

White Pine News

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Snowy Owl, The Rest of the Story

by June Owens

In our last newsletter March 07, we featured a story about a female Snowy Owl that we rescued near Thorp, WI in February '06. That story didn't have an ending because we didn't know if the owl would recover to return to the wild or if we would apply to keep her as an Education Bird in the event she could not be released.

The owl had been hit by the side mirror on a truck. She had a head injury, minor injury to the eye and was bruised. She was seen by Dr Arntson, Kindness Animal Hospital and Dr Dow MD, Chippewa Valley Eye Clinic. They both felt she had a good chance for a full recovery given time and supportive care. At first, the Owl progressed well. Within a week it was feeding itself, no longer needing to be hand fed cut up pieces of mice and she could perch normally instead of having to lean against the cage wall for support. She was moved into an outside cage to continue her recovery.



After a few months we began to wonder if the owl would be releasable or not. We were nearing six months in care. The Owl had not started to fly yet. She was doing well in every other way but always used the ramp rather than flying to her perches. We are required to apply for an extension from the US Fish and Wildlife Service if we have to keep a bird in care longer than 6 months.

In August '06 she started flying up to the perch once in awhile. Our hopes for her recovery were

renewed so we applied to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for an extension to keep her in rehab status. In October she was moved to a newly completed larger cage. She was flying more but had a long way to go before she was ready to make her flight back to the tundra.

In February '07 we applied for our second extension to keep the Snowy in rehab. We were really hoping she would be releasable given more time. When giving her the variety of critters she would eat on her journey home, we were surprised that she would not eat anything that wasn't white. Lemmings, the primary food source for snowy owls, are brown, that could be a big problem. The Snowy's right wing would droop after a few flights back and forth in her cage. She was very strong, but her wing had not fully recovered from the original injury.

In August we made the decision along with Dr Arntson, that the Owl would not be able to survive in the wild. We started the process to apply for the State Permit and the Federal US Fish and Wildlife Permit necessary to keep the owl permanently. In October, "Sophie" became a permanent resident of White Pine, joining Lucky, our Saw-whet Owl and Shredder, our Great Horned Owl as Education Ambassadors. Education birds are required to do at least 12 programs per year to maintain that status. At White Pine we usually present well over 50 programs each year, so all of the birds are kept busy. "Sophie" will not be ready to go off site until she has some training and becomes more relaxed around people. For 18 months we did all we could to keep her as wild as possible in preparation for her eventual release, now we are working with her to make her comfortable in the next phase of her life. Welcome to White Pine, "Sophie"!

Volunteer Coordinator Needed

We want to say a huge thank you to Lori Trautt for doing such a great job as White Pine's volunteer coordinator for the past 6 years. Lori and her husband Tom, are moving to Minnesota to be closer to her daughter and "Grandbaby". We will all miss her.

We need someone to take on this vital volunteer position. Duties include scheduling volunteers to work, bake, or make crafts for our fund raising events. We currently have a Benefit Auction in April, Thrift Sale in August, Spaghetti Feed in September, and Bake Craft and White Elephant sale in November. We have a list of loyal volunteers that respond when called to action.

Volunteer Coordinator is not a paid position. If you are interested please call White Pine

715-877-2372.



Calendar of Events 2008

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| Apr 3
2008
4 PM | Benefit Auction
Eau Claire Co.
Expo Center/
4-H Fairgrounds
1 blk W of Hwy 93 on Lorch |
| May
thru
Aug | "Baby Season" |
| Aug/
Sep | Thrift Sale
Watch for date |
| Sep 11
5 PM
to
8 PM | Spaghetti Feed
VFW Post 305
1300 Starr Ave
Eau Claire |
| Nov 7&8 | Bake, Craft, and
White Elephant
Sale
VFW Post 305
1300 Starr Ave
Eau Claire |



Lucky's Corner

It has been a very busy year at White Pine. Shredder and I presented more than 70 programs and met over 2000 people. Shredder took a couple of months off to be Foster Mom for 2 baby Great Horned Owls that were orphaned. Once they were released she was able to get back to work with me, not that taking care of the baby owls wasn't important work, "I'm just saying"..... I had to handle some of the programs all by myself. Of course, I didn't mind getting all that undivided attention, and people do seem to think I'm pretty cute.

