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St. Francis Wildlife rescues six orphaned Barred Owls

By Sandy Beck

Have you noticed how noisy the woods can get in February and March, with those other-worldly hoots, screams and cackles?

That's Barred Owl mating season – when males passionately reaffirm their "vows" and drive away any hooter brazen enough to trespass on their turf or look at their women.

By March, Barred Owl dads are passing out cigars. Well, they would if they weren't working day and night to feed their new families.

This past spring, St. Francis Wildlife rescued six baby Barred Owls who had fallen from six different nests. Yes, six!

If you can find the nest, it is usually best to try to replace a baby bird. Unfortunately, large raptors, like these owls, choose the loftiest location for their nests. But, fortunately, we have certified arborist, tree worker/climber extraordinaire Tim Roop (also employed by Native Nurseries) to help us.

When we received a very tiny, three-day-old baby, Tim located the nest with help from neighbors on Bantry Bay Drive in Killlearn, climbed the tree and returned her to Mom and Dad (photos above).

"It looked like an old squirrel nest. One side of the nest was broken, so I could see how the owlet could easily have fallen out. I used some twigs and Spanish moss to rebuild one side of the nest and hoped that the baby would stay put.

"I did later learn from the folks that lived there, that it fledged successfully.

"Shortly afterward, St. Francis asked me to put another Barred Owl baby back in a cavity nest on Gallant Fox



Photos

Above, right: Barred Owl, three days old, replaced in its nest by tree climber Tim Roop, who volunteers his services. **PHOTO/Tim Roop.**

Above, left: Tim climbs tree to search for nest. Below, left: Wildlife rehabilitator Teresa Stevenson examines baby Barred Owl. Below, center: Juvenile Barred Owl perched in tree immediately after we released him. Below, right: Mother Barred Owl feeds glass lizard to her offspring who had just been returned to her after spending six weeks at St. Francis Wildlife. **PAGE 7: Five orphaned baby Barred Owls at St. Francis Wildlife. PHOTOS/Sandy Beck**

Trail in Killlearn. That went very smoothly too."

A week later, when a baby Barred Owl fell from a nest in our own backyard, I rushed outside, scooped her up before the local red fox could, and then called Tim.

Tim climbed 60 feet up three of our tallest trees to look for the nest. Sadly, the thick canopy concealed its location, so "our" baby joined four others already being raised in St. Francis Wildlife's wildlife hospital (see photo on page 7).

When each orphan was grown and had passed Teresa's flight test, it was returned and released exactly where it had been rescued.

Six weeks later, Teresa brought "our" baby home, and we released him too. He flew very nicely to a tree branch (center photo below).

I retreated to our indoor sunroom and opened a window near him. I placed my laptop in the window, turned up the speakers and played a recording of a baby Barred Owl, over and over for at least 15 minutes.

Suddenly, one of his parents silently glided into our backyard and looked at my laptop, as if to say, "That's one ugly baby."

Then she saw her real baby perched on the tree branch.

I turned off the recording, closed the window and stepped back. The adult

Three new fall events you will not want to miss!

By Sandy Beck

It's easy to tell from all the photos of orphaned babies on these pages that St. Francis Wildlife can really use your help. The economy may be in a slump, but our wild neighbors haven't heard; orphaned, injured and sick wildlife continue to arrive at our wildlife hospital every day.

A few wonderful animal lovers have put their heads together and come up with three new fall fundraisers that you will not want to miss!

JC Gayhartt, owner of **Trail & Ski**, is holding a **Trail & Ski Goes Wild Drawing** for a complete, top-of-the-line camping package: a tent, four sleeping bags, mattress pads, cook stove and more! Florida DEP is sweetening the deal with an Annual Family Parks Pass. The **drawing will be held October 24th at Kool Beanz Café** (see Page 3). Winner need not be present at the drawing.

Which brings me to event number two: the **Wine & Dine Benefit for St. Francis Wildlife! Sunday, October 24th**, Keith Baxter, owner and executive chef at **Kool Beanz Café**, will prepare a gourmet dinner for 60, beginning with a champagne reception on the patio. Tickets are limited, so get yours early (see Page 7).

Finally, golfers will want to join us on **Monday, November 15**, at the **Golden Eagle Country Club** for the **St. Francis Wildlife Golf Tournament** (see Page 5).

Please also consider becoming a business sponsor of the Kool Beanz Wine & Dine event and the Golf Tournament. See you there!

bird flew off, but the youngster remained. My heart sank.

