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## SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP

All camps are scheduled to run from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Times may vary if a field trip is planned. The cost for each camp is \$350 per week per student and includes all admissions, transportation and snacks. Each camp is limited to 12 students.

### WILDLIFE CAMP



Ages: Students entering grades K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Date: July 11-15  
 Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 Fee: \$350 per student per week

This camp is designed to give young students the opportunity to hold, touch, and learn from a variety of animals including lizards, turtles, snakes, owls, and geese. Students will learn about the 5 senses, day and night animals, and the places where these animals live. Walks, talks, and field trips abound. Dress for getting wet and being muddy. Parents/guardians are welcome to stay with the students.

### REPTILE CAMP



Students entering grades 3rd, 4th, and 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Date: July 18-22  
 Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 Fee: \$350 per student per week Got a herp in the family?

This is the camp for them. Salamanders, frogs, Boa, pythons, snapping turtles, box turtles, iguanas, skinks, geckoes, etc. This camp is an intensive look and investigation into the biology of the world of amphibians and reptiles. This includes field trips “herping” outdoors and to the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard.

### WHERE'S FRED'S HEAD?



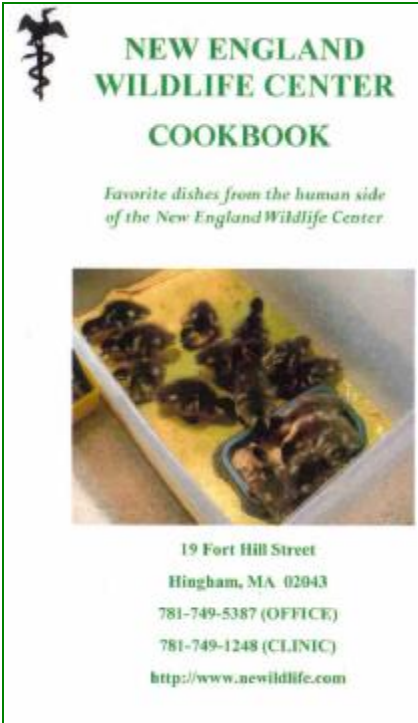
Ages: Students entering grades 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Date: July 25 - 29  
 Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 Fee: \$350 per student per week

Fred, debonair man about town, loses his head somewhere in the Boston area. Campers must figure out the mystery, and find and recover Fred's head. Incidentally, campers will learn how to name every bone in Fred's body, plus a lot more biology about the 35 trillion other cells that use to hang off his bones. (((But don't tell them that.)))

Camper's Name _____	Birth date _____
Parent or Guardian's name _____	
Address _____	
Town, State, Zip _____	
Home phone number _____	Work number _____
Contact in case of emergency _____	
Relationship to camper _____	Contact's phone number _____
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# COOKBOOK FOR SALE !!!!

For the first time ever !!! NEWC is offering a very unique cookbook (in color). In addition to the over 100 recipes that are included in the cookbook there are stories and thumbnail pictures about many of our patients. A perfect gift for that someone special.



**NEW ENGLAND WILDLIFE CENTER COOKBOOK**

*Favorite dishes from the human side of the New England Wildlife Center*



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**WILDLIFE ER 103**



A Great-horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*) was admitted from Scituate, thin, dehydrated and weak. Upon arrival, he could not stand upright. Examination showed no injuries. After cage rest and nutritional therapy in intensive care, he was moved to a ward where he was watched and strengthened. He has been released back into the wild.



A Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Phoenicurus fuscescens*) was admitted with a fractured left wing. Treatment called for a wing wrap and antibiotics. This fellow recovered very well and has been released. This striking song birds are normally found in hardwood forests and are approximately 8" long and weigh approximately 1.6 oz.



**Better than Sex Cake**

1 box German chocolate cake mix  
1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk  
2 c. hot fudge topping  
1 (12 oz.) carton cool whip

Bake cake according to package directions. While cake is still hot poke holes in top of cake with the end of a wooden spoon. Pour sweetened condensed milk over top. Let cake cool.

Microwave hot fudge topping according to jar directions. Pour fudge topping over top of cake and let set. Spread on whipped topping.

Sorry can't talk right now...got a swab in my mouth...



## MAIL-IN COUPON

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Donation is \$15.00. Cookbooks may be picked up at the Wildlife Center or they may be shipped to your home for an additional charge of \$4.

