

# Newsletter 2021



## All Grown up

In early December 2020, we received a call from the Wildlife Clinic at Cornell informing us that they had been treating an adult male bald eagle and it was ready to come to us for flight conditioning. It had been found on Cemetery Road in Trumansburg with several puncture wounds. It appeared as though it had gotten into a territorial battle with another eagle and got the short end of the stick. He came to us with both a U.S. Fish and Wildlife band on, as well as a NY State DEC band. We noticed his NY band was P/31. I called Bonnie Parton, the DEC eagle bander, and reported his number.

Shortly there after, she called me back and said that she had banded him while he

was just a tiny eaglet in the nest with his female sibling. She sent the picture above of the two of them right after they had their new bands put on. She had taken the picture on May 13, 2005, so we knew he had been in the wild for fifteen years. After he was totally healed and flying well, we drove him back to the cemetery where he was found. Eagles mate for life, so his mate was somewhere out there waiting for him. Our advice to him as he took off into the trees beyond the cemetery, "Steer clear of bullies."





### A Pair of Bears

Two tiny black bear cubs called Kindred Kingdoms home this year. One was found in Steuben County with porcupine quills in his face. He may have been left behind because he couldn't nurse on the sow. He was only six pounds and was found orphaned along a rural road in Woodhull, NY. When he arrived, we took him to Dr. Jeremy Prosser and he and his techs removed the quills, as well as the several ticks they found on him. The other cub was also a male and was found in Clinton County, in a town called Mooers Forks. He had taken a terrible fall from a tree, landed on his head, and was having seizures. After doing a relay with

several willing drivers, he finally arrived at our doorstep. We, in turn, drove him to the Cornell Wildlife Clinic where a team of veterinarians would treat him. He was only 5.25 pounds. Soon, both cubs were back here and put together. The growling and slapping only lasted a short time and pretty soon they were snuggled up together in their den box. They will soon hibernate for the winter and their release is scheduled for next spring.

#### In Memoriam

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Community has surely suffered a great loss with the passing of our dear friend, mentor, and confidant Barbara "Missy" Runyon. Her compassion for wildlife in need, whether it be a fledgling sparrow with a broken wing, or an orphaned black bear cub, was omnipotent. For those of us who had the good fortune to have known her, we can be eternally grateful for the knowledge and wisdom she left us. May she take with her into the next realm all the good she experiences here. Soar with the eagles my friend.



#### Kestrel?

Did you know that American Kestrels appear to have eyes on the back of their heads? This is a good example of an adaptation called "Mimicry." If a predator were to fly up behind them, the kestrel appears to have huge eyes, making the predator think twice before attacking.

Kestrels are the smallest falcons in North America compared in size to a blue-jay and second smallest in the world. They nest in cavities or nest boxes.

Kindred Kingdoms raised several hatchling kestrels this year. They were flight and prey tested and released when they were strong and could hunt for themselves.





#### How you can help!

#### **Amazon Smile**

Shop through Amazon Smile, Choose Kindred Kingdoms as your charity https://smile.amazon.com/

#### **Giving Works**

http://givingworks.ebay.com/

#### igive.com

Shop through iGive.com. Choose Kindred Kingdoms as your charity and a portion will be sent to Kindred Kingdoms.

#### goodsearch.com

Designate us as your charity and each time you search the web you generate revenue in our name to help us care for all the injured wildlife.

#### **Donate Cars/boats/ATV**

If you have an old car, boat, snowmobile or ATV you would like to get rid of You can donate it to us, Call 695-6418. This will greatly help us continue to care for our furred and feathered friends.

#### **United Way**

If you would like to designate your United Way contribution to Kindred Kingdoms. Call Jean at (315) 695-6418 and we will direct you to the correct contact for your county.

#### Can you help us?



Animal care is labor intensive and very costly. We do not receive any state or federal aid and are supported by your donations, our fundraisers and ourselves.

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