Ten minutes later, she returned with a large glass lizard, tore it in two, and transferred half to his beak.

I peaked out the window and snapped the photo on the left as they shared their first meal since he had tumbled from his nest six weeks before. Mission accomplished!

Happy endings like this are possible only because of the capable, caring staff and volunteers at St. Francis Wildlife and your generous donations. Thank you!





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Congratulations to Mimi Farr on her 90th birthday! We are honored that her family requested guests at her surprise party recognize Mimi's deep affection for St. Francis Wildlife by making donations in her honor. Thank you so much.

Thank you, Mickey and Walter Liddell for requesting that, in lieu of gifts for Walter's retirement party at the **Florida Highway Patrol**, donations be made to St. Francis Wildlife. Happy retirement, Walter!



We gratefully acknowledge these thoughtful gifts



IN MEMORY OF

Ann Grosmaire, a young woman who loved raptors – circling, gliding, riding an unseen thermal up so high until they are but black dots of elemental joy against the sky.

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We cared for 1,534 wild birds, mammals and reptiles, Jan. 1 to June 30

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| 34 Owls: 26 Barred Owls, 1 Barn Owl, 2 Great Horned Owls and 5 Eastern Screech Owls | 58 Northern Cardinals, 8 Yellow-rumped Warblers, 5 Downy Woodpeckers, 9 Red-bellied Woodpeckers, 4 Pileated Woodpeckers, 10 Wood Ducks, 2 Wood Storks |
| 86 Diurnal Raptors: 1 Bald Eagle, 14 Red-shouldered Hawks, 3 Red-tailed Hawks, 4 Broad-winged Hawks, 4 Coopers Hawks, 2 Mississippi Kites, 1 Osprey, 1 Swallow-tailed Kite and 3 Turkey Vultures | Examples of Mammals: 89 Opossums, 11 Grey Foxes, 8 Red Foxes, 68 Cottontail Rabbits, 10 White-tailed Deer, 5 Flying Squirrels, 1 Beaver |
| Examples of Songbirds & Shore Birds: 5 American Robins, 29 Blue Jays, 28 Brown Thrashers, 33 Carolina Wrens, 14 Cedar Waxwings, 15 Eastern Bluebirds, 19 House Finches, 71 Northern Mockingbirds, 47 Mourning Doves, | Examples of Reptiles: 21 Box Turtles, 5 Gopher Tortoises, 13 Yellow-bellied Sliders |
| | Most Common Problems: Hit by car - 178
Cat attack - 115
Tree cut/nest destroyed - 128
Dog attack - 39 |

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WHEN: Sunday, October 24, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

WHERE: At Kool Beanz Cafe's Wine & Dine Benefit for St. Francis Wildlife
(Please see page 7 for event details).

TO ENTER:
Cut out and complete entry form on left. Mail with your check to:
Trail & Ski Drawing / St. Francis Wildlife,
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*Please fill out a separate entry form for each ticket you purchase. Entry form on this page may be copied, or print additional forms at www.stfranciswildlife.org/T&S.html

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Trail & Ski (2748 Capital Circle NE, in The Gardens at Espositos),
Native Nurseries (1661 Centerville Rd.),
Wild Birds Unlimited (1507 Gov. Sq. Blvd.),
& at the Kool Beanz Cafe Wine & Dine Benefit (see Page 7).

Winners need not be present at the drawing,
but prizes must be picked up at Trail & Ski.



A newborn squirrel is furless. Please do not feed babies; just keep them warm.

What to do if you find a baby squirrel

By Teresa Stevenson

Just because a baby squirrel fell out of the nest doesn't mean it is an orphan.

Pick up the baby and examine it. If it is cold, but appears otherwise healthy, warm it up. Put the baby in an old t-shirt in a shoebox. Warm a water bottle in the microwave, wrap it in another t-shirt and place it in the box. Never try to feed the baby or give it milk.

When the baby is warm, place the box at the base of the tree from which it fell. Mother squirrel will not return with pets or people nearby.

Nobody knows how to raise a baby squirrel better than a mother squirrel, so please give her a chance to retrieve her babies.

If she does not return by dusk, take the babies inside for the night and keep them warm. You can place half the box over a heating pad set on low. Call St. Francis Wildlife at 850.627.4151 to assess the situation and determine the next step. Sometimes, mom will return the next day.

If the baby is injured in any way - you rescued it from a pet's mouth, its mother is dead or it's covered with insects, please bring it to us.



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Attention: Title I Teachers!

