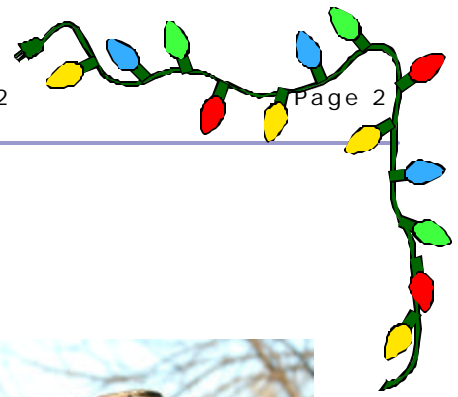
Dear Santa...I Want a Mouse!

Most teenagers would agree that they are far too old to sit on Santa's lap. But not our teenage barn owl, Miley! She was more than happy to sit on Santa's lap...er...hand...and list off all her Christmas wishes!

Of course, a barn owl's Christmas list is a bit thin on toys and games and dolls and money: they just want mice, and lots of them!

We're sure Santa will oblige her....





Cloud Elementary Adopts Golden Eagle

Eagle Valley has partnered with the Wichita School District and their Native American Programs. One of the first programs was at Cloud Elementary School. The students and teachers there were so impressed that they have adopted our golden eagle, Talon. Program Director Ken Lockwood took Talon to meet

the fine people at Cloud Elementary, to thank them for their generosity and promote the Native American Program.

We hope to continue our association with the Wichita Public Schools with further programs throughout the school year.



Our golden eagle, Talon, shows off her impressive 5.5 foot wing span.



15 Minutes of Fame

If you watch the KSN news at noon, you may have noticed one of their new features, a segment called "Walk on the Wild Side." KSN has featured Eagle Valley birds during two of their Wild Side segments

over the last several months, and we have been invited back for a third the week before Christmas.

So set those VCRs and DVRs to record the KSN news at noon on Thursday, December

18 and look for Program Director Ken Lockwood and Volunteer Rachel Bournival and two of beautiful and magnificent birds: Kili the peregrine falcon and Tundra, our snowy owl.

Say "Cheese!"

Saying "Cheese!" for the camera brings smiles to human faces, but owls, hawks, and eagles aren't so quick to flash a grin. However, we here at Eagle Valley were grinning at the wonderful donation of a Kodak Easy Share camera—and Ken has been pointing it at pretty much anything with feathers and talons and getting fantastic results.

The camera, along with a very generous donation, came from

Mary Vas, from Alabama, in memory of her late husband, Dr. Irwin Vas. The Vas's daughter lives in Maize and the family had visited our center a few years ago. They are all bird lovers and were so impressed by our facilities and the work we do that they honored us with the memorial.

We, in turn, will be honoring the late Dr. Vas by naming our Great Horned Owl's pen after him, in thanks for their dona-

tion and efforts in promoting our center.



A Real Holiday Hawk!

Recently, there have been several reported sightings of white hawks in our area. What a surprise, then, to have one turn up on our door step?

The red tailed hawk in the photo to the right was brought injured from Anthony, Kansas, where it had flown into a USPS delivery truck. The bird man-

aged to get itself stuck inside the grill—they actually had to remove the grill to get the bird out!

Fortunately, he suffered no broken bones, just a moderate head injury. He was successfully released on December 12th after a short recuperation.



EVRC “Blessed” by Visitors

We enjoy all of the people who visit Eagle Valley, but there are times when some just stand out from the crowd.

On December 2nd, two priests (one retired) paid us a visit for a tour. Father Pinkerton and

Retired Father Graber from Garden Plain are both lovers of wildlife and birding. We were thrilled to be able to give them an up-close view of nature’s more magnificent species.

Owl Pellet Hunting

We often donate owl pellets to schools, for their students to dissect. Cash-strapped districts sometimes eliminate this experiment, as owl pellets can cost upwards of \$5 a piece!

We have been contacted by a company out of North Carolina, wishing to purchase owl

pellets from us. They must be a hot commodity!

If you have a barn or building on your property that is inhabited by an owl, let us know—we’ll come and do a little “house cleaning” for you and collect the pellets.

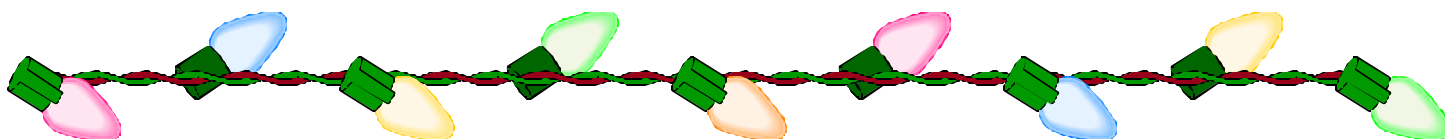
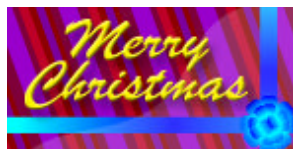
Happy Holidays!

We here at Eagle Valley would like to wish all of our friends, family, volunteers, donors, and supporters a happy, healthy, and wonderful Christmas and a blessed and happy New Year.

We also ask that you please remember our center and our birds this holiday season, and as you finish up your Christ-

mas shopping, to put a little something aside for us.

We truly could not do it without you.



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Caring for Nature's
Orphaned and Injured Wildlife

Please consider making a donation to Eagle Valley Raptor Center this month. Winter is our hardest time of year, because of the school holidays and the weather restricting our outside tours and programs. Also, our monthly food bill can go up by 25%, due to the bitter cold temperatures.

Consider making a Christmas donation to Eagle Valley, or purchase some of our Christmas ornaments. They make unique and thoughtful gifts, and the funds go to an excellent cause.



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

Yes! I'd like to help!

- Add me to your mailing list
- I'd like to volunteer or help with special projects.
- I am interested in Board of Directors/Committee membership
- I'd like to schedule a school/church program or tour of Eagle Valley's facilities
- I'd like to purchase _____ Christmas ornaments (\$3 ea or 4/\$10—please let us know if you want a specific bird pictured on your ornament)
- I'd like to purchase _____ "Eagle Valley Christmas Set" of 7 ornaments (\$15 ea)