

American Eagle Foundation - Pigeon Forge

Judy
Site Admin



Posted: Thu May 08, 2008 3:53 pm Post subject: AEF Eagle Cam



Website: <http://www.eagles.org/eaglecam.htm>

Cam:

mms://wmlive.vitalstreamcdn.com/live_streamlogics2_vitalstream_com_eagle-pull

May 8, 2008 - a baby eaglet in the nest hatched!

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, FL

"The live eagle nest cam began operation at the American Eagle Foundation (AEF) of Pigeon Forge, TN on April 2, 2008, a few days after two eggs were laid. The non-releasable adult bald eagles, Liberty and Justice, take turns at sitting on the eggs, or they may move about just enough for you to see under them."

Thanks to PattiO for finding this site!

My Nature & Wildlife Photographs - <http://judyb.zenfolio.com/>

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PattiO

Posted: Thu May 08, 2008 8:53 pm Post subject:



Thanks Judy! I watched this cam off and on last year. Their egg didn't hatch last year and the year before their nest collapsed destroying their 3 eggs. But they still had eaglets to raise last year as they fostered in 2 other eaglets. But, these are non-releasable eagles...so when the eaglets are about 5 or 6 weeks old they take them and place them in hacking towers until they're big enough to fly.

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Scranton,
PA

I still enjoy watching them...Liberty and Justice are a wonderful pair. They take good care of the little ones. Their eaglet just hatched today. I thought I took some pics this afternoon but for some reason Fraps didn't cooperate and I lost them so I'll try again tomorrow.

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JudyB

Posted: Thu May 08, 2008 9:57 pm Post subject:



It is an amazing story. Thanks for starting a thread for them, Judy. I have a couple of pictures I'll add here in the morning. 😊

Edited 5/9/08 to add pictures:

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Thu May 08, 2008 10:17 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



That would be great JudyB! I'm kicking myself for forgetting about this nest this year. I watched and waited last year for her egg to hatch. I'm so glad I found the link and looked in today...what luck that it was hatch day! 😊

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Diana

▢ Posted: Fri May 09, 2008 9:31 am Post subject:

[quote](#)



Good Morning everyone 😊
This is the new eaglet named HOPE 😊

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Dec 2007
Posts: 27
Location:
Toronto
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PattiO

Posted: Fri May 09, 2008 10:43 am Post subject:

[quote](#)



Thanks for our first pic Diana!! Albeit...a little wet chick this morning! They are drying out now. Dad came in to see his little one while Mom had a little stretch. Then she was right back in. Didn't see a feeding, they probably already had breakfast...looks like there's a piece of fish on the left of the nest. She's so tiny!! 😊
Welcome to the world little Hope! 😊

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Mom has that lighter color to her. In the second pic she's on the right. The second 2 pics are Dad.





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PattiO

Posted: Fri May 09, 2008 11:17 am Post subject:

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Second egg may be hatching 🚨🔍



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JudyB

Posted: Fri May 09, 2008 8:13 pm Post subject:

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Hard to say, PattiO - certainly looks possible there, but it seemed intact later. Guess we'll have to check in the morning! 😊

These are from a feeding I saw around 5:48 pm eastern. Before these pictures, I noticed what looked a bit like a dead mouse in the nest, so that may be part of the food they're provided (I did wonder what they were fed). Parent went over the food item, picked off a small piece and held it out to the chick - who was in the nest bowl, half a nest away. Obviously, that didn't work very well. Parent picked up food item, moved a third of the way around the nest rim (but no closer to the middle) and again offered the food to the chick, who was still half a nest away. That also didn't work. 😞

Then, finally, it occurred to the parent to go a bit closer:



I'm not quite sure if the little one got a bite - but it was close! The other parent was perched on the edge of the nest watching, and decided it was time to get involved, so he(?) came over and they discussed technique; little one did its best to come closer, but there is a limit as to how far a day-old eaglet can go:



Mom(?) tried again - and I think this time she and the little beak actually connected!



And then Dad(?) tried - and also had success!



And then we interrupt our plotline for a picture of tiny wings - just because I think tiny wings are so cute!



And finally, my favorite picture of the day, both of them feed the little one together:



Awwwwww. 😊

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Sherri

▢ Posted: Fri May 09, 2008 8:37 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)

Awesome pictures! thanks.. 😊 ...will try to check in over the weekend.

JudyB, love your story line and 'step by step' description of the feeding! 😊

Joined: 11

Sep 2006
Posts:
15000
Location:
Bethel, CT



JudyB

Posted: Fri May 09, 2008 9:15 pm Post subject:



Thanks, **Sherri** - there was concern on the Hancock forum because it had been a day since the hatch and no one had seen a feeding, so I was paying extra attention. 😊 It was fun to watch.

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Diana

Posted: Sat May 10, 2008 4:14 pm Post subject:



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Baby HOPE is being fed by MOM and DAD 😊
2.10pm PST

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PattiO

▣ Posted: Sat May 10, 2008 9:41 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



Awwww thanks guys. I was wondering about a feeding myself when I posted my pics above. The chick was certainly moving around and probably wanted food but none was offered. Glad to see their remembering how to do it!! (The adults I mean!). Last year the fostered chicks were a few weeks old already and knew how to grab the food. I didn't get online at all today to watch any nests. Guess I still have time to peek in on the Cali. nests. 😊

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JudyB

▣ Posted: Sat May 10, 2008 9:58 pm Post subject:

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One of the parents (I think Mom Liberty) has some trouble figuring how to feed the tiny one - and I think I figured out why! I knew both had injuries that kept them from being released - but had forgotten that Liberty can only see with one eye - so that's probably why she goes wandering around with the prey for a while before



trying to feed the little one - she needs to see exactly where the little beak is. It may also be why the first few bites offered are quite tentative - again, she's being extra careful until she's sure exactly where to put the food. I do like the way Dad Justice comes over to help with the feeding. 😊

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Unless of course I've got them backwards - in which case I've no idea why it takes them a while to get a rhythm going. 😊 Either way, they ended up both feeding the little one, who did indeed seem to get plenty of food! 😊

I suppose the other issue is that they may not hunt for food like wild eagles - if they get regular feedings from the staff, they'd need to wait for food to arrive before feeding the chick (though the staff isn't new at this either, so I'd expect food to arrive at reasonable, chick-friendly intervals). 😊

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PattiO

Posted: Sat May 10, 2008 10:19 pm Post subject:



I think you're right Judyb...bad eye and a bad wing I think. You can see when she's brooding how her left wing stays out a little. I'm not sure what's wrong with Justice... I can't remember. 😊 Good thinking though! I have wondered myself where they get their food from. Very different kind of operation/routine than truly wild raptors.

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Edit - Found the info. - I stand corrected...Liberty...eye injury - Justice...foot and wing

Quote:

Liberty, the female eagle, can only see out of her left eye due to a gunshot injury. It is believed that a shotgun pellet hit her right eye, leaving her blind on that side. With only one eye, Liberty is not able to judge distances very well. Therefore, she is unable to catch "live" prey and is permanently non-releasable. Eagles are predators that are very dependent on being able to see in three dimensions.

Justice, the male eagle, was found with shotgun pellets in his left foot and one of his wings. Due to this gunshot injury, he cannot fly or grab food well enough to survive in the wild. The feet and talons of an eagle are essential in capturing fish. If a taloned foot cannot tightly grab and hold on to "live" prey, the eagle could have difficulty catching, killing, and/or carrying its food.

This is the link to their whole story: http://www.eagles.org/liberty_justice.html

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JudyB

📅 Posted: Sun May 11, 2008 4:15 pm Post subject:

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Thanks, **Pattio**! It is fairly amazing that they get around as well as they do, and are as active as they are!

The first two pictures are from earlier today, and the second pair from a feeding maybe 20 minutes ago. Do you think the other egg might be hatching? 😊

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rgeegee

Posted: Sun May 11, 2008 9:18 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



It sure doesn't take much to break a heart. This pair and their baby could be the best soap opera on TV! I'm watching Mom in the nest and she's wide awake at 10pm.