Checks should be made payable to New England Wildlife Center and mailed to 19 Fort Hill Street, Hingham, MA 02043.

Through this hands-on care students stand to gain not only a love and appreciation of animals and the out of doors, but they learn the biology of life -- of their own life, the lives of the creatures in their own backyard, and the whole global biology.

To hold a crumpled hummingbird in your hands, whether it lives or dies with your care is to hold that bird and its kind forever in your heart. This new facility will take away the need for exhibitionism of animals in zoos, aquarias and nature centers and replace it with physical contact and care of animals. It is a much better education for a student to hold and care for a gull hit by a car, than it is to walk by and see hundreds of captive monkeys, elephants, tigers, pythons and birds of paradise in a zoo.

We have lost our virgin woodlands, our clean water and we stand on the precipice of losing our own personal biology to the specialists and insurers of our medical health. And here, in this new facility we stand ready at the chance to take it all back. By combining close educational contact with medicine and disenfranchised wildlife, we can create a new perspective that fosters stewardship of the environment, of habitats, wildlife, pets and our own health.

#### **How much will this facility cost?**

From start to finish about \$8 million. This includes design, fundraising and construction.

#### **Where does this money come from?**

All of this money is from private donors. To date there has been no tax money from any governmental source to support the Center and its programs. It is truly a grass roots cause, and one that is gaining momentum.

#### **Who is running this capital campaign for the Center?**

In usual Center fashion and like all good grass roots organizations the Center board and staff are running the campaign. All fundraising initiatives including this capital campaign are headed up by Katrina Banagis, deputy director of the Center. It is her strategic planning and advocacy to the donors that has enabled the work of the Center to grow and thrive. Nevertheless, all Center staff and board members participate in fundraising enterprises.

The construction project is coordinated and implemented principally by Joanne Sanders, Director of Finance and Systems for the Center. This is a complicated project to implement especially in the new advocacy areas of green technology and LEED certification. She is assisted in this project by the consulting firm of RCAdvisers. Our principal contact there is Bob Coture, a well-known project manager on the Boston construction scene.

### **NAMING OPPORTUNITIES**

There are lots of naming opportunities available for the new Thomas E. Curtis Wildlife Hospital and Education Center. If you are interested in designating a room, or maybe donating a piece of equipment, please contact us for further information at 781-749-5387.

ANSWERS TO SHORT QUIZ found on page 5:

- 1) a) Basophil - Circulating blood cells that call for inflammation to bring other blood cells to a site of danger.
  - b) Heterophil - Fast acting clean up crew to clear away damaged cells and debris.
  - c) Lymphocyte and red blood cell - Processes and makes antibodies and kills bacteria, viruses and parasites.
  - d) Monocyte and red blood cell - Helps process antigen and as a result helps produce antibodies.
- 2) D
  - 3) E
  - 4) B



Your donations to the New England Wildlife Center are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

- g) SIPS panels (structurally insulated panels) that have with a very high insulating value of R25. Included are Energy Star windows which are able to be opened and closed for environmental control.
- h) Onsite recycling center
- i) Preferential parking for car pools, vehicles and bicycles and bicycle racks for staff and volunteers to use while at work.
- j) 75% of the land site is left for passive recreation
- k) Site disturbance during construction is restricted to be within a 40' distance of the building walls
- m) No night time lighting will leave the site which eliminated light pollution.

**What will be in the building?**

- a) Veterinary hospital for wildlife
- b) Nature Center/Library Resource Center/Learning Center
- c) Classrooms for science education
- d) Administrative offices for the Center
- e) Arts and Crafts exhibition and sale center

**Who designed the building?**

Designer.....Strekalovsky, Hoit & Raymond  
Green Consultant.....Andelman & Lelek Engineering  
Civil Engineers.....Daylor Consulting  
Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Protection, Technology Engineering...Gracia, Galuska DeSousa, Inc.

**Who created the vision of the new facility?**

The programming of the function of the building was conducted by Greg Mertz, executive director of the Center and involved the full staff, board and volunteers of the Center and about 30 community members including veterinarians, educators, businessmen and government policy makers.

**Why is it named Thomas E. Curtis Wildlife Center?**

The single largest donor to the new Center is the Curtis Family of the South Shore. The patriarch of this family was the late Thomas E. Curtis and the new building will commemorate his life and love of them and his value of educational experiences.