I overheard someone say in August that we had already admitted the same number of animals that we took care of for the entire year before. Wow, I thought we were busy last year. With new critters coming in and others being released every day, plus the 50 to 60 phone calls a day they handle, it is a good thing I am here to keep the humans on track. I don't know what they would do without me.

Shredder and I want to welcome "Sophie" to the family. She will be helping us teach people about wildlife at our programs. Sophie is a very pretty Snowy Owl, but I am still the cutest!

"Lucky" Photo Book Still Available

The cost is \$20 per book plus \$3 postage and handling.

To get your copies contact:

Patti Stangel, 715-832-1462

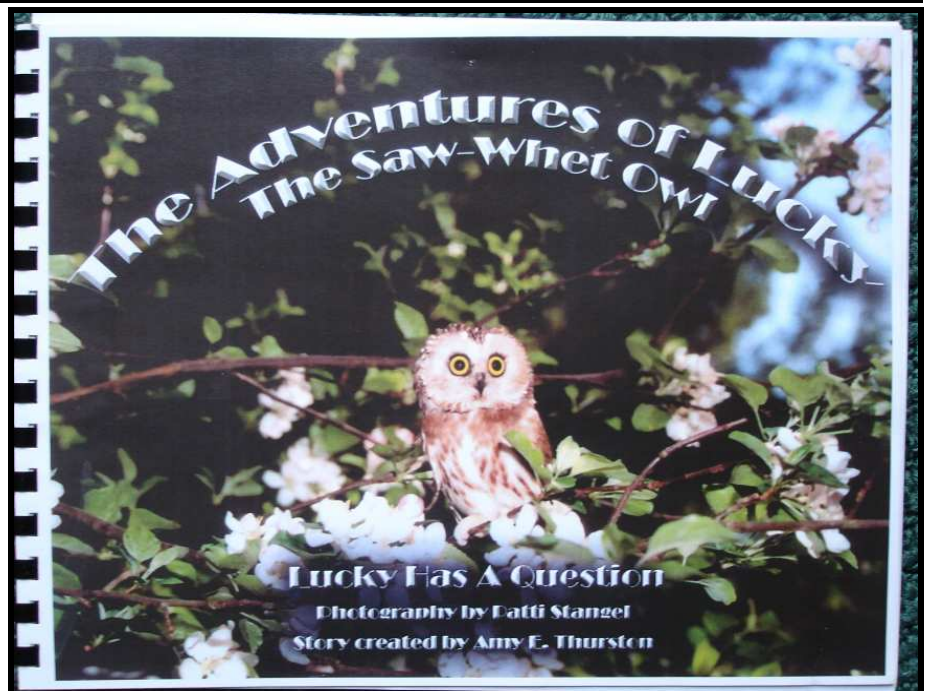
or send Check or money order made out to White Pine Wildlife Rehab. Center to:

Patti Stangel

Lucky Photo Book

3511 E Hamilton Ave.

Eau Claire, WI 54701



Benefit Auction

Mark your calendars for our benefit auction at the Eau Claire Expo Center / 4-H Fairgrounds, Thursday April 3, 2008, starting at 4pm. You won't want to miss it. White Pine's biggest fund raiser is an opportunity for you to pick up some wonderful unique items, have a fun evening and help the critters. If you have never been to an auction before, this is a good one to start with. Abundant parking, comfortable seating, smoke free, good food, easy to follow bidding, good company, and great stuff to buy.

We are collecting donations for the auction and already have some nice antiques, artwork, jewelry and gift certificates. To donate antiques, collectibles, new items, gift certificates, art work and other treasures, call
715-877-2372

Our Veterinarians

White Pine is grateful to all of our consulting veterinarians for giving so generously of their time, expertise, and supplies. White Pine could not operate without them.