This pair has been famous for years, and rightfully so! They deserve a happy nest, and I hope the other egg hatches soon. Between this dedicated pair of eagles, they should be able to feed the 2 little darlins. 😊😊

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Tucker,
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2 more hours then Mothers Day is over and I'll have to wait to watch for a hatching tomorrow. 😞

Laughter is a smile with the volume turned up
GG

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JudyB

Posted: Mon May 12, 2008 8:56 am Post subject:

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The egg is still there this morning - sorry about getting everyone's hopes up. I suspect there was just a piece of dirt or something on it yesterday. If the egg was laid on April 2 just before the cam came on line, it would be day 40 for it - and the AEF web site gives the impression the eggs were laid a couple of days before the cam went on line - so I think it's likely that Liberty and Justice will have a single eaglet to raise this year.

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The chick is looking bright and active this morning - already noticeably larger and beginning to move around in the nest a bit, even though s/h is only 4 days old! It looks like time for breakfast! 😊

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PattiO

Posted: Tue May 13, 2008 1:06 pm Post subject:

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I just lost the cam but got a pic of the chick before it went out. Egg has not hatched so I guess just one eaglet...but that's OK! It's better than they did last year! 😊😊

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rgeegee

Posted: Wed May 14, 2008 5:51 pm Post subject:

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Perhaps it's because the camera is so far away but this eaglet looks so very tiny for being 6 days old...am I being overly worried? 😊

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GG

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JudyB

Posted: Wed May 14, 2008 8:55 pm Post subject:

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Not sure, GG! 😊 It's looked appropriately active every time I've looked (which I didn't today), and I've seen some feedings. Tomorrow is my day to watch that nest, so I'll let you know when I post my weekly pictures. 😊

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PattiO

Posted: Wed May 14, 2008 9:25 pm Post subject:

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I neglected to check in here today too. Shame on me! I really would like to know where/how the adults get their food....and what kind of "enclosure" are they in. I don't know how good they are about answering emails.

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JudyB

Posted: Wed May 14, 2008 11:31 pm Post subject:

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PattiO wrote:

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Sorry, **PattiO**, but something about that sentence had me visualizing Liberty and Justice at their keyboard answering their fan mail! 😊

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I've seen dead mammals (large mice?) in the nest a couple of times, so suspect that's the basis of their diet - never saw one appear, so don't know if they're dropped in periodically, or left somewhere off-camera for the eagles to find and bring to the nest. Both the ones I saw were in the same general area of the nest, and were moved before the chick was fed - leading me to believe they are dropped in. But that's a guess. 😊

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PattiO

Posted: Wed May 14, 2008 11:42 pm Post subject:



Hahahahahahaha ... that gave me a good laugh!! But now that you point it out.... 😊
😊😊

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rgeegee

Posted: Thu May 15, 2008 9:37 am Post subject:



They (a human) must have removed the unhatched 2nd egg. For awhile this morning I couldn't see the lone eaglet and finally it moved. The nest appears to be quite wet and looks like a muddy bottom, no pine needles or bedding type material. Dad has been flying in and out and I watched for over 40 mins but haven't seen a feeding yet, 😊

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If someone sees a feeding, please post a note here. 😊

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PattiO

Posted: Thu May 15, 2008 10:06 am Post subject:

[quote](#)



Cam is very blurry today but I did just see a feeding. 😊
Remaining egg was removed as per website -

Quote:

The second egg was removed from the nest today, "candled", and determined to be infertile. The eaglet, which hatched by early morning of May 8, 2008, appears very healthy. See the note April 2, 2008 (below) concerning future plans leading to his/her release into the wild.

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She/He is a week old today! 😊😊



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JudyB

Posted: Thu May 15, 2008 11:02 am Post subject:

[quote](#)

Thanks for the update from the AEF site, **PattiO** - I suspected that's what had



happened to the egg, but hadn't thought to check their site lately.

I saw the feeding in PattiO's pictures, **GG**, and it looked like the little one was well fed. I agree it does look very small - and I think it's partly because the camera is quite a ways back - and partly because the eaglet is at the far end of the nest today.

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One week old - wow! I think this is the youngest of the eaglets I'm watching - the Lake Washington chicks are 2-1/2 weeks old, and the younger chick at Delta 1 was a week old yesterday. And at the other end, the Tesoro pair is almost 18 weeks old. It is an amazing journey.



Edited May 18 to add pictures from May 15:





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PattiO

▢ Posted: Sat May 17, 2008 1:43 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



There's the little munchkin. 😊 Wish the picture was clearer.

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JudyB

Posted: Sun May 18, 2008 5:36 pm Post subject:

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Great picture, **PattiO**! I agree it would be nice if the camera was a little clearer.



I added some pictures from the 15th to my post that day - and look how much bigger the chick has gotten in only three days! 😊



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The little one is 10 days old now - and really starting to grow! 😊

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PattiO

Posted: Sun May 18, 2008 10:59 pm Post subject:

 quote



Oh Yeah! Can tell the difference! 😊 That last one is a good shot JudyB - sittin up all proper. 😊😊

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JudyB

Posted: Mon May 19, 2008 8:18 am Post subject:

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Thanks, PattiO! It did take the little one a few tries before it succeeded at becoming upright! 😊

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rgeegee

Posted: Mon May 19, 2008 11:47 am Post subject:

 quote



PattiO and JudyB - thank you both for the update pictures of the little eaglet - growing by leaps and bounds. This is the way every Monday should start off!!!

Laughter is a smile with the volume turned up
GG

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PattiO

Posted: Mon May 19, 2008 3:49 pm Post subject:

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Mom and Dad are blocking the view 😞

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PattiO

Posted: Wed May 21, 2008 8:45 pm Post subject:

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I wish they could clear up the feed on this cam...I got a pic or 2 today but you can't see the chick too well.

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PattiO

Posted: Thu May 22, 2008 1:31 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



Little one is 2 weeks old today...trying to get a better pic.

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Ok...here we go....I think maybe the eaglet looks small to us because this nest is really big...and your normal cam distortion....anyway...





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JudyB

Posted: Thu May 22, 2008 9:31 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



Oh - you got a wing shot, **PattiO!** I was hoping he'd show off for me, but he never did. I could see some dark spots where his second coat of down is starting to come in - but really couldn't get them to show up in the pictures.

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PattiO

Posted: Thu May 22, 2008 10:00 pm Post subject:

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I forgot how you love those wing shots Judy!! 😊

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PattiO

Posted: Mon May 26, 2008 10:30 am Post subject:

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What a difference a few days makes! 😊😊



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JudyB

▢ Posted: Mon May 26, 2008 11:07 am Post subject:

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Great pictures, **Patti!** He does look a lot bigger today, doesn't he! 😊

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Diana

▢ Posted: Thu May 29, 2008 7:35 am Post subject:

[quote](#)



Good Morning everyone 😊
Here are some s'caps from last night.
HOPE the eaglet is 3 weeks old today 😊

Joined: 29
Dec 2007
Posts: 27
Location:

Toronto
Canada



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JudyB

Posted: Thu May 29, 2008 8:08 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)

Love the picture with the little wings, **Diana!**



Here are a few more pictures of the little one at three weeks old - you can see Hope's second coat of darker down coming in - making her look a bit scruffy around the edges for a little while!



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PattiO

▢ Posted: Thu May 29, 2008 11:50 pm Post subject:

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Great pics! Didn't have time to check on her today! Boy, Diana, how do you zoom them in so close and still have them be so clear?! 😊 She's a cutie for sure!

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Diana

▢ Posted: Fri May 30, 2008 10:01 am Post subject:

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<http://www.eagles.org/eaglecam.htm>

Thanks PATTI, I watch the cam from this website, it opens WMP when I click on the little picture of the eaglets.

