



## “Baby Owl’s Rescue” Book Available

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Two years ago, Ken Lockwood at Eagle Valley was contacted by Sylvan Dell Publishing. They were working with author Jennifer Keats Curtis on a new children’s book about two you children, Maddie and Max, who find and rescue an orphaned baby owl. They needed Ken’s help to make sure the facts about the baby owl and about wildlife rehab were correct!

That book, “Baby Owl’s Rescue,” will be available in stores on September 5. And Eagle Valley is listed as a partner on Sylvan Dell’s website: [sylvandellpublishing.com](http://sylvandellpublishing.com)

Just click on the “Baby Owl’s Rescue” book cover, and click on the “Related Sites” link to the right. You can also purchase copies of the book.



About the author: Jennifer Keats Curtis, a resident of Maryland, has written several books about helping wildlife. Her first book, *Oshus and Shelly Save the Bay*, won the Frederick Douglass Award, from the Maryland Council of Teachers of Language Arts. She is often invited to speak at schools about both literacy and conservation. She is also editor-at-large for Maryland Life Magazine.

Eagle Valley was both thrilled and honored to be included as part of the research for this book. As you know, we have always sought ways to teach children about respect for wildlife and how to care for our natural world. This book does exactly that.

Eagle Valley is proud to be an official partner with Exploration Place in Wichita!

Starting in September, we will be presenting a “Bird of the Month” program. We will also be working with the “Roots and Shoots” program, which was started by the Jane Goodall Institute.

Be on the lookout for us at Exploration Place! Our first program will be on Thursday, September 17.



Eagle Valley Raptor Center was recently honored with a memorial for Shirley Beuerlein, who passes away last week after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. Shirley was a friend and coworker of Ken’s wife, Susan, at the US Postal Service, and will be greatly missed.

However, we are thankful that she and her family chose Eagle Valley as a recipient for her memorial, and we will be honoring Shirley’s memory with a plaque on one of our bird pens.

While it has nothing to do with birds, we would like to remind everybody that the Wichita Women “Race for the Cure” happens this year on Saturday, September 26. If you or somebody you know has been diagnosed with breast cancer, please consider joining us in the fight.

For more information, contact the Mid Kansas Affiliate at 316-683-8510.

## *New Sidewalk is a Huge Hit!*

Eagle Valley's new sidewalk was finally completed in August, and has been an instant hit with our visitors.

The sidewalk runs from the vulture pen on the east side, in front of the owl pens, all the way down to the eagle pens to the west.

It has already proven itself handy for some of our senior visitors, who find it much easier to walk on than gravel or even grass. And it's wide

enough to accommodate wheelchairs, making us ADA compliant.

We'd like to thank everyone who gave toward our capital campaign, but a special, heart-felt thank you goes out to Frank and Marni Stevens. They gave generously toward the sidewalk and in their honor, we are naming it "The Frank and Marni Stevens Memorial Walkway." A lovely sign has been commissioned

and will be set up very soon near to the start of the sidewalk, in their honor.

So be sure to schedule and tour to come out and see our birds AND our new sidewalk!

## *Eagle Scout Project Update*

Laurence Barrett, of Troop 776, has selected Eagle Valley for his Eagle Scout Project! Laurence is a senior at Goddard High School, and is the son of EVRC's resident agent, Attorney John Barrett.

Laurence is building a pergola roof over our brand new seating area in front of the bird pens (and next to our beautiful new sidewalk). This will pro-

vide a lovely shaded area for guests to sit and rest or watch an up-close program with our birds on the glove, instead of having to peek at them through the front of their pens.

You can see Laurence and company hard at work in the photo. The project should be finished this month and will be featured in our next newsletter.



## *August Rescue Report*

We might not have broken any high-temperature records this August (thank goodness!), but we did take in a record number of injured birds!

EVRC received 26 Mississippi kites, 1 barn owl, 4 nighthawks, 1 osprey, 2 great horned owls, and 1 turkey vulture. The ma-

ajority of these were brought to us in the aftermath of the severe wind storm that hit Salina, Kansas, in late August. The Mississippi kites are at the end of their nesting season, and their fledgling chicks were the hardest hit during the storm.

All but one of the kites have

now been released back into the wild. We're glad, because those little guys surely can put the food away!



**The Littlest Mississippi Kite rescued after the storm in Salina.**

## Upcoming Programs

In addition to our new “Bird of the Month” programs at Exploration Place, we have a few more upcoming programs.

On September 12, we will be traveling to the John Redmond Reservoir for the Coffey County “OK Kids” Program.

Later in the month, our golden

eagle, Talon, will make an appearance in Garden City, to honor a Boy Scout at his Court of Honor Ceremony.

And then, toward the end of the month, a group of Boeing engineers and their families are going to pay us a visit.

## North to Alaska!

Volunteer and newsletter editor Rachel Bournival is embarking on a cruise next week to Alaska! She’s very excited about the trip, as she has wanted to visit America’s northernmost territory for quite some time.

One of the ports of call on her cruise is Juneau, where our

bald eagle Cessna is originally from. Rachel is hoping that she will have time to pay a visit to the Juneau Raptor Center while she is there. It will be a fun exchange, as the director of the JRC, Kathy, recently visited Eagle Valley and got to see her former eagle in her new setting. *Bon Voyage!*



### DID YOU KNOW...

The Alaskan bald eagles were not endangered as they were in the lower 48 states. However, the state still carefully manages the population to ensure they continue to thrive.

## Bird Rescue Guidelines

Obviously, if you are reading our newsletter, you know who to contact in the event that you find an injured bird of prey. But what do you *do* in the meantime?

1. If you are able to, capture the bird. Be sure to wear heavy leather gloves to protect yourself from the bird’s talons. Gain control of the feet first, then secure the wings. As long as you have the feet, the bird cannot escape.
2. Place the bird in a box or animal crate. Make sure the box has holes for air flow. Line the bottom with a towel, so the bird has something to grip for balance. Keep the bird in a quiet, dark room, away from children and pets.
3. Do NOT feed the bird. While you may be well-intentioned, raptors have specific dietary needs. Giving hamburger or processed sandwich meat

to a bird can be detrimental or even fatal. In addition, sick or injured birds may not be able to properly digest even correct food, so it’s best to not give anything at all. Water may be offered, but do not force the bird to drink.

These steps will greatly assist us in being able to provide appropriate care to injured birds. We really appreciate it!

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Please consider making a donation to Eagle Valley Raptor Center this month. The 30 birds we took in after the Salina storm really put a dent in our food supply. Also, the fall season starts to see a drop-off in the number of school groups and tours we see, and the funds from those are badly needed as we approach winter.

And be on the lookout for our Christmas ornaments again this year! But if you're not quite ready to break out the red and green holiday decorations just yet, don't worry—we've got you covered: **Halloween-themed magnets and wall hangers!** What could be better for fall than owls and pumpkins? We'll have these on sale during our shows at Exploration Place, but you can also order them by calling Ken at 316-393-0710 or emailing him at [raptorcare@aol.com](mailto:raptorcare@aol.com).



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- 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 order \_\_\_\_ magnets and/or \_\_\_\_ hanging ornaments (fall theme). \$4 each or 3/\$10. Please enclose check.