**Where will the new facility be located?**

At 498 Columbian Street in Weymouth, MA

**Why there?**

12.9 acres of commercially zoned but undeveloped woodland were donated to the Center to expand this facility into a premier veterinary and education facility. This location is at a hub of roadways, railways and communities that will give the whole Boston metropolitan community better more efficient access to the Center's programs.

**Why is this new facility so important?**

The new facility gathers together the practice of veterinary medicine in behalf of wildlife and the environment and brings it into close proximity and integration with elementary, high school and undergraduate education. The Thomas E. Curtis Wildlife Hospital and Education Center will change the face of wildlife care and environmental education in this country and in this century. The core principle from which all our program philosophies emanate comes from a belief that when students can participate (not simply watch on TV or in a textbook) in the care of an individual gull, cormorant, grebe or hummingbird those participants become lifelong advocates and stewards of those species.



## **FAQ'S ABOUT THE THOMAS E. CURTIS WILDLIFE HOSPITAL AND EDUCATION CENTER**

### **When are we going to begin construction?**

The best projected answer is April of this year. There are several major hurdles to get over before then but all work plans are complete. Financing, fundraising and contracts are on track.

### **What will the building be used for?**

The training of elementary, middle school, high school, undergraduate and twenty-one other audience types. And, the veterinary care of 225 species of wildlife.

### **What is A LEED certified building?**

LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, a green technology building model promulgated by the Green Building Council of Washington, D.C. There are only 100 LEED certified buildings in North America. The completed building will be an educational destination site for building and construction professionals.

### **What green technologies are designed into the building?**

- a) 10kw photovoltaic building integrated system (the new generation of solar panels which will be the roof and not mounted onto the roof). This will provide 5% of our energy needs from renewable sources.
- b) Water reduction and rainwater harvesting has a 20,000 gal cistern that collects harvested rainwater which results in reduced water consumption. Harvested water (a grey water system) will be used for laundry, cage cleaning and low-flow toilets.
- c) Atrium style building where daylight reaches 90% of the building so that we can control lighting with a reduced energy draw.
- d) All paints and adhesives used in construction are without volatile organic chemicals. This reduces sick building syndrome.
- e) Openable windows, so office and classroom windows can be open & closed for personal comfort independent of facility environment.
- f) The building will be approximately 40% more efficient than the average building because of the highly insulated envelope using SIPS.

## THANKING YOU SO MUCH

The New England Wildlife Center depends upon the support of our friends in so many ways: in-kind contributions, groups from businesses and organizations who come and participate in volunteer "work" days to help with buildings and grounds. There are a number of people and organizations that we want to thank for their support either in giving products to the Center or providing services to the Center. Below are just a few.

Peacock Press  
Baystate Envelope  
JP Printing  
Drew Townson of Flying Scotsman Recording Studio  
SeaNote of Hull  
BJ's Wholesale Club  
Discount Self Storage, Weymouth  
Eagle Leasing Storage Containers  
Christie's Transport  
Storage USA of Abington  
Manet Community Health Center  
Westwood Public Schools  
Weymouth Public Schools  
Hingham Public Schools

Isabelle Olsson who conducted 2 lemonade stands and held a school donation drive.  
The Harris Family of Hingham for their donation of a 1991 Jeep Cherokee, "*Andrea's Rescue Van*".  
It is used for some animal rescues, animal releases, errands and education program transportation.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 25 - Easter Lollipops sold at the Hingham Commuter Boat
- March 26 - Easter Egg Hunt at NEWC
- May 7 - Car Wash at Firestone, Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham



This orphaned Screech Owl was getting weighed in to make sure he's where he's supposed to be. All our patients have a full physical exam upon admittance to the hospital.

## Do you have a favorite recipe that you would like to see published?



By popular demand the New England Wildlife Center is already in the planning stages of publishing an all-new cookbook for Christmas giving, 2005. This was a very successful fundraiser for the Center last year and we hope to make it bigger and better this year. Please send us your favorite recipes for inclusion in this year's edition. Recipes should be sent to Elaine Mahoney, NEWC, 19 Fort Hill Street, Hingham, MA 02043.

Copies of our 2004 cookbook are still available. See page 12 for details.