Cam is not very clear but it's okay, I can see HOPE the eaglet 😊

DIANA

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Diana

Posted: Fri May 30, 2008 10:57 am Post subject:

[quote](#)



My big feet 🙄 Just like MAMA 😊



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PattiO

Posted: Tue Jun 03, 2008 12:25 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



Here's is their update from May 30th - I'll try and get some pics later.

Quote:

Our 3-week-old baby has grown a lot! If you've been watching, you've seen this little eaglet hopping, wiggling (sometimes his crop is so full from a recent dinner that he can't quite get up), and stretching! You'll also notice a definite change in color from fluffy white to a darkening gray. All is well, and Liberty and Justice keep doing a great job.

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These are from yesterday. 😊



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Diana

Posted: Tue Jun 03, 2008 3:32 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



HOPE the eaglet is getting big 😊
Patti did you try the site that I posted for you?
This pictures are for Patti 😊Enjoy 😊

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Dec 2007
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Toronto
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Diana

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PattiO

Posted: Tue Jun 03, 2008 3:37 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



Awwww nice picture of the wing stretch Diana!! 😊😊 I posted a few I took yesterday up above ^. 😊

ETA - make that back on the previous page! 😊

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Diana

▢ Posted: Tue Jun 03, 2008 4:33 pm Post subject:

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Nice pictures Patti 😊 I love this cam, I guess because of their disability I feel more love and admiration to the parent.

According to the site they will take Hope away from the nest in two weeks.

I guess they don't feel safe to live the eaglet in the nest box.

Hope they will show us where She/He is time to time.

Diana

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PattiO

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Yeah, she/he will be put in a hacking tower. I don't know why they have to take it so early though. Last year they fostered in 2 eaglets because their eggs didn't hatch but I thought they were more like 8 weeks when they took them out.

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JudyB

Posted: Thu Jun 05, 2008 8:23 pm Post subject:



Here are a few pictures from today - little Hope is four weeks old - and growing! 😊



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PattiO

Posted: Mon Jun 09, 2008 10:54 am Post subject:



She is such a cutie pie 😊😊 I just wish they could leave her for a few more weeks. Here is their update from 6/6. The feed looks terrible right now so I didn't take a pic....maybe later.

Quote:

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Scranton,

At 4 weeks of age, there's more activity from the eaglet. He (she?) is very alert to what's going on in the nest and is getting stronger every day — hopping, (sometimes falling over!) walking, exercising wings. If all goes as planned, the eaglet will remain in this nest for about another week. It will then be removed from the nest and transferred to a nearby artificial

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nest in a hack tower overlooking East Tennessee's Douglas Lake. The young bird will become oriented to typical bald eagle habitat for several weeks before it's released.

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Diana

Posted: Tue Jun 10, 2008 4:10 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



I am going to miss HOPE 😞
Here are two pictures from earlier today 😊



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Diana

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PattiO

Posted: Wed Jun 11, 2008 3:43 pm Post subject:

 quote



Awww I see her feet Diana! 😊😊

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JudyB

Posted: Wed Jun 11, 2008 10:37 pm Post subject:

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Thanks for the pictures, **Diana** and **Patti!** 😊 It's not my usual day to take pictures of Hope - she won't be five weeks old until tomorrow - but I don't know when they're going to move her to the hacking tower, so I thought I'd take some today - just in case! 😊

The first four were fun to watch - she was tossing and turning, and sprawling every which way!

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I especially like the third one - I didn't know that little eaglets had itchy beaks! 😄😄

Once nap time was over, she was standing up like the big little eaglet she's becoming - and then it was time for lunch with Mom and Dad! 😊



I guess maybe it does make sense for her to move out to the countryside so she can get used to the sights and sounds of the wild before she decides that the zoo/habitat where she hatched is as good as it gets - but I'm going to miss her. 😞

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Lori

Posted: Thu Jun 12, 2008 12:49 pm Post subject:



I have to admit I love the whole story of Liberty and Justice but I just can't bring



myself to watch since they take the chicks away at 6 weeks old. 😞
I do occasionally take peeks here and there and I love reading the updates on this thread but I can't get attached.

It amazes me just how many eaglets they have successfully hatched and raised. They had a rough start though with raising their families...

From their biography:

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Location:
So. Maine

Quote:

Liberty and Justice bonded as mates in 1993. They are both very good parents, but their family life had a very difficult beginning.

In 1994, Liberty laid two eggs, one of which was fertile. They successfully incubated the eggs and diligently cared for the youngster that hatched. The eaglet was about five weeks old when a terrible thunderstorm came through the area. A bolt of lightning struck their nest, killing the eaglet. Thankfully though, Liberty and Justice escaped being harmed themselves.

1995 was not a better nesting experience for the young couple. They successfully produced and raised two healthy eaglets, but once again misfortune took the lives of their youngsters. At seven weeks of age, only one week before the eaglets would have been transferred to a hacking tower for release into the wild, a severe heat wave hit Pigeon Forge and other parts of the United States. Temperatures reached abnormally high levels and the eaglets overheated and died in their nest. A number of humans also lost their lives during the same summer heat wave.

With such tragedy behind them, family life is looking much better for Liberty and Justice. In 1996, they produced two healthy eaglets that were released into the wild on Douglas Lake in Dandridge, Tennessee. In 1997, one eaglet was hatched and released out of two eggs. Two eaglets were raised and released in 1998 and they had triplets in 1999! These were the first captive-hatched bald eaglet triplets in Tennessee history, and all lived to take their first freedom flight. Finally, Liberty and Justice produced two young during the year 2000, having now reared a total of ten eaglets. All of these eaglets were successfully released into the wild by Foundation staff. Hopefully, the year 2001 will be a good one for them too.

How awful for them.

I hope to get to Dollywood one day and see these eagles. I'm so glad that they have each other. 😊



JudyB

Posted: Thu Jun 12, 2008 9:40 pm Post subject:

 quote



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Here are a few pictures from today - little Hope is 5 weeks old! 😊





You can see more of her feathers starting to come in - and I think she's starting to stand up on her "adult" feet!

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Diana

Posted: Fri Jun 13, 2008 9:14 am Post subject:



I agree with you JUDY 😊

But I can't help it I love HOPE

Here are some pictures I took them just now, they may be the last once 😞

I wish the best for our HOPE and the amazing Parents LIBERTY and JUSTICE



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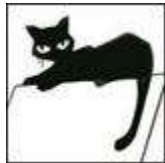


Diana

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LakeMaM [📅](#) Posted: Fri Jun 13, 2008 12:32 pm [📄](#) Post subject:

[🗨️ quote](#)



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Posts: 4042
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Bulverde,
Texas



Awful cute 😊

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Sat Jun 14, 2008 10:22 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



Awwwww she's so adorable! Thanks for the pics guys! I'm in Pittsburgh for the weekend at a wedding. I suppose she may be gone by the time I get home! I love her big yellow feet! 😊😊

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LakeMaM a Posted: Sun Jun 15, 2008 9:16 am Post subject:

 quote



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Location:
Bulverde,
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New room decorations. 😊

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PattiO

☐ Posted: Sun Jun 15, 2008 11:40 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



Awww LMM! Now those pics makes me sad. Liberty and Justice are such good, caring parents! They do what they can even with their 'disabilities'! So sweet!!

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PattiO

☐ Posted: Thu Jun 19, 2008 3:37 pm Post subject:

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I took a couple pics yesterday but couldn't upload to photobucket until today.

