

Albino bluebird rescued by wildlife rehab, Columbus Zoo

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Recently, an albino blue bird was boarded onto an airplane flown by Catherine Cavagnaro with Ace Aerobatic School headed to the Columbus Zoo in Ohio for a second chance at life in the zoo's native songbird aviary.

The bird was rescued by local wildlife rehabilitator LouAnn Partington.

Partington is the director of Ziggy's Tree Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Tullahoma, founded in 2005 and incorporated as a nonprofit in 2010 to address wildlife care, conservation and education in the Middle Tennessee area.

Partington said she took the bird in after being contacted by a Murfreesboro woman who had found the bird trapped by her two animals.

"A woman in Murfreesboro had contacted me," Partington said. "She had a nest of baby bluebirds and saw that she had two albino bluebirds in the group. She said that she had noticed the birds were fledglings and after coming outside one afternoon, she saw that one of the albino birds was cornered by both the woman's cat and dog."

Fledge is the stage in a young bird's life when the feathers and wing muscles are sufficiently developed for flight. It also describes the act of a chick's parents

raising it to a fully grown state. A young bird that has recently fledged but is still dependent upon parental care and feeding is called a fledgling.

Partington said she was then notified and upon coming and inspecting the bird she ascertained that the bird was injured and needed care.

"Its feathers were pretty dirty, so we were sure that either of the animals had the bird in its mouth," she said. "While there were no outside physical injuries, an animal's teeth such as cat or dog are very sharp, and a bird's skin is very thin, so we couldn't rule out there wasn't any internal damage. So we took the bird in. At just 2 to 3 weeks old, the bird had a difficult time eating on its own. So we first had to get the bird where it could eat and then we were able to give the bird antibiotics."

Taking the bird in around the end of April, Partington took the next couple of months to nurse the bird back to health, but noticed it was having issues flying. Concerned about it not being able to return to the wild, Partington then began to search for a zoo or animal organization to take in the bird.

"It's doesn't fly like a regular bluebird, so that was a concern. We knew we couldn't let it back in to the wild," she said. "I had hoped to keep in Ten-



Lou Ann Partington, with Ziggy's Tree Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, recently rescued an albino bluebird that has now found a home at the songbird sanctuary at the Columbus Zoo.

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nessee, but, unfortunately, there were no zoos or wildlife areas that were able to take it. The Columbus Zoo in Ohio sends out a list twice each year in search of birds they are looking

to add to their native songbird aviary. And they were excited about being able to take in the bird."

Partington said she then went in search of how to transport the bird

and was connected with Cavagnaro with Ace Aerobatic School.

The bird made its trip on last Monday and arrived safe and sound. Partington said that she was contacted

by the zoo that the bird is doing well.

For more information about Ziggy's Tree Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, visit online at <http://ziggystree.org>.

school news

Local student receives diploma from Norwich University

James Luke Frederick, of Tullahoma, received a Bachelor of Science magna cum laude in management

with a concentration in leadership from Norwich University at the May 14 commencement ceremony held in NU's Shapiro Field House.

Approximately 400 graduates, including 10 earning Master of Archi-

ecture degrees, received diplomas at the ceremony.

Norwich University is a diversified academic institution that educates traditional-age students and adults in a Corps of Cadets and as civilians. Norwich University was founded

in 1819 by Captain Alden Partridge of the U.S. Army and is the oldest private military college in the United States of America.

Local student receives national honor

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) announced last week that Kyle Goethals

of Tullahoma has been selected to become a member. The society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment.

The announcement was made by NSHSS founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice and commitment that Kyle has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Nobel. "Kyle is now a member of a unique community of scholars – a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

For more information on NSHSS, visit nshss.org.

Community arts show 'Faces' open in Cowan

The newest community arts show 'Faces' opened July 29 at the Artisan Depot in Cowan.

The show will run through Sept. 3.

The Franklin County Arts Guild invites original contributions from Franklin County artists of all ages in any media for inclusion in its community arts shows at the Artisan Depot. Individuals wishing to submit work for the next community "Animals with Attitude" show should submit their work at the Artisan Depot on Sept. 1-4 during gallery operating hours. Each artist is free to interpret the theme of each show as they wish.

All work must be submitted ready for display. Membership in the guild and gallery fees is not required for these shows.

The Artisan Depot is operated by the Franklin County Arts Guild and is located at 204 Cumberland St. East in Cowan. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information about upcoming community art shows, the gallery or the guild visit us at www.fcaguild.wordpress.com or www.facebook.com/artisandepot or contact Diana Lamb at 931-308-4130.

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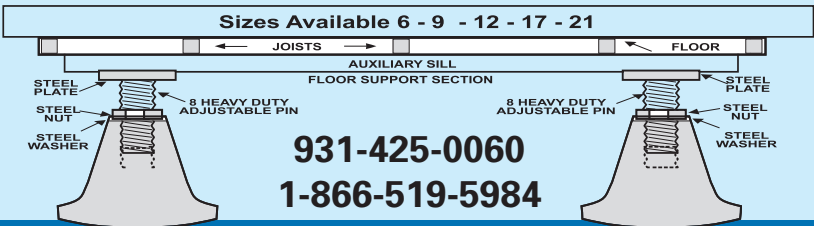
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