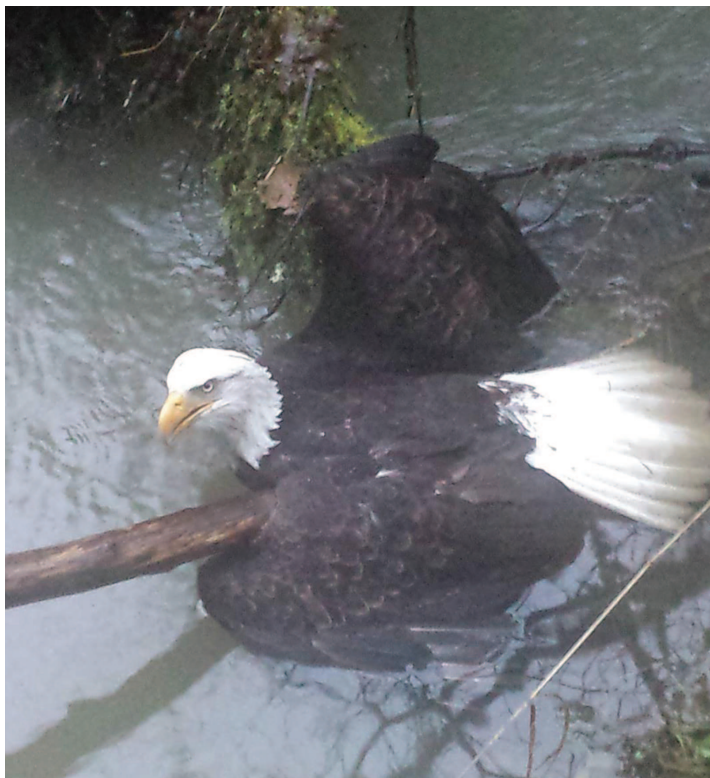


Injured Bald Eagle Recovering



On February 8, 2015 Vernonia resident Nicole Larke was the recipient of a terrifying and unusual surprise.

While traveling north on Highway 47 near the Beaver Creek trail head, a female Bald Eagle collided with Larke's 2005 Ford Mustang, hitting the vehicle's windshield. A distraught Larke contacted her husband Eric, who arrived and discovered the injured eagle in Beaver Creek. Eric Larke and Matt Poetter were able to safely retrieve the eagle from the creek.

The Larkes contacted Oregon State Police who put them in touch with

the Audubon Society who then sent one of their veterinarians from West Linn to pick up the bird and transfer it to a care facility.

On February 10 the Larkes heard from the veterinarian. The eagle survived the night and was very feisty. She has a broken humerus and some soft tissue injuries and was scheduled for surgery the next day at a facility in Rowena. The doctor said that she is not yet out of the woods but is hopeful that she will recover and

be released back in the Vernonia area.

On February 12 the Larkes were contacted by Dr. Jean Cypher who did surgery on the eagle. Dr. Cypher said the surgery went well and she planned to keep the eagle at her facility until the external pins are out, probably four to five weeks. After that they expect her to go back to the Audubon Society and finish up rehab in a flight cage.

Locals Awarded Eagle Scout



Members of Troop 201, (l-r) Jacob Eyrrick, Jeffrey Goodman and Bradley Ely were awarded the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor dinner on February 7th at the Cabin in Vernonia.



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