Ark Animal Hospital - Dr. Jeff Stepanek

Eau Claire Animal Hospital - Dr. Craig Johnson, Dr. Cynthia Mather
Dr William Rogers, Dr. Jodi Bohl

Family & Farm Veterinary Clinic, Hayward - Dr. Ed Haugen

Hoof and Paw, Menomonie - Dr. Foster Soper

Kindness Animal Hospital - Dr. Charles Arntson

Kronenwetter Vet Care, Mosinee - Dr. Chris Bleifuss

Northside Pet Hospital - Dr. David Menard, Dr Rebecca Lee,
Dr Carmi Simonson

Oakwood Hills Animal Hospital - Dr. Robert Bohacek,

- Dr. Pam Ogden, Dr. Kevin Landorf

- Dr. Joan Schumacher

Dr. Marv Smith, Eau Claire - Formerly of Eau Claire Animal Hosp.

Mosinee Vet Clinic, Mosinee - Dr Robert Pope

Westgate Animal Hospital - Dr. Nate Meyer, Dr Duane Vollendorf,
- Dr Pam Hansen, Dr. Julia Foster-Gawley

You can help us thank these caring Veterinarians by patronizing them when your pets need help.

Everyone who made our April Auction, September Thrift Sale, September Spaghetti Feed and November Bake Craft & White Elephant Sale successful. Your donations of treasures, time and talent are very much appreciated.



Eau Claire Morning Rotary Club for choosing White Pine as one of the recipients of the proceeds of the September Charity Golf Outing.



Mega Pick N Save East for the daily donation of culled produce for the Bears & other critters. We could not afford to take care of the bears without this help.



Badger Bait for donation of waxies and discounts on worms & waxies.

Cascade Tissue Group for donation of cases of paper products.

EZ New Media, Kris & Jim Zons for the advertising campaign for our '07 benefit auction.



Mary Ann Huff for making and donating the beautiful quilt for our raffle. Raffle tickets still available - drawing December 15th.



Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association Foundation for their donation to help care for the bears.

Thank You
Without the generous donations of money, time, and materials from our many fine supporters and volunteers, White Pine would not be able to serve the needs of injured and orphaned wild life. We truly appreciate your help.



VFW Post 305 for use of the Hall for our Spaghetti Feed and Bake Craft & White Elephant Sale.



The Leader- Telegram for choosing White Pine as the April '07 organization for Jeans Day for Charity.

The Businesses that have White Pine Donation Jars on Display:
Grand Avenue Café, Grandma D's Café, Guyers, Hibbard Law Office, Joleen Francis Hair Salon, Maple Manor Lounge Café, Pet Food Plus, Fall Creek Pharmacy and our Consulting Veterinarians.
If you are willing to put a **White Pine donation jar** at your location please call : **715-877-2372.**



Veolia Environmental Services for discount on dumpsters.



EBY Brown & Sam's Club for donation of damaged bags of critter foods & supplies.



Trading Post Buyers Guide for donated advertising for our events.



Pet Food Plus for acting as a drop off point for White Pine.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed for many tasks at White Pine including:
 Pick up/Transport animals Work at Craft/Bake Sale Help with building projects
 Fold newsletters Bake for Bake Sale/Spaghetti Feed/Auction Make craft items
 Work at Thrift Sale/Spaghetti Feed/ Auction Put up posters Sell tickets

If you would like to help, please call June at (715) 877-2372

In Celebration

From Dorothy Chapek in celebration of the 60th Wedding Anniversaries of my friends, **Mr. & Mrs. Lester Tiede** and **Mr. & Mrs. Bob Schmitz**. Congratulations!

From Irene Jacobson in honor of and in celebration of **Paula Brandt's** Birthday. Happy Birthday Paula!

From Joe & Joy Motto in honor of **Lori Trautt**, what a job description on her position as White Pine's volunteer coordinator. Hats off to what she accomplished.

From Ann Neidhold in celebration of the Marriage of **Susan and Bobby Maddux**. Congratulations. May you enjoy a lifetime of love together.