## Internship Program

The Internship Program which caters to matriculating undergraduate students is one of the core program activities of the Center. It is through the auspices of this program that the care of animals is conducted. Students, under the directions of Dr. Fawn Stevenson, Liz D'Arcangelo, and the rest of the veterinary team, carry out the care of wildlife that is admitted to the Center each year. The care that students give becomes the vehicle for learning about the biology of organisms, populations, habitats and environments. We see this combined medical care linked to environmental education as the future of the rehabilitation movement at the Center and hopefully throughout America. Hands-on caring of wildlife engenders in our students an ownership of the species and the habitats from where these species live. From this integrated medical approach to natural history come competent biologists, caretakers and environmental stewards. It is from the Internship Program that our other educational advocacy has developed. This care concept hopefully leads to a decrease in the exhibitionism of healthy animals at zoos and aquariums

Now, we would like to thank the following 28 interns for their dedicated, hard and intelligent work during 2004. We also want to give a nod to the colleges and universities from which our students hail.

Kelly Arcolano, College of Saint Rose; Mary Anne Barr, Boston College; Pamela Bettcher, Mt. Ida College; Menaka Bhaskaram, Ohio State University; Kirsten Dangremond, Georgetown University; Jennifer Elizondo, Texas A and M University; Michelle Fecteau, Tufts University; Marisa Fife, UMASS Amherst; Amanda Goldberg, UMASS Amherst; Amber Januszewski, Cornell University; Robin Kachka, Harvard University; Michelle Malament; Dara Meade, Mt. Ida College; Brian Michaels, Mt. Ida College; Tom Myers, Milton Academy; Emily Palmer, Buckingham Browne and Nichols; Ashley Portmann, Colorado College; Bronwyn Riggs, Smith College; Misha Robyn, Columbia College; Valery Scharf, Stanford University; Allison Schorder, UMASS Amherst; Erin Schulz, SUNY - Oneonta; Clifford Spital, Beaver Country Day School; Sarah Towne, Mt. Ida College; Celectia (Tia) Vaickus, Mount Holyoke College; Emily Whiston, Earlham College; Anne Wyllie, University of Maine - Orono.

### Current Interns in their own words....

My name is **Dara Meade** and I am from Hanson, MA. I am a senior at Mount Ida College and I am in the Veterinary Technology program. As a senior in the Vet Tech program, I have the opportunity to do internships at various places. I decided to do one at NEWC because I have an interest in wildlife and wanted to know how and what can be done to help the animals. My plans and goals are to do my next few internships at different places to get a feel for what I would like to do and decide my career from there.

My name is **Kelley Wood** and I am a freshman at Keuka College which is located in the Finger Lakes Region of New York. My hometown is in Savona, NY where I live with my two parents, three younger siblings, four dogs, twelve hamsters, four rabbits, and my beta fish. I am currently majoring in Biology with a minor in Mathematics. I am still undecided about my career path but my love for animals and science spurred my interest in becoming an intern at the New England Wildlife Center. I am looking forward to learning about wildlife care here as well as exploring this are of Massachusetts. I am sure that my stay here will prove beneficial in many different ways and I am thankful for the opportunity.

My name is **Laine Dapkus**. I'm an entomology and zoology major at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. My favorite insects are the codling moth and kissing bug although I am also partial to the cockroach. I have previously worked with a home rehabilitator and at a wildlife rehab sanctuary. I am looking to further my wildlife rehabilitation education so I have traveled from my home state of Texas to this far land of Massachusetts and I am very excited to be here.

## Animal Update

Last year our veterinary team of Dr. Fawn Stevenson and Dr. Don Smith, veterinary technicians Liz D'Arcangelo, Sarah Towne, Stephanie Ellis, Brian Michaels and animal caretaker Jeremy Begley treated over 2,200 animals, representing 143 different species. We could not have completed this arduous care without the invaluable help of our interns and volunteers.

We are now preparing for the upcoming spring. Cages are being tightened, baby food formulas are being ordered and we are laying in supplies of medicines, beddings and food items. The flood of squirrels, opossums, foxes, woodchucks and other mammals starts in earnest on St. Patrick's Day. The baby birds arrive later but the work flow continues seamlessly until October. The staff, interns and volunteers will rarely get a full night sleep from April to September. But it is all worth it when it comes to release time.

A northern flying squirrel was caught in a glue trap on Christmas Eve and continues his recovery at the Center.