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Injured Red-shouldered Hawk returned to the wild

Story and photo by Selena and Mark Kiser

At the Koger Center on the east side of Tallahassee lives a pair of Red-shouldered Hawks. These feisty and vocal raptors feed on small mammals, reptiles, amphibians and occasionally small birds. For the past several years, this pair has successfully raised young in a pine tree amidst the hustle and bustle of the busy street and parking lot beneath them.

Many of us who work in the Koger Center have grown to love "our" family of hawks. Hearing their raucous calls each day as they fly past the building with a snake or other prey in their talons is always a joy, and a reminder that they are working hard to find food for their young.

This year was no different, and the parents were busy raising two young that were nearly ready to fledge in late May. On May 27, the maiden flight for one of the youngsters ended abruptly when it crashed into a window across the street from its nest.

Thankfully, onlookers quickly called St. Francis Wildlife. The injured young hawk was captured and taken to their wildlife rehabilitation center where Teresa Stevenson oversaw the bird's recovery.

The hawk was diagnosed with a concussion, but, fortunately, it had no additional injuries. We anxiously waited for news of when it might be released. We learned that the recovery process was slow at first because the hawk was not eating well.

Finally the good news arrived that it had begun to gain some weight and two and a half weeks after its injury, it was deemed healthy enough for release.

Sandy Beck brought the hawk back to the Koger Center for release on June 15. With a crowd of our office mates and well-wishers watching, the young hawk immediately flew back to its nest tree (photo above).

One of the local mockingbirds did not seem too pleased with the hawk's return to the wild, however, and proceeded to harass it for several minutes before finally giving up.

Though the future is never certain for any wild raptor (50% don't make it through their first winter), this hawk had stood its ground and passed its first test, an encouraging sign.

Collisions with windows and sliding glass doors kill millions of birds annually. Here are some things you can do to help.

- Place multiple static-cling decals or an adhesive film on your windows to break up the reflection. Some decals are nearly invisible to humans but reflect UV light, which birds can detect.
- Window screens and exterior sun shades can help guard against window strikes, and other objects such as strings or rope stretched across windows in a series of parallel lines may also work.
- Hanging wind chimes, mobiles or other objects in front of the window, or attaching items to the glass with suction cups can have the same positive effect.
- Rubbing a bar of soap across the glass is also worth trying. Stand back from your window and see if your alterations have effectively broken up the reflection. If you have a particularly problematic window, you may need to experiment with several techniques in order to find a solution. For more suggestions on reducing bird strikes, please visit www.flap.org.

Selena and Mark Kiser are Coordinators of the Great Florida Birding Trail, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, floridabirdingtrail.com

We have a new baseball team - the St. Francis Wildlife Hawks!

By Teresa Colvin

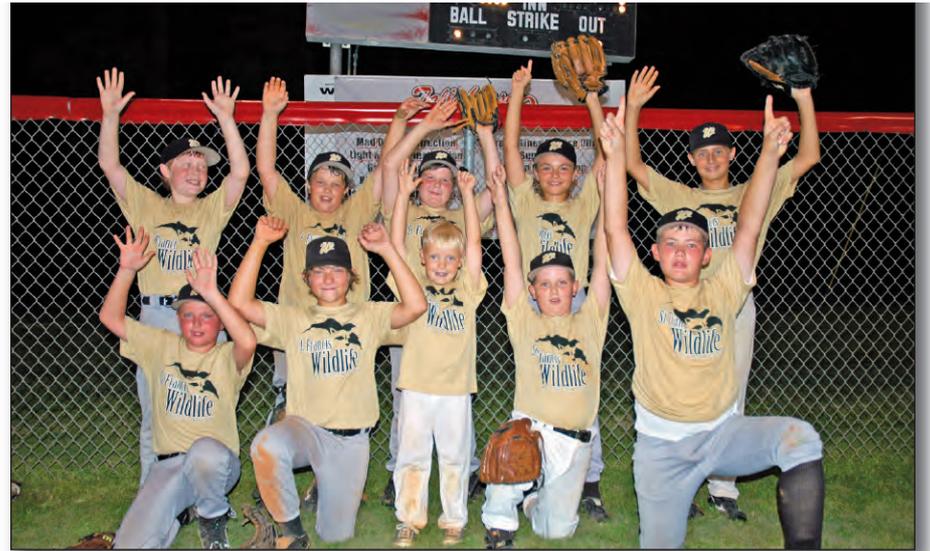
The St. Francis Wildlife board of directors is excited to announce that SFW was the proud sponsor of a summer league baseball team, the St. Francis Wildlife "Hawks."