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I thought Hope would be gone by now ... soon I'm sure. She's 6 weeks old today. These pics are from today look at her stickin her big leg out! 😊





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JudyB

▢ Posted: Thu Jun 19, 2008 11:36 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



Well that's odd - earlier today I checked in on Hope, and I was quite sure the AEF web site said s/he would be moved to a hacking tower in early July. I didn't copy the update from their site because I was in a hurry - and now it's not there any more. Strange! Anyway, I do hope s/he'll be able to stay with her parents a bit longer. 😊

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Fri Jun 20, 2008 8:52 am Post subject:

[quote](#)



That's what I thought too Judy ... they said when she was 5 weeks they would move her and now she's six weeks! It's OK with me thought - I though 5 weeks was too soon. I wish they'd leave her till she's 8 or 9 weeks. I accidently left the cam up on my work computer overnight! 😞😞 She's havin some breakfast now. 😊

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PattiO

Posted: Fri Jun 20, 2008 9:51 am Post subject:

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She just cracks me up stickin those legs out! 😄😄 She is literally laying on her side...leg out, wing out, snoozin away....too cute!!

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Fri Jun 20, 2008 2:44 pm Post subject:

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And here she is this afternoon... 😊😊



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JudyB

▢ Posted: Fri Jun 20, 2008 11:43 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



Wonderful pictures, **PattiO**! Here are a couple more pictures of Hope from **June 20**. I love the way she's sitting up in the second one - looking like a big eaglet! 😊

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PattiO

▣ Posted: Sat Jun 21, 2008 12:15 pm Post subject:

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This would be the cutest family photo if you could see them better!! Mom, Dad and Hope in between! 😊😊

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JudyB

▢ Posted: Tue Jun 24, 2008 12:14 pm Post subject:

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I didn't check in yesterday, but this was posted on the AEF site June 23:

Our eaglet will be removed from the nest tomorrow, June 24, and transferred to a nearby artificial nest in a hack tower overlooking East Tennessee's Douglas Lake. It will become oriented to typical bald eagle habitat for several weeks before it's released.

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And this was posted today:

The eaglet was taken from the nest at 8:30am June 24th. She's a female weighing 9 lbs. 1oz. Her hack tower companion, who is a few days older, weighed a little over 5 1/2 lbs.

Sounds as if Hope is a **big** little eaglet! 😊 I'm sorry that we didn't have time to say goodbye 😞 - but happy that she did stay with her parents a little longer than we thought she might - and happy that she'll get to see what the real world looks like for a couple of weeks from the safety of her hacking tower. And she'll have a friend! (Do hope she doesn't sit on her new companion and squish him! 😊) I'm guessing that her companion is a "him" as it's older and smaller. And we've had a report on the two unrelated Santa Cruz/Pelican Harbor eaglets in the hacking tower there, and they seem to get along well - so I'm guessing Hope and her new friend will be fine.

Can't easily send e-mails from work, but will try to contact them tonight to see if they have any pictures of Hope and her companion in the hacking tower that they can post. I'm also curious if the other eagle is also from AEF or what its story is.

By the way, Hope is 6-1/2 weeks old now. 😊

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Lori

Posted: Tue Jun 24, 2008 12:35 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



☹... ☹... ☹

So sad but I guess they know what they're doing and the parents are probably used to this by now....

Thanks **JudyB** for posting.

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PattiO

Posted: Wed Jun 25, 2008 11:22 am Post subject:

[quote](#)



Awww I'm going to miss checking on her! She sure is a big girl!! 😊 It will probably be good for her to be around another eaglet. I just always wonder what Lib and Justice think when they take their babies away. ☹☹ I'm so glad Hope hatched though this since last year neither of their eggs hatched!

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PattiO

Posted: Thu Jun 26, 2008 8:58 am Post subject:

[quote](#)



They had a little more info. regarding the sizes of the eaglets posted today and some pictures. "Big" Hope in her new home. 😊 Not sure but I think she's the one on the right.

Quote:

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The weight discrepancy is due to the geographical region of the country where the parents were born. Northern birds are larger than Southern

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birds. An Alaskan female can weigh 16 pounds and have an 8 foot wing span. A Southern male can weigh as little as 5 pounds. We know for sure Justice is an Alaskan bird, and we suspect from her size Liberty is, too. The parents of the other eaglet came from the San Francisco Zoo and they are smaller birds.



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PattiO

Posted: Tue Jul 01, 2008 8:41 am Post subject:



Here is some other news from AEF's newsletter...

Quote:

During the 2008 breeding season, 10 Bald Eagle eggs were laid. Five actually hatched, including triplets born to Bonispae and Franklin in our Eagle Mountain Sanctuary at Dollywood.

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This year, as in the past, we have provided public viewing into the nest of Liberty and Justice via our Eagle Video Cam (also located on the Dollywood Park) . Our camera focused on a baby eaglet born to this breeding pair. Another eaglet is being raised by its parents at the American Eagle Foundation's off-park facility.

In addition to eaglets born at our facility, four other Bald Eaglets arrived from the San Francisco Zoo in June.

All of the above-mentioned eaglets have been taken to the hack tower and are scheduled for release in early July

The American Eagle Foundation's "Eagle Mountain Sanctuary" aviary is

located at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN -- and is home to the largest collection of non-releasable Bald Eagles in the world.

The naturally-landscaped and tree-filled aviary provided for these magnificent birds is enormous and offers a life-long home to permanently disabled eagles -- which is unparalleled anywhere in the country. In fact, it's the largest aviary presentation of non-releasable Bald Eagles in the world.

The sanctuary can be visited by the public from early April through late December.

I think I need to go there someday! 😊

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JudyB

▢ Posted: Fri Jul 04, 2008 11:04 am Post subject:

[quote](#)



Thanks for the information and the picture of Hope in her new home, **Patti!** 😊 Does look like a perch for branching, and a nice view of the countryside. Hope was 8 weeks old yesterday. 😊

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JudyB

▢ Posted: Wed Jul 30, 2008 8:00 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



The little eaglet we've been calling Hope will be 12 weeks old tomorrow - and thanks to the folks at the American Eagle Foundation (<http://www.eagles.org>), I have some additional information to post! (I've had the info for a while - just haven't had time to post it. 😊)

I sent them the following questions back on July 10:

Hi! I'm wondering if you'll be posting any updates on the progress of the eaglet

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we were watching earlier this year as she adapts to the hack tower and her new companion. Do you open the doors to the tower when they reach a certain age or is it based on their activity. Do the people who feed them take any pictures you can post on your website? (I know the idea is that the people not be seen by the eaglets - but have heard that some towers have one-way windows or cameras so people can monitor the eaglets.)

And Bob Hatcher, AEF Eagle Consultant and Correspondent, and Retired Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Coordinator (1978 - 2001), Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, was kind enough to send the following reply (and permission to post it):

Thanks for your inquiries below to the American Eagle Foundation (AEF) concerning web cam updates and/or pictures during the hacking and release of the eaglet raised by Liberty and Justice.

Yes, AEF's hack tower has a 1-way glass on the rear of the hack cages, whereby up to 12 eaglets can be observed in four 8/x/8x8-foot hack cages. Vertical bars, 4-inches apart, separate each side-by-side cage, mounted about 25 feet above ground and overlooking Douglas Lake. There are also small openings in the solid rear and side walls, whereby pictures may be taken of the eaglets inside the cages. If we can obtain any pictures of the web cam eaglet inside the cage, I hope we can get it on the web site, as you suggest.

Hack tower release dates are based primarily on when the eaglets are first capable of flight. That is generally at about 12 weeks of age, which would be July 31, 2008 for the web cam eaglet. They may be stimulated to exercise their wings more when facing strong steady winds during their 8 - 12 week old period. In areas of strong steady winds, eaglets are typically strong enough for their first flights at about 10 weeks of age. They are judged ready to fly from the cage when they can fly in place, a few feet above their caged nest, for several seconds. If there is not much wind, they may not exercise their wings enough to be strong enough to fly until they are about 13 weeks age. Another important factor in their release is the attempt to release as many young eagles as feasible at the same time. AEF plans to release up to seven young bald eagles from its hack site on July 22, 2008, but the eagle cam eaglet may, or may not be, ready for release at that date, depending on its flight capability at slightly less than 11 weeks of age.