A great-horned owl hit on the Turnpike as a youngster spends part of the year at the Center and part free in the wild.



The blizzard of January, 2005 brought a rash of horned grebes into our hospital.



### Does your company have a matching gifts program?

Matching gifts programs that are offered by many companies are a great way to double your gifts to the Center. The forms required can be obtained from your employer, filled out by you and sent along with your check or credit card donation to us. We'll do the rest!

**Please consider becoming a member of NEWC today.** We do not receive state or federal funding. One hundred percent of the Center's operating and capital needs are met by membership revenues, donations, contributions, private grants and bequests.



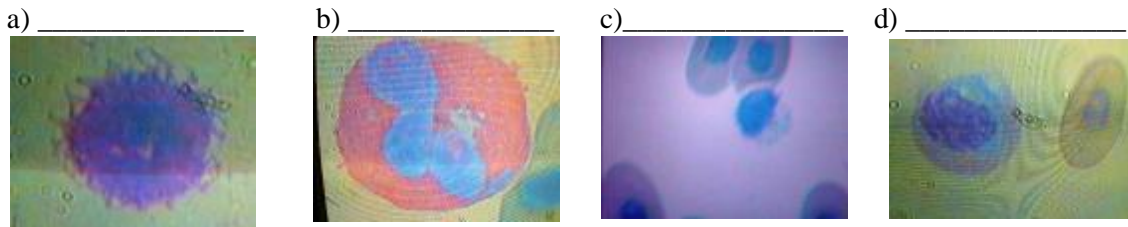
(From page 2) Were you right? It's a Red-tailed Hawk.

## From *AS CLEAR AS MUD* How The Immune System Works

In our *As Clear As Mud* curricula, we spend a lot of time investigating with students how the immune system works. The following quiz would be easy for our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Answers can be found on page 11.

\*Although no animals were permanently harmed in the making of these pictures one of our veterinarians, Dr. Mertz, was bitten on the thumb by an iguana and required general sympathy by staff and volunteers.

1) **These blood cells are all from an iguana. What is the name of each type and what does it do?**



2) **How many cells are in your body?**

- a) 35 thousand
- b) 10 million
- c) 3 billion
- d) 35 trillion
- e) Nobody really cares

3) **What is non-self?**

- a) Everything that is you.
- b) A religion that believes that believing you are something is a way of being nothing.
- c) Any mistake you make.
- d) Any mistake others make.
- e) Everything that is not you that the immune system will identify and try to protect you from, and is also known as antigen.

4) **A vaccine is:**

- a) A pain in the butt.
- b) A way of challenging our immune systems to recognize and protect us from dangerous viruses or bacteria in the future.
- c) An internet magazine about vaccines.
- d) A small town in Missouri just 20 minutes south of the Ozarks.
- e) A word that rhymes with Maxine, who is a well-known woman in the world of minimalists

### **DID YOU KNOW????**

That you can request that a donation be made in your name to the Center for your next birthday, anniversary, Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc?

## Education Snapshot



There are four ongoing structured education projects at the Center. Each project aims at a specific age group. *SEVENS* is designed for elementary school students. *As Clear As Mud* is aimed at middle school students. The *Internship Program* embraces principally older high school and undergraduate students and *Wildlife Rehabilitation Training* is for adults. *SEVENS* to date has reached 418 kids in 182 sessions for 75,712 impressions. *As Clear As Mud* reached 259 students with a similar number of impressions. The clinic staff also conducted two rounds of rehabilitation training. These ten sessions, twenty hours of contact time courses introduced 22 individuals to the process of rehabilitation and prepared them for successful test taking.

In *SEVENS* Dr. Joe Martinez and Ethel Lipoff teach elementary school students how to classify the natural world around them in seven 2 hour sessions. Students create their own field guides by visiting rivers, fields, ponds, estuaries, in locations like the Boston Harbor Islands, the Neponset River Watershed and their own school yards. By the end students can identify and organize 50 natural objects like Oak trees, Robins, Snapping Turtles, Soft-shelled Clams, cumulus clouds – all of their own choosing and all in their own backyards and neighborhoods. By learning to recognize and identify 50 natural objects students are equipped to undertake the understanding and concepts in ecology, environmental stewardship and biological sciences.