The Cal-Ripken League is held at Winthrop Park and has teams of 10-12 year-olds. You may have read in the Tallahassee Democrat that the League's Spring All Star team, comprised of the best players from all teams in the league, recently won the North Florida state championship.

It's a winning combination. Sponsors provide support for youth shirts and other items and in return receives recognition at games. It's another way to spread the word about the great work that St. Francis Wildlife does. The players are so proud to be the "St. Francis Wildlife Hawks"!

To follow our team's record go to www.winthroparkbaseball.com. This season's games were played from July 6th to August 19th at Winthrop Park. Way to go Hawks!

Coaches are Robert Day, Ben Rogers and Dick Ingram (not pictured). St. Francis Wildlife Hawks are: Max Brey, Luke Ceci, Seth Downs (not pictured), Cody Elkins, Brandon Fristoe, Richard Kolke, Stephen Mato, Nicholas Ocampo (not pictured), Will Rogers, William Sundberg (not pictured), McRae Thompson (not pictured), Michael Thomson, Stephen C. Veliz II (not pictured) and Merrick Zweydrorff



My children were deeply moved by wildlife rescue experience

Article and photo by Laura Murphy

This summer, my children, Eli and Emma Murphy brought an orphaned Chickadee (photo below) and fawn to St. Francis Wildlife.

The experiences had such a big impact on both children. For Emma's birthday, instead of receiving gifts she asked for contributions to be made to St. Francis Wildlife.

Her friends - Emma Macedo, Lauren Dessi, Kayley Williams, Gabrielle Powell, Carson Naumann, Shaelyn Caldwell, Katie Spencer Sealy and Laura Pichard-Murphy - donated \$180!





St. Francis Wildlife Association Golf Tournament

Monday, November 15, 2010 Registration 11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start 12:30 p.m.

Registration Due by November 1, 2010

Registration includes green fee, cart fee, range balls, boxed lunch for golfer, and awards reception with hors d'oeuvres following play. The cost is \$125.00 per player. Format is a scramble with four person teams (single players will be paired with other players). Prizes will be announced during the awards reception.

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Questions? Contact Teresa Colvin at 933-8033 or Carolyn Stich at cstich5@yahoo.com

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*Credit card & PayPal payments can be made via web site:
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Click "Add special instructions to seller" to indicate event.

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Return registration with payment to:
St. Francis Wildlife Association
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217 John Knox Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303



Wildlife rehabilitation center has new pathways, thanks to Eagle Scout

By Susan Wessner

On a warm Saturday morning in June, Sean Wesser and 20 friends and family members (pictured above) gathered at the St. Francis Wildlife wildlife rehabilitation center to complete Sean's Eagle Scout project: new pathways that would connect the main hospital building to cages scattered in the surrounding forest.

They laid railroad ties and filled them with mulch, generously donated by Terry Odom from the City of Tallahassee Electric Department.

Dwayne Kelly at GreenSouth Inc. donated the use of a tractor.

Thanks to so many people pitching in to help, the pathways were completed by noon, just in time for a great lunch, donated by Sean's grandparents.

Sean received his Eagle Scout rank on July 20th, and we've been using his wonderful paths every single day!

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PHOTOS
Fox kit, page 4 and Swallow-tailed Kite, right/ **JW Callis**.

Opossum, page 4 and baby Carolina Wrens, left/**Sandy Beck**



How I spent my summer vacation

Astoria Park Elementary School art teacher shares her experiences as a St. Francis Wildlife volunteer.

By Margie Grussing



Margie Grussing and a disabled Screech Owl. Popular art teacher is now loved by the animals at St. Francis Wildlife too!

PHOTO/Sandy Beck

Busy, busy, busy! Life is so busy. Teaching, raising children, errands, and housework keep my life very full; so making time to volunteer was the furthest thought from my mind.

I have always been a big fan of St. Francis Wildlife and all their selfless work. I have rescued my fair share of flying squirrels and injured birds and taken them to the drop off facility at Northwood Animal Hospital.

I have always adored animals, especially the wildlife friends that visit the trees and feeders in my backyard. But volunteering? How would I find the time? Well, this past summer, I made it a priority to make the time! Talk about a labor of love!

I began volunteering at St. Francis four hours per week. It was not a job that required my Sunday best. This was a dirty job, and as an art teacher, that was right up my alley!