A blind is usually set up to the front right of the hack tower, allowing some pictures to be taken from that angle as the young eagles leave their cages. Some eagles immediately bolt out when the vertically barred front cages are remotely raised by rope and pulley. However, they typically hop outside the hack cages onto perch poles and, after a few minutes to an hour or more, after they get enough courage to do so, they fly to a nearby tree. Their first landings can be somewhat awkward because they have had no prior experience at landing while flying horizontally.

Immature eagles are vulnerable to threats during their first year of life, primarily because they are naive to a variety of dangers in the wild. Dangers are many and include: becoming entangled in thick vegetation (mostly when very young), being hit by vehicles while feeding on freshly dead road kills, colliding with powerlines, never learning to hunt for themselves, electrocution. A radio transmitter is placed on the tail feathers of each eaglet so that they can be found if they get in trouble before dispersing from the area, which is typically two to four weeks after release. Only about 50 percent survive their first year, whether hatched or from wild nests, after which about 90 percent survive each year. That leaves only about 36 percent surviving to five years of age, when many will find a mate and produce their first young. Bald eagles have been known to live as much as 39 years in the wild and over 50 years in captivity, where there is good veterinary care. If an eagle is capable of surviving in the wild, it must be released into the wild.

Thanks again for your suggestion for pictures and/or updates on the AEF web cam site. I hope we will be able to do so. Stay tuned.

They have subsequently added much of this information to their web site <http://www.eagles.org/eaglecam.htm>, though I haven't seen any new pictures of the eaglet in the hacking tower.

I did, however, get a bit more information about their program from Bob Hatcher: **From 1992 through 2007, the American Eagle Foundation released 87 young bald eagles, from captive-bred and wild nest blow-downs, at its Douglas Lake, TN, hack site. Approximately 10 more are proposed for release there this summer. In Tennessee as a whole, 312 bald eagles have been released from seven different hack sites from 1980 through 2007, with Douglas Lake being Tennessee's only active eagle hack site since 1994.**

They do have more information and a newsletter on their website.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this very long post, the eaglet we watched will be 12 weeks old tomorrow - and I'm sending AEF an e-mail tonight to ask if she will be released then - and if there's any chance they can post some pictures of her as she starts her new life! 😊

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PattiO

☐ Posted: Wed Jul 30, 2008 11:17 pm Post subject:



Ohhhh **Judyb** you are the BEST!! 😊😊 Thank you for bringing all that news!! I have a special place in my heart for Liberty and Justice. Two eagles that can't survive on their own in the wild but are still given the chance to LIVE like they're on their own - breeding, raising young. 😊 I was so sad for them last year when their

eggs didn't hatch - but then they fostered in 2 other eaglets and it was wonderful to watch. And them to have Hope hatch this year was terrific for them! 😊 It would be soooooo great if they post some pictures of her!

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JudyB

▢ Posted: Tue Aug 05, 2008 12:45 pm Post subject:

 [quote](#)



Well, I haven't heard back from AEF, and haven't seen any information on their site about Hope fledging - but I have got the page for this nest on my website up to date - link is [here](#)!

Thanks for all the screenshots you took - they make my site possible. 😊

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JudyB

▢ Posted: Tue Aug 19, 2008 12:59 pm Post subject:

 [quote](#)



I'm playing catch-up again. I finally heard from AEF, and Hope and six other eaglets were released from the AEF's hacking towers on July 24 - the announcement from the American Eagle Foundation is [here](#), with pictures of the eaglets being released. 😊

And guess what the official names are for the two eaglets hatched at AEF - "Tennessee" and (drumroll) "Hope"! I had told the folks at AEF that we had nicknamed Liberty & Justice's eaglet Hope on the forum - so it's possible they mentioned that to the celebrities who chose their official names. Or it might just be a neat coincidence! Either way, I think it's quite wonderful! 😊

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Maine

Fare well, Hope - and happy flying! 😊😊

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PattiO

Posted: Tue Aug 19, 2008 2:06 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



Thank you, thank you JudyB! I'm behind too! Hope looks SOOOO BEAUTIFUL!! Yeah Miley! for picking the right name! 😊😊

I love reading these kinds of numbers! 😊

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Location:
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Quote:

To date, 313 captive-hatched and translocated bald eaglets have been released in Tennessee since the early 1980s - with 95 eaglets released at the Douglas Lake location.

There are presently an estimated 77 successful wild nests in Tennessee that fledged about 135 young last year. The state had no known occupied eagle nests in the early 1980s.

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purpleagle

Posted: Tue Aug 19, 2008 2:15 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



That was a great picture of Hope on their site...I saved it with my other eaglet pics.



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JudyB

Posted: Sun Oct 26, 2008 10:12 am Post subject:

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I have another update on our Hope, courtesy of the [American Eagle Foundation](#). First, an apology - our Hope was not one of the seven fledglings released on July 24. I asked about the web cam eaglet and they gave me the link to the story and



pictures of the July 24 release - and I made the assumption that Hope was one of the eaglets released. When I went to update my website with her age at time of fledging, I realized that she was younger than the Hope and Tennessee who were released, so I checked - and learned that our Hope was released August 25th. I've been hoping they'd post more information and some pictures - and today when I checked the AEF site, I found they had posted some information - and the official name of the web cam eaglet is Slope! Here's the story:

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Slope, the bald eaglet that was hacked and released by the American Eagle Foundation (AEF) on Douglas Lake was removed from the nest of Liberty and Justice at AEF on June 24, 2008 and transferred to the Douglas Lake hack site near Dandridge, TN. It was released on August 25. It dispersed from the general area on August 27, 2008, when it weighed 10.0 pounds. Apparently a female, it had a 2-inch orange, patagial tag (wing tag) "N8" on its left wing to aid sighting reports. There have been no reported sightings since its dispersal, which is not unusual. All patagial tags ended in "8", indicating release in 2008. Slope was named in honor of fallen Marine Sgt. Michael Ferschke Jr. by the Ferschke Family.

Slope was 105 days old, or about 15-1/2 weeks old, when she was released - which is older than usual. Not sure why, but I think I saw that they take the weather into consideration, so may have waited until it was a little cooler and foraging might be easier. They do have a chart listing the other eagles they've released this year, and two of the fledglings have been sighted - one in Indiana and one in Canada - so I'm guessing everyone in eastern North America should keep their eyes open for a young eagle with wing tags N8!

Good luck, "Hope"/Slope - and safe travels! 😊

(This picture is not of Slope - it's from July 24 - but I suspect her release was similar)



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PattiO

Posted: Sun Oct 26, 2008 8:37 pm Post subject:

 quote



Thanks JudyB! Hmmm....Slope?? What kind of name is that?? Ah well, close enough to Hope! 😊😊 She was a cutie, I HOPE she does well! 😊

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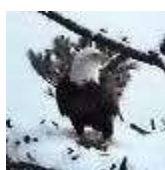
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JudyB

Posted: Mon Oct 27, 2008 9:20 am Post subject:

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I haven't researched the soldier she was named in honor of - perhaps it was his nickname? Must have meant something to his family. It does seem a bit odd on the list on their website - most of the names are traditional patriotic sorts of names - like Liberty and Justice! 😊

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annsva

Posted: Sat Nov 01, 2008 4:51 pm Post subject:

 quote



JudyB, you do such a phenomenal job posting the updates and follow up info, I just wanted to say a huge *thank you!*

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kittenface □ Posted: Sat Mar 14, 2009 11:48 pm Post subject:

 [quote](#)



Just found this on texas owls site

Stay Tuned! The "live" video camera over the nest of our captive breeding pair of bald eagles ("Liberty" and "Justice") will be back on-line by March 15th.