*As Clear As Mud* was launched at the beginning of the school year after eight months of design and development by Dr. Greg Mertz, Dr. Joe Martinez and Katrina Banagis. Dr. Greg Mertz, Ethel Lipoff and Casey Fredette brought it to classrooms in September. Seventh grade students from 11 different schools participated in a first-time science experiment investigating the immune systems of shell fish from beaches and estuaries extending from the McKay School in East Boston to Stevens Field Beach in Plymouth. Classrooms that participated came from the McKay School in East Boston, the Murphy School in Dorchester, the South Shore Charter School in Norwell, the Abigail Adams Middle School in Weymouth, the Raymond School in Brockton, the North Junior High School in Brockton, the Arnone School in Brockton, the Rising Tide Charter School in Plymouth, the Plymouth Community Int. School in Plymouth, the Upham Corner Charter School in South Boston and Hull High School in Hull. This project combines several innovative techniques that will serve as a new model for environmental and animal welfare education. High School seniors teach seventh graders.



In this expanded program students learn about how the scientific method works, they get to travel and investigate several beaches. They study the human immune system; they share cultural competency goals with classrooms all over the Boston Metropolitan area. They learn the comparative biology of invertebrates and vertebrates. They learn about water quality, water habitats and how water is used in the animal body. And most importantly they conduct a scientific experiment that has never been done before. This all prepares them well for understanding the Massachusetts Frameworks in Science and Technology, the principals of the Massachusetts Environmental Educational Plan and the science portions of the MCAS.

## January Blizzard '05



Boy, what a storm! Near the Center in the coastal town of Hull, MA, on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30" of snow fell with winds peaking at 75-80 m.p.h. and 30' waves crashing onto Nantasket Beach. For humans it was a tough bit of house and car endurance, but most of us fared pretty well. Four days off from school and perhaps the worst of the storm for humans came in the frayed nerves of parents and kids inside too long. It was a mixed bag of tragedy and feasts for wildlife.

Down on Nantasket Beach, on the eastern rocks the storm blew, dragged and pounded thousands and thousands of shellfish. I counted hundreds of lobster (even some blue ones), hundreds of Starfish, hundreds of Surf Clams, thousands of sponge colonies, Hermit Crabs, Blue-Claw Crabs and on and on lying on the 20degree F beach freezing and dying at low tide. This tragedy lasted a full week.

This was a bad news storm for these shellfish, but other species benefited. About 30 hungry gourmands (there was an incredulous suburbanite or two mixed in) gathering the feasts of a decade. More importantly, there were 600 gulls there to see it too. They saw it and they ate it. There were Herring Gulls, Great Black-backed Gulls, and Ring-billed Gulls and Icelandic Gulls. Early in the week they pranced and they gobbled. No hard work here. Why bother dropping clams onto the rocks below when you can power feed on the feast of the decade.

As Monday afternoon wore on, hundreds of gulls gathered on the sand post prandial, satisfied to the gills, not wanting to do much but sit around.



As the week wore on -- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday -- more gulls came to reside on the three miles of Nantasket Beach. The time of day could be told by what the gulls were doing. At 6:00 a.m. gulls were on the beach feeding. At 9:00 a.m. shored gulls sat beachside with fattened stomachs. At 3:00 p.m. gulls start to work again surfside on the second or third meal of the day.



Not so fortunate were the more pelagic sea birds. Unfortunately for the surf birds like merganzers, murrens, scoters, red-throated loons, scaups and grebes staying in the surf meant getting pretty beat up but getting out of the surf meant blowing onto land where they are unable to take off again. Anatomically many of the surf birds because they are submarine are built with their legs and feet so far to the rear that they can't stand up on land. The days after the storm these types of birds were showing up at the doors of the Center. To avoid the beating of the surf against the rocks many of these birds flew off the water and were carried landward by the heavy winds.

People find these landfalls and bring them to us. Our goal is to return them to the sea as quickly as possible. Eating in captivity is too stressful, and returning them to their natural habitat is their best chance of survival.

Oh, man. It's February and it's starting to snow again.