From Gay & Bev Gerike in honor of "**Muffin**" who is so much company and fun.

From Debbea Alaimo, Meadowood Wildlife Rehab Center in celebration and appreciation of **White Pine Wildlife Rehab Center**. White Pine is a very special place, they don't just rehab the wildlings, they also take the time to help other rehabbers in time of need. Thank You, John, June, Patti, Lucky, Shredder and Sophie.

Foster Mom in Action

Shredder our non-releasable Great Horned Owl did double duty this year. In addition to her job as an education bird she has been a wonderful foster mom to the baby Great Horned Owls that have come in for care. We always try to return the baby birds back to their own parents if we can, but sometimes that is not possible. It is not a good idea to try to hand raise baby owls because they imprint so easily. We don't want owls, or any other wild animal, to become tame. Wild animals that have no fear or are not wary of humans are very dangerous or their survival is endangered.

Shredder had two baby Great Horned Owls to care for this year. In the past she has raised only one at a time. We were not sure how she would react when we put the second fuzzy baby into her cage. She immediately got between us and "her" babies, fluffed up, hissed and clacked her beak to warn us away. It was amazing to see them grow from "fuzzy muskmelons" into owls. Shredder did a great job. Neither of them wanted anything to do with people. (Shredder is not too crazy about us either.) They developed amazing hunting skills and grew into formidable young adults. They were released together near dusk one evening to carry on Shredder's legacy as the magnificent, silent creatures of the night that they were meant to be.



"It Takes A Village"

Thank you to everyone that contributed to make our Benefit Auction April 5th a success. It is always amazing to me the number of people that come together to help the critters. The artists, individuals, and businesses who donate items to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The people who donate money directly to help the critters, the people who donate the food for the auction food stand, the people who donate their precious time to the effort, and to the people who attend, bid on and buy the wonderful assortment of treasures that are donated.

The cooperative effort that it takes to have our auction each year was brought home when we wanted to show pictures of the small items and gift certificates on the wall so people could easily see what was up for bid. Patti Stangel took all of the photos; June Owens labeled them; Claude Schilling put them together for a power point presentation; Watson Industries loaned us their projector; The Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club loaned us their lap top computer to run the program and Jason Berry put it all together and handled the equipment to do the presentation.

The photos were a big hit; everyone could clearly see the items and knew what they were bidding on. We will expand the photo array for our next auction coming up April 3, 2008. Mark your calendars!

Please become a part of our village of caring people who help the wild critters. Send your tax deductible donation today.

MEMORIALS

From Ann Stepanek in memory of my husband, **Ray Stepanek**. Every day a cherished memory keeps you in my thoughts.

From Nancy Machura in memory of **Peggy Karl**. My dear friend passed away January 1, 2004. I will always miss her kindness and caring, her sense of humor and zest for life.

From Tom & Arlene Mathwig in memory of **Olga Mathwig**. She had a kind and generous heart. She loved nature and all animals.

From Rachel Kaeding in memory of **“Buck” Kaeding**. Always in our thoughts.

From Judy Brist in memory of my Husband, **John W Berg**.

From Jean Curtis in memory of **Barbara Olson** who passed away recently. She was a true animal lover.

From Alice Droske in memory of my mother, **Margaret Gutche**. You are thought of every day with loving memories that I will treasure forever.

From Family and Friends in loving memory of **Arleen Hick**. We miss her dearly, but know she is with her life-long love, **Ray Hick**, joined in heaven as they were in life. Both Ray & Arleen loved wildlife and appreciated what White Pine does for the animals and for the community.

From Doris Mae Pederson in memory of my husband, **Verlyn Pederson**. I will always miss you.

From Sally Glasener in memory of my dear husband, **Paul “Soapy” Glasener**. The wonderful memories of our years together will always be in my heart.

From David and Loretta Manor in memory of **Blaine Manor**. We miss you.