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Aug 2008
Posts: 547
Location:
Milton PA

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PattiO □ Posted: Sat Mar 14, 2009 11:54 pm Post subject:

 [quote](#)



Thanks kitten! I've been checking - waiting for it come back! 😊

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JudyB □ Posted: Thu Mar 19, 2009 3:39 pm Post subject:

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I think Liberty and Justice are being just a little shy (note the two eagle tails at the top of the screen) - and the cam blinked out on me a couple of times - but they're back! 😊😊

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PattiO

▣ Posted: Thu Mar 19, 2009 6:10 pm Post subject:

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Gee - now I tried to open the cam today and couldn't get it. 😞 I wanna see Liberty and Justice!! 🐣

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seahorse
Guest

▣ Posted: Fri Mar 20, 2009 8:41 am Post subject:

[quote](#)

i can seem to get in either, are they having problems, or is it just me?

JudyB

▣ Posted: Fri Mar 20, 2009 9:15 am Post subject:

[quote](#)

Well, I can't get on today either - think I must have tried at just the right moment while they were testing the cam.



I went to the home page <http://www.eagles.org/eaglecam.htm> and clicked the picture of the eaglets when I got on - I think the direct WMP link has changed from last year, or may still be in the testing stage. I do hope they get the cam up soon - I'd also like to have more than the glimpse I got yesterday. 😊

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kittenface

▢ Posted: Fri Mar 20, 2009 11:30 am Post subject:



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Aug 2008
Posts: 547
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Milton PA

If I click cam 2 I get it up



PattiO

▢ Posted: Mon Mar 30, 2009 8:26 am Post subject:



They have a notice up about the cam ...

Quote:

NOTICE: 3/29/09

We are experiencing technical difficulties with our camera but hope to get it back on line shortly.

Thanks for visiting, and please check back!

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JudyB

Posted: Mon Mar 30, 2009 8:39 am Post subject:

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Thanks for posting that, **Patti** - I'd checked now and then, but hadn't seen it working after my initial post. The good news, I guess, is that Liberty & Justice are used to people being around, so fixing the cam shouldn't be an issue like it can be in wild nests. Or so I would suspect.

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JudyB

Posted: Mon Mar 30, 2009 3:38 pm Post subject:

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Not sure if it will last - but the cam's up at the moment. I went to <http://www.eagles.org/eaglecam.htm> and clicked the link there. One is in the nest and the other is perched on the edge.

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PattiO

Posted: Mon Mar 30, 2009 3:52 pm Post subject:

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Yay! It's working again! I can see both over on the edge of the nest now. Thanks JudyB! 😊

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PattiO

Posted: Tue Mar 31, 2009 2:46 pm Post subject:

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JudyB

Posted: Thu Apr 02, 2009 4:41 pm Post subject:

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Both eagles were in the nest, then Dad Justice went to perch on the edge. Mom Liberty has been standing a long time about where the nest bowl is - you don't suppose...? 😊😊

They're an older couple so might not lay eggs - but this is about the time when they would be laying eggs if they're going to do so! 😊

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Added 5:48 eastern time:

False alarm - Liberty is now moving all around the nest; guess she was just hanging out there. But I do need to remember to keep an eye on this nest - it should be soon!



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PattiO

Posted: Fri Apr 03, 2009 5:22 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



She's sitting there again . . .

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PattiO

Posted: Fri Apr 03, 2009 5:37 pm Post subject:

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WE HAVE AN EGG!!! 😄😄😄

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Fri Apr 03, 2009 11:22 pm Post subject:

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Wow, that's wonderful news **Patti!** 😊 I was trying to read about this pair and find out about the nest. Can they dig in the nest to make it fluffy, etc. for the eggs and chicks?

I think it's sad though that they have to take the eaglets from the parents so young. I know they need to do it for the eaglets sakes, but I feel so badly for the parents. 😞

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Mar 2007
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NH

~Peggy~

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JudyB □ Posted: Fri Apr 03, 2009 11:41 pm Post subject:

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I can't find the post now, **Peggy**, but I seem to remember last year after the Santa Cruz/Pelican Harbor chicks were attacked and knocked out of their nest, someone asked Dr. Sharpe if the parents would grieve for them (or words to that effect). I think his reply was that the parents would look for them for a while to see if they needed anything, but if they didn't find any peeping eaglets, they'd assume the eaglets had fledged and no longer needed to be fed.

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And speaking of being fed, you asked on another thread how Liberty and Justice could hunt - their injuries make it unlikely that they'd be very successful at that, so I think all they have to do is "hunt out" where the staff tossed the food of the day. 😊

It does look as if there is a little nest bowl for the egg(s) - and thanks for the pictures, **Patti!** 😊

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mimiforsix



Joined: 17 Mar 2007
Posts: 5428
Location: Concord, NH

Posted: Sat Apr 04, 2009 6:45 pm Post subject:



Thanks for the info **Judy!** 😊 I tried the cam earlier but it wouldn't open.

~Peggy~



JudyB

Posted: Sat Apr 04, 2009 8:51 pm Post subject:



I've found the cam to be more than a bit quirky. On the positive side, they didn't get it running at all until both eggs had been laid last year, and this year - even though it's not running consistently, we have seen more of the earlier stages. 😊

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mimiforsix

Posted: Sun Apr 05, 2009 10:15 am Post subject:





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Location:
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NH

I just got the cam! 😊 Both parents & egg.....



~Peggy~

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JudyB

Posted: Mon Apr 06, 2009 10:31 pm Post subject:

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Oct 2006
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Location:
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Nice picture, **Peggy!** I don't often see both parents at the same time. 😊 Seems that this is as close as I can come sometimes:



I was a bit worried today, because it looked as if they'd laid a second egg - but it wasn't in the nest bowl. Note the white thing at the top right of the nest:



But **Skipper** from the Hancock forum got a picture late this afternoon that shows two eggs in the nestbowl:



No idea what the white thing is - and no idea how their nesting season will turn out. They are an older pair, and the conditions that prevent them from being released also make it hard for them to mate successfully. But they had a chick last year - and I'm hoping for another good year for them! 😊😊

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Mon Apr 06, 2009 10:51 pm Post subject:



Two eggs now? That's great! 😊 Thanks Judy! 😊



~Peggy~

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PattiO

Posted: Tue Apr 07, 2009 12:23 pm Post subject:

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I took these 2 pics yesterday I think....but it must have before she laid the second egg.

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JudyB

Posted: Tue Apr 07, 2009 12:53 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



Skipper was recording the nest for someone on the Hancock forum, so she's not sure when the egg was laid. The recorder said 6:35 but I'm not sure what time zone it was in! 😊😊 I think Skipper's in the eastern time zone, but she posts on the Hancock forum which is in the pacific time zone, so who knows! 😊 I did get a glimpse at both eggs this morning, and she was spending a lot more time on the nest today than she was yesterday, so I'm thinking she was waiting for #2 before she started incubating full time. 😊

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mimiforsix

Posted: Fri Apr 10, 2009 6:47 pm Post subject:

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I've been checking off and on but haven't been able to see the eggs.



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~Peggy~

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PattiO

Posted: Fri Apr 10, 2009 9:21 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



Awww poor Lib & Justice - all wet tonight!

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mimiforsix

Posted: Mon Apr 13, 2009 7:38 am Post subject:

[quote](#)



There are 3 eggs! 😊



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~Peggy~

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JudyB

Posted: Mon Apr 13, 2009 3:51 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



I just saw that, **Peggy** - wow! 😊 Wonder when she laid the third one? I've looked in quickly a couple of times, but she (or they) seem to like to keep their eggs well hidden. 😊

Added:

Just checked the AEF web site and the third egg appeared April 10 - right on schedule! Guess I wasn't really expecting one, so didn't think to look beyond an occasional peek. 😊

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mimiforsix

Posted: Mon Apr 13, 2009 4:17 pm Post subject:

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Hi **Judy**! I've been checking, but the eggs are usually covered up. I think my luck's changed though! 😊

Switch! 😊



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~Peggy~

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Wed Apr 15, 2009 3:55 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



OMG! How did I miss this??? Kicking myself here - I didn't know we had 3 eggs!! My 'new posts' aren't showing up right.