- Without a doubt the most tasteful event is Elaine Mahoney's cookbook which has sold over 65 copies and raised \$1100. We wanted to name it "Duck Soup" but Mrs. Mahoney, executive assistant for the Center, held out for the more tasteful title of *Favorite recipes from the human side of New England Wildlife Center*. However you slice it or boil it up *Recipes from the human side* is a wonderful collection of traditional home recipes of tasty everyday food that has nothing to do with our patients. Please see page 12 for information on how to purchase your copy.
- The most sedate events were the eight board meetings with staff and directors of the Center.
- The tinniest event was the Bottle and Can Drive for our new facility.
- The most annoying event was "Touch A Truck" which prompted all the local neighbors to petition Mayor Madden of Weymouth asking him to have us move it to a place where they couldn't hear the horns. Nevertheless it raised \$2,393.55 and called in police cars, fire trucks and a helicopter all for the kids to crawl in, explore and blow horns.



All of our special events are educational and good public relations. Most are fun, and all tell of a strong community support for the Center. This year is no different. There is a lot planned. See the calendar on page 8 for events, dates and times.



A special thank you goes to the volunteers who assist with animal care, office projects, and a myriad of other activities that are critical to our operations.

Look at some of these hours !!!

Anna Strekalovsky	250 hours
Judy Goranson	169 hours
Josh Munro	112.5 hours
Lesley Goodrich	112.5 hours
(moved to Jordan)	
Bill Downes	101.75 hours
Joan Chella	89.25 hours
Ty & Maddie Dell	81.75 hours
Marilyn McGrath	77.5 hours
Donna Shaw	77.5 hours

If you would like to find out more about our volunteer program, please contact Ethel Lipoff at 781-331-4662 or email her at [Leethelb@aol.com](mailto:Leethelb@aol.com).

#### Have you heard about the Wildlife Legacy Fund?

The New England Wildlife can be included in your estate planning. We would be pleased to send you information about our Wildlife Legacy Fund. Contact the business office at 781-749-5387.



Could you identify this orphan if you found him in the wild? Turn to page 6 to see if you are right...



## *“The Almost Monthly”* NEW ENGLAND WILDLIFE CENTER NEWSLETTER Winter, 2005

The Wildlife Center went crazy last year conducting special events. These events covered the gamut, united only by their benefit to the Center and to our community.



The staff and volunteers conducted 30 special events. They ranged from The Night of a Thousand Faces Halloween Pumpkin Walk to the Bottle and Can Drive both held to obtain financing for the new Thomas E. Curtis wildlife Hospital and Education Center.



- The best attended event was the “Night of a Thousand Faces”. Almost 700 people participated.
- The most profitable was the “End of....Party” that raised over \$52,000 and featured Vicki Croke as its guest speaker about her new book, *“The Lady and the Panda”*,
- The second most profitable event was the Red Sox Ticket Raffle \$9,352.
- The least profitable was kite flying day (\$34) with an after expenses profit of just \$2!
- The loudest and most energetic was the “Rock for Wildlife” battle of the bands contest at the Sea Note in Hull. Two hundred punk rock teenagers mosh-pitted to bands like 21 Gun, Rejected Radio and the Sixth Story Shooters. The winner of the contest was a much more classic Chinese Red Light. In the evening Searching for Silence, The Glow, and Tullamores entertained a crowd of 100 adults.
- The most ethical was “The Secret of the Puddingstone” summer camp which was a week long event that involved young teenagers in solving thefts, ransoms and animal kidnappings against a back drop of animal welfare moral issues.
- The flightiest were two bird walks conducted by Stephanie Ellis and sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited of Hanover: one to Minot Beach in Scituate to see seabirds and ducks and the other to Daniel Webster Sanctuary in Marshfield to see birds of prey and songbirds.
- The most in depth were two separate 10 week long rehabilitation training courses about how to care for wild animals and how to prepare for the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife permit test.
- The sweetest event was the Krispy Kreme Donut introduction sale.
- The wettest was the Spring Car Wash (it was both wet and rained out).
- The coldest was the “Chocolate Lollipops Sale” at the Hingham Ferry in February for Valentine’s Day.
- The strangest was the Groundhog “Can You Fool a Groundhog?” event, especially since it was held on a dismal and cloudy day.
- The longest event, or at least it seemed it, were the two evening telethons. Here, we call up donors and ask them to donate more money than they already have. As much as you all hate this, we hate it more, but it does raise significant money to support the care of the animals and education of our students.
- The shortest event was a Weymouth neighbors meeting about our new building plans. We forgot to show up, although we were expecting an RSVP.
- The most immunologically challenging event was the rabies vaccine clinic held in April.