The variety of jobs to choose from included: feeding rescued, injured adult and baby birds, feeding opossums, soaking the injured turtles, cleaning cages, washing and folding laundry, and preparing food, (just to name a few). Over the summer, I had

the opportunity to do all of these tasks, and I enjoyed every one of them. It was such an incredible and fulfilling experience!

The employees at St. Francis are wonderful and so appreciative to have volunteers. These employees are overworked and underpaid just like the rest of us! In this challenging economy, St. Francis has been forced to run on a shoestring budget, requiring them to depend more on monetary donations and volunteers. But even with monetary constraints, the wildlife hospital is open seven days a week, taking calls, and making rescues 24 hours a day with a skeleton crew. Volunteers are needed now more than ever!

As summer break came to a close and school was about to begin, I sadly volunteered for the last time. My final job was to bottle feed an adorable fawn. I hope to help now and then on a Saturday or Sunday during the school year. But I look forward to regularly volunteering during my next summer break.

You'd like to help too, but can't commit to volunteering on a weekly basis? No problem! There are so many other ways you can help. There are many jobs with flexible hours and one-time volunteer duties - from yard maintenance to painting the hospital's kitchen. The St. Francis Wildlife staff is always thankful for monetary donations to the hospital but would also appreciate other donations as well - from baby blankets to a riding lawn mower. You can find a complete volunteer opportunities list and a wish list at their website www.stfranciswildlife.org. Check it out!

To sum up my experiences volunteering at St. Francis Wildlife, let me describe it like this: Cost of a movie-\$9.50; cost of a nice dinner out for two - \$40; cost of volunteering at the St. Francis Wildlife refuge - priceless!

Living with coyotes in Tallahassee

St. Francis Wildlife gets frequent calls about coyotes, from Southwood to Killearn.

By Sandy Beck



I was reading the last page of *Prodigal Summer*. Author Barbara Kingsolver had transported me to a remote Appalachian mountain where a wildlife biologist patrols the woods, passionately protecting a den of coyotes. The book ends with the coyotes howling.

At that very moment, coyotes began to yip, bark and howl in a field across the street. Really. I closed the book and smiled.

There are more coyotes living in North America today than ever before. And they are constantly increasing their range.

We live near McGinnis Arm. But this is not an isolated population. St. Francis Wildlife gets frequent calls about coyotes, from Southwood to Killearn. Last year, employees at Culley's MeadowWood Memorial Park reported a coyote in the cemetery.

As natural areas are paved over, some predators adapt. One reason is the buffet available in town, from other wildlife to pets.

Sharp eyesight, keen hearing, a sensitive nose and canine intelligence enable the coyote to survive. Their most important foods are rodents, rabbits, wild fruits, insects, birds and carrion.

A coyote is larger than a fox and looks like a medium-sized, gray or light brown dog with a long, bushy tail, a pointed face and big ears.

They are more active at dawn and dusk (crepuscular), but can be seen almost anytime. They will hunt alone or in a small pack. Normally timid

towards people, they are not a threat to us.

Did I mention they will attack pets? I want to stress that. Domestic animals are generally easy prey.

Last month, Marian Reid, who lives near Rhoden Cove Landing, wrote in an e-mail: "My dog and I went outside around seven last night, and I saw a coyote! I'd never seen one in our yard before. Maizey (her dog) immediately gave chase." Fortunately, Maizey returned.

The Humane Society of the United States has the following recommendations to avoid conflicts with coyotes and other wildlife:

- Don't leave bowls of pet food outside overnight.
- Keep garbage in a sturdy container with a tight-fitting lid.
- Clean up around bird feeders.
- Keep all pets inside at night and watch small dogs while outside, even during daylight hours.
- Keep cats indoors.
- Spay or neuter your dogs (and cats).

I used to let our dog Buddy run in the field. I don't any more. But I still like to listen to the coyotes howl at night. Wildness is good for the soul. We just need to temper that with common sense.

Sandy Beck's Wild Classroom outreach education programs use permanently disabled wildlife from St. Francis Wildlife to nurture a personal connection with the natural world. Schedule a program for this school year at wildclassroom.net.

We need your help to care for the wildlife our community treasures.

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- ◆ Guest of Honor, Dr. D. Bruce Means, beloved local ecologist and author

Tickets \$100/person

Seating is limited. Tickets will be sold until October 17th.

1. Use credit card or Paypal at the St. Francis Wildlife Web site:
stfranciswildlife.org/paypal.html

*Important: Click "Add special instructions to the seller," and write:
 "For "Wine & Dine Benefit" and the number of tickets you would like.