Anyway!! Wow!! 3 eggs!! A word of warning though **Peggy** - this pairs eggs don't always hatch! But who knows! We could have a miracle here this year! 😊

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Wed Apr 15, 2009 5:37 pm Post subject:

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Patti, do you know where I might find info on how this nest was built, etc.?

~Peggy~

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JudyB □ Posted: Wed Apr 15, 2009 6:47 pm Post subject:

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There's a lot of information on the American Eagle Foundation website - <http://americaneaglefoundation.com/programs/aef-nest-cam.php>. Be warned that their home page has sound effects of an eagle calling quite loudly; the cam page that I put a link to is quiet. I don't remember reading about the building of the nest - but do recall that they lost a clutch some years back when a previous nest collapsed, so I'm guessing this one was put in place then. 😊

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mimiforsix

Posted: Wed Apr 15, 2009 6:54 pm Post subject:

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Thanks **Judy!** 😊 I'm just curious as to what the nest is constructed of.....I can see the type of outdoor carpet grass, or whatever you call it. I'm just wondering mainly what the nest bowl area is made of.....is it soft and can it be fluffed up? It just looks so pack down now.

~Peggy~

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PattiO

Posted: Wed Apr 15, 2009 8:46 pm Post subject:

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It doesn't say anything about what the nest is made of. 😊

I would also REALLY like to know why they take the eaglets so early - I wouldn't imagine any eaglet being able to fly before 10 weeks.

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JudyB

Posted: Wed Apr 15, 2009 11:56 pm Post subject:

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I asked them about that, possibly to the point of becoming obnoxious 😊 - especially when I learned that my website was one of the references they were using to decide the age at which eaglets should be removed. They cc'd me on the following discussion of when to remove the eaglet last year:

Joined: 20
Oct 2006

As per the following discussions, I recommend that AEF link to Judy Barrows' web site, www.judyb-eagles.com. It shows bald eaglets at various ages at different eagle cam web sites. As with the pictures that you captured on the AEF eagle cam

Posts: 6365 *site this year, her web site provides valuable insights into bald eaglet growth, behavior, etc. For example, one of her pictures shows that a bald eaglet peering over the edge of the nest at 5-6 weeks age. As we discussed earlier this year, this indicates that eaglets need to be removed at approximately 5 weeks age where the eaglets may see humans as a source of food, or otherwise become excessively habituated to nearby humans, such as in zoos or theme parks.*

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I am honored that they considered my collection of pictures of eaglets at various ages useful - and felt more than a little guilty that I had inadvertently contributed to Hope's being removed from her nest at a young age. 😊 But I also know that it's not a good thing for eagles (or any wild thing) to feel safe approaching humans. And I've noticed that adults start spending a lot less time at the nest around that age - in part because it takes a lot of work to provide enough food for a couple of eaglets - and because the eaglets have sufficient feathers that they don't need to be brooded, even when the weather is a bit miserable.

I also asked if eaglets under 6 weeks were capable of adequately self-feeding because it seemed to me that they were still fed by the parents much of the time, even as they learned to tear up their own food. Here's their reply to that:

We have been removing eaglets from our nests on the Dollywood park and off the Dollywood park now for close to 18 years, and make very sure that all eaglets are eating on their own before they go to the hack tower (they are very self proficient in doing this at that time). We have found that our eaglets are doing this well at 5 and 6 weeks of age.

However, we do cut their food into smaller chunks for the first week or so that the younger birds are taken to the hack tower (fed through a sliding drawer and observed through one-way mirrored glass). We then gradually add in whole trout.

The primary cause of human imprinting is when eaglets see where their food is coming from - if they can actually see that the source comes from humans. In the case of our eaglets on the Dollywood park, the parents bring it to their young (we place it on feeding platforms at the bottom of the hillside). We do not put it in the nest ourselves.

I still have mixed feelings - I like the fact that even though Liberty and Justice can't be released, their offspring can - and I don't like the fact that the eaglets hatched at the AEF facility are removed at such a young age. I think part of that is humanizing - but I do think young eagles generally learn a bit from their parents before they leave to explore the world - though even if the eaglets stayed at the AEF facility with their parents until they fledged, they wouldn't be able to watch their parents hunt in the way they need to hunt as wild adults. And most of the original eagles on the IWS islands were released in a similar manner - and they're doing fine. 😊

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Thu Apr 16, 2009 8:42 am Post subject:

[quote](#)



Thanks **Judy!** 😊 I agree.....I wish that they didn't take the eaglets at such a young age and don't know if I could watch then; too sad! 😞

~Peggy~

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Sun Apr 19, 2009 1:34 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



Looks like it's raining. 😞 For some reason, I thought that the nest was indoors or, at least, covered. How do they keep them from flying away?



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NH



~Peggy~



purpleagle

Posted: Sun Apr 19, 2009 7:12 pm Post subject:



Peggy...I think there is a mesh/net enclosure around the nest. These are permanent residents at Dollywood ? as they are unreleasable.

Joined: 10
Jan 2007
Posts: 681
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San
Antonio, TX



PattiO

Posted: Sun Apr 19, 2009 7:57 pm Post subject:



Quote:

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This is why the nest interests me so much - not to mention beautiful Justice and Lib. 😊

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Posted: Sun Apr 19, 2009 9:08 pm Post subject:

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Thanks for the info **purpleagle!** 😊

~Peggy~

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JudyB

Posted: Sun Apr 19, 2009 9:45 pm Post subject:

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PattiO wrote:

Quote:

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Disclaimer first - this is the way I understand things, but may not be quite right. There is a lot of info on the AEF website, some of which may be what I'm vaguely recollecting. I think (but am not sure) that the eagle area with Lib & Justice is open to the public, and there are paths from which people can look up and observe the nest. If the eaglet can actually look over the edge, s/he will be able to see the people. I am personally convinced (based on nothing remotely resembling scientific facts) that eaglets do learn some hunting/scavenging skills by observing their parents after they fledge. However, I also believe that they have strong instincts, and while it might be a little harder to rely totally on their instincts, I do think it works. Most of the older adults on the Channel Islands (IWS cams) were removed from their nests and released from towers - and while I don't know their success rate as compared to that of eagles with hunting/scavenging parents to chase after and observe - I do know that there once were no eagles on the Channel Islands, and there now are quite a few. 😊

And while there are a couple of AEF's practices I don't really like, I am personally convinced that my concerns about removing eaglets at 5-7 weeks is a humanizing thing, and not at all based on anything remotely resembling scientific data. (And they have done a great job at increasing the eagle population in the area!) If the adults were wild and could actually teach the eaglets something more useful than where the food magically appears for captive eagles, I'd have grounds for sputtering - but as good as Liberty and Justice are as parents, they cannot teach their offspring to hunt as a wild eagle needs to do. 😊

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Sun Apr 19, 2009 10:02 pm Post subject:

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Thank you **JudyB** - I get it now - I may not like it (removing them so young) but I get it. I have explored their website, but I guess just not thoroughly enough - and you give such wonderful explanations, scientific or not. 😊 You are a wealth of knowledge! 😊

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Thu Apr 23, 2009 6:24 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)



Thanks **Judy**. I still don't think I could watch when they remove them (if they show it). I'm a whimp! 😊

Looks hot!



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NH

~Peggy~

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JudyB □ Posted: Thu Apr 23, 2009 6:45 pm Post subject:

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Nice picture - thanks, **Peggy**. 😊 They didn't show Hope/Slope being removed last year. They added some pictures a bit later of Hope in the hacking tower with another eaglet her age, and then some pictures of eaglets being released (though Hope wasn't actually one of the ones released that day - but it gave an idea of how it was done). They do have tags - but said it was a big area - and eagles can travel long distances - so they didn't have many sightings where they could identify an individual eagle.

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Thu Apr 23, 2009 7:13 pm Post subject:

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I read a news article yesterday about a juvie being shot in Tenn. somewhere recently. Of course, I'm sure they'll never find who did it. I just hope it wasn't Hope! 😊

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Fri Apr 24, 2009 6:11 pm Post subject:

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Terrible view today - but I got to see all 3 eggs. I'm not sure who it is on the nest but it keeps calling and calling - must need a break! 😊 It also looks like they've built up a little nest bowl. When you think about it, that nest is HUGE....look how little space she takes up in that big thing!