From Jill Whiting, Mike Matz and many friends & relatives, in memory of my dear mother, **Vera Griffin Gruber Eby**. Mom’s prayers were answered when she was enveloped in the arms of the Lord on October 12, 2007 after a long illness. She happily joined her parents, **David and Irene Griffin** and her sister, **Marjorie Imogene Griffin Milano** for the heavenly celebration of Marjorie’s birthday November 26th. She was a gracious lady, watching out for others, including animals of every kind, to the very end. She will be missed by so many whose lives she touched.

From Marion Schlewitz in memory of my wonderful husband, **Lloyd Schlewitz**. We enjoyed 47 years together. Lloyd was a very caring man, always helping others in need. He devoted 18 years helping children as a crossing guard and instilled in our 2 children his love and respect for nature and all living creatures.

From Helen & Dean Amundson in memory of my sister, **Edna Kelly**. She was a true animal lover. We all miss her.

From Val Schlitt in memory of the love of my life, my wife, my soul mate, my best friend, **Shirley Gayle Schlitt**. Gayle was a sweet, giving person, always concerned more about others than herself. Forever my love.

Help!!

White Pine is in desperate need of funding. The number of animals admitted has dramatically increased, from 788 last year to 928 at the time this newsletter went to press. The cost of caring for each of those animals has also increased. We are a small organization doing a big job. That takes money. We receive no government funding fees or reimbursements so we depend entirely on your generosity. We stretch our funds as much as possible and use every cent wisely.

Consider what would happen if White Pine wasn’t here to give advice and care for the animals in need. Who would answer your call for help?

Please answer our call for help. Send a tax deductible donation if you can.

PLEASE HELP WHITE PINE

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S3091 Oak Knoll Rd.
Fall Creek, WI 54742
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CRITTER MEMORIALS

From Debbea Alaimo, Meadowood Wildlife Rehab Center in memory of **“Tippy”, a Saw-Whet Owl, “Clayton”, a Crow and “KeeKee”, a Kestrel.** They were all education birds at Meadowood. Beyond reaching nearly 1000 humans, they taught me everyday about the wonders of the wildlings.

From Barbara & Kenneth Karwoski in memory of **“Harley”, “Huey” and “Max”**, all three lost to illness last year. Harley and Huey were Norwegian Elkhound half brothers age 12 & 10. We got them at 10 weeks old so we know they had a good life. They were wonderful dogs, kind and never ran. Max was an awesome Rottweiler / Lab mix. I adopted him from the Shelter. He was older so people passed him by. We had him 4 years. He was a great house dog in spite of his “anxiety issues”. We miss them all more than words can say, yet I know they are in a better place.

From the Tom & Judi Wolter Family in loving memory of **“Buddy”**, our 11 year old Pomeranian, who lost a courageous battle with congestive heart failure on Dec 27, 2006. We will forever miss him and look forward to picking him up at the “Rainbow Bridge”.

From Sally & Al Fleming in loving memory of our wonderful dog, **“Cody”**, who shared his life with us for 17 years. He was a great companion and we miss him terribly, but we know he’s with his brother, **“Thor”** now in Doggie Heaven.

From Deb Linc in memory of my Beagle **"Hank Buttercup"** He owned me for only two short years, but he was such a wonderful part of my life, I really miss him.

From Barbara Karwoski in memory of **All my Past Pets**, Feline, Canine, Birds and Gerbils, I love and miss them all.

From Billie Macaul in memory of beloved **“Rags”** who laid to rest on September 7th. He was a handsome, 13 year old cat who was well mannered and will always be remembered lovingly by Kyle and Patty. He was the best pet one could ever have. Rest in Peace, “Rags”

From Bonnie Tibbits in memory of **“Mig”**, the best Buddy / Dog anyone could have experienced. We were so fortunate to have you.

From Diane & David Boetcher in memory of **“Isaac”** our beloved domestic short hair cat.

Gordy's County Market

Send your receipts from Gordy's to:

Kalli Roberts
5574 Northshore Dr.
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Receipts need to be less than 6 months old so please make it a habit to send them each month. White Pine receives a percentage of the receipts as a donation from Gordy's.

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