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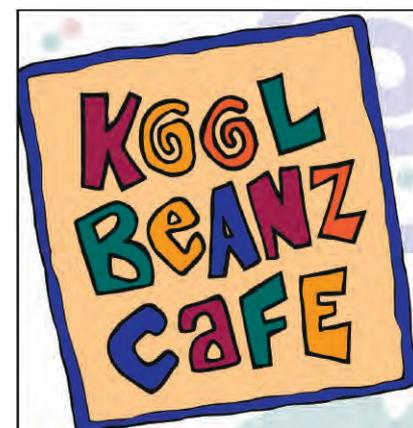
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- **Saturday, September 25th, 9 am– 2 pm**
What's Your Wild?!
St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge
Take action for wildlife and the outdoors!
9 am – noon — Coastal Cleanup
10 am – 2 pm — Families in Nature
St. Francis Wildlife's Wild Classroom will have a wildlife display. (850)925-6121
- **Saturday, October 9th, 5 and 7:15 pm**
The Tallahassee Film Society
presents "The Ghost Bird" at All Saints Cinema
918 1/2 Railroad Avenue
Education director Sandy Beck will also introduce "**Owls are the Tigers of the Sky,**" a short film about north Florida's native owls, and two live owls. A portion of this evening's ticket sales will benefit St. Francis Wildlife.
- **Sunday, October 24th, 6 - 9 p.m**
32nd Anniversary Wine & Dine Benefit
for St. Francis Wildlife and Trail & Ski Drawing.
Kool Beanz Café. Please see Pages 3 & 7 for details.
- **Monday, November 15th**
St. Francis Wildlife Association Golf Tournament,
Golden Eagle Country Club,
Please see Page 5 for details.
- **Thursday, December 2nd, 5 - 8 pm**
10,000 Villages Holiday Shopping night for St. Francis Wildlife
1415 Timberlane Rd., Market Square.
20% of your purchases this evening will be donated to St. Francis Wildlife! Meet live owls and enjoy complimentary shade-grown coffee while you shop.
- **Saturday and Sunday, December 4th and 5th,**
Alternative Christmas Market, John Wesley Church. 1689 Old St. Augustine Rd.
Annual event benefits more than thirty local, non-profit charitable organizations, including St. Francis Wildlife.

Wildlife Wish List

Please drop off items at our wildlife rehabilitation center (directions at www.stfranciswildlife.org) or at Northwood Animal Hospital, 1881 N. MLK Blvd., Tallahassee. Please include a note with your name so we can thank you!

Animal Housing and Transport

- Home improvement or lumber store gift certificate
- Carpenters to build and repair cages
- Lumber and other building materials
- 1/4" hardware cloth
- Heating pads, not auto shut-off
- Aquarium tanks with tops
- Pet carriers
- Humane, live traps

Animal Food and Care

- Panhandle Pet Supply gift certificate
- Raw, hard-shelled nuts, like walnuts, pecans
- Unsalted peanuts in shell
- Sunflower seed
- Wild bird seed
- Cracked corn
- Fresh fruits and veg-

etables

- Heavy bowls
- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach, unscented
- Heavy-duty trash bags
- Unfrayed baby blankets, T-shirts, sweat-shirts, pillowcases & top sheets
- Plastic jar lids

Medical Supplies

- Sterile gauze
- Gloves
- Syringes
- Lactated Ringers

Big Items

- Incubator
- Golf cart
- Riding mower
- Generator
- \$100 to purchase Homeopathy Kit
- Outdoor patio furniture



As we deepen our imprint on
the natural world,
we increase our
responsibility for it.
E. O. Wilson

If you find sick, injured or orphaned wildlife

- **Call us at 850.627.4151;**
Take it to our wildlife rehabilitation hospital near Havana – directions at www.stfranciswildlife.org;
or
Take it (day or night) to the Northwood Animal Hospital, 1881 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Tallahassee (just north of the Post Office).
- **Transport wildlife** in a warm, dark box with holes punched in the lid. Keep it quiet, and handle it as little as possible.
- **Do NOT** give it food or water.
- **NEVER handle raccoons, foxes, bats or any mammals (even babies) that could carry rabies. CALL US.** Florida's squirrels, opossums and rabbits are not known to carry rabies.
- **When calling to report an animal injured on a road,** note exactly where it is ("1.4 miles west of exit 27 on the north side of I-10") and, if possible, leave a marker, like a towel tied to a tree limb.

**For more information on
wildlife rescue:**

www.stfranciswildlife.org