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mimiforsix ▢ Posted: Wed Apr 29, 2009 6:44 pm Post subject:

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The eggs are still there. 😊



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~Peggy~

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Wed Apr 29, 2009 10:36 pm Post subject:

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Oh my Peggy - they were looking quite wet today. 😞 Yuck! I really think it would just make my season if all 3 of those eggs hatched!

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Sun May 03, 2009 11:09 am Post subject:

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Looking wet again this morning - and it looks like they've moved to the center of the nest - that nice, built up cup seems to be gone. 😊



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▢ Posted: Sun May 03, 2009 7:35 pm Post subject:

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Patti, there might be a built up nest cup under her. One time, I didn't see it until she got up. Not sure, just guessing.

~Peggy~

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mimiforsix

▢ Posted: Tue May 05, 2009 7:13 pm Post subject:

 quote

Looks like someone got carried away with paint! 😊 I don't know what caused it, but it was back to normal a short while later.



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~Peggy~



PattiO

Posted: Wed May 06, 2009 1:47 pm Post subject:



There's a video on the cam page of another eaglet that hatched recently at AEF...

<http://www.eagles.org/programs/aef-nest-cam.php>

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mimiforsix

Posted: Wed May 06, 2009 6:46 pm Post subject:



Thanks **Patti**; that baby is soooo cute! 😊 From the video, I have a better idea of the nesting situation now too.

~Peggy~

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Posted: Fri May 08, 2009 9:41 am Post subject:

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Posted: Fri May 08, 2009 10:24 am Post subject:

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I just realized - today is Day 35 for Egg #1!!! Let the hatching begin! 😊😊
[Please, please, please!](#)

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Posted: Fri May 08, 2009 10:52 am Post subject:

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This is better - a little sunshine! 😊

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PattiO

Posted: Fri May 08, 2009 1:31 pm Post subject:

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Finally got a peek at the eggs - no hatch yet!





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Posted: Fri May 08, 2009 1:36 pm Post subject:

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Patti, glad you caught it! 😊 I've been checking off and on all day, but couldn't get a look at the eggs.

~Peggy~

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All 3 eggs still there this evening.....

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~Peggy~

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JudyB

▢ Posted: Fri May 08, 2009 8:42 pm Post subject:

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Thanks, **Patti** and **Peggy** - where there are three eggs, it seems that often the first



doesn't hatch until day 38 or 39 - so it may be a couple more days before we're likely to see a chick. 😊 And, unfortunately, they may not all be fertile 😞 - so it be a bit longer if the first one doesn't hatch.

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I do plan to check in regularly, though - they did a great job last year with "Hope" and I have my fingers crossed that they might have at least two little chicks this year. 😊

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PattiO

Posted: Sat May 09, 2009 11:47 am Post subject:

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Raining - again!!

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Posted: Sun May 10, 2009 2:17 pm Post subject:

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Still 3 eggs.....



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~Peggy~

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▢ Posted: Sun May 10, 2009 3:04 pm Post subject:

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Keeping my fingers crossed Peggy!

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JudyB

Posted: Sun May 10, 2009 3:51 pm Post subject:

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Thanks for the pictures, **Peggy!** I was watching for a while earlier today and they seemed a bit distracted - as if maybe there was something happening with one of the eggs. But the parent on the nest seems quite peaceful now, so it may have just been a reaction to something else that was going on.

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Today is day 37 for the first egg, which is still a bit early for some nests with three eggs - I'm thinking tomorrow or Tuesday are probably more likely. But I am keeping my eye on the nest here - and Delta 1 - just in case. 😊

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PattiO

Posted: Sun May 10, 2009 5:11 pm Post subject:

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I could see the adult moving around while we were having dinner - but now I don't know what you'd call this position! 😊😊

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Posted: Mon May 11, 2009 8:09 am Post subject:

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I just had a quick peek at the eggs and they all look intact.

~Peggy~



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JudyB

Posted: Mon May 11, 2009 8:15 am Post subject:

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Glad you caught that picture, **Patti** - I was wondering about the angle as well!

And thanks for the morning update, **Peggy** - I haven't had a peek yet. The parent seems to be incubating comfortably - haven't noticed her(?) looking underneath the way they tend to do when there's a lot of peeping going on. 😊

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11:15 am

Adult up and checking the eggs - unfortunately not giving much of a peek - all I've seen is a glimpse of one egg, and the adult was neatly blocking the view the rest of the time.

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mimiforsix

Posted: Mon May 11, 2009 10:35 am Post subject:

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Judy, I was watching too, but only saw 2 eggs.....sure seemed to take a long time to settle down. Is it raining there? Parent's been in this position for quite awhile:

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~Peggy~



PattiO

▢ Posted: Mon May 11, 2009 10:55 am Post subject:



Hi Peggy! 😊 I'm pretty sure that's Justice on the nest now - he's the one with the damaged wing (I think 😞). I've been waiting to get a peek too - missed it earlier.

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mimiforsix

▢ Posted: Mon May 11, 2009 10:58 am Post subject:



Thanks **Patti!** 😊 I wondered about that since it's only one wing that's spread out.

~Peggy~

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Posted: Mon May 11, 2009 11:16 am Post subject:

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Switch and still 3 eggs.....



~Peggy~

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PattiO

Posted: Mon May 11, 2009 11:59 am Post subject:

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They are both still there now - they look like they are "preparing" so hopefully they're hearing some chirping! 😊😊



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mimiforsix □ Posted: Mon May 11, 2009 7:01 pm Post subject:

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Both parents have been staying close to the nest, but there're still 3 intact eggs, as far as I can tell.



~Peggy~

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JudyB □ Posted: Mon May 11, 2009 8:24 pm Post subject:

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Thanks, **Patti** and **Peggy** - I was planning to watch today, but got a bit distracted with events on the Hancock forum. Here's hoping we have a chick tomorrow! 😊

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PattiO □ Posted: Tue May 12, 2009 4:06 pm Post subject:

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mimiforsix

Posted: Tue May 12, 2009 6:53 pm Post subject:

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Hi Patti! 😊 I saw 3 eggs this evening.....



~Peggy~

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PattiO

Posted: Tue May 12, 2009 7:51 pm Post subject:

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Well, today was day 39 for the first egg - so that's not looking good. Day 35 for the second and day 32 for the third. Keeping my fingers crossed!!

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Wed May 13, 2009 8:42 am Post subject:

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I'll keep my fingers crossed too **Patti!** I thought that there was a hole in one of the eggs, but when I cleared the picture up, etc. I didn't see it.



~Peggy~

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PattiO □ Posted: Wed May 13, 2009 12:33 pm Post subject:

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Dad (I think) is very antsy. Up, down, calling out, off the eggs. I still can't see much though.

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Wed May 13, 2009 6:47 pm Post subject:

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Patti, I don't see any change.....

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~Peggy~

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Wed May 13, 2009 7:00 pm Post subject:

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In this one, it looks like something in between the two rear eggs. I tried looking at it with my magnifying glass, but can't make it out.

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~Peggy~

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Wed May 13, 2009 10:29 pm Post subject:

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Could be a hatching, sort of looks like a head sticking out of the egg. I guess we'll have to wait until tomorrow.

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▢ Posted: Thu May 14, 2009 6:52 am Post subject:

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I really can't see any change during this morning's switch.....

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~Peggy~

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Thu May 14, 2009 9:21 am Post subject:

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Any change?



~Peggy~

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Thu May 14, 2009 11:38 am Post subject:

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I think Dad (?) is up a little higher on the eggs.

~Peggy~

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JudyB □ Posted: Thu May 14, 2009 1:46 pm Post subject:

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It looks as if he(?) has been more restless lately. I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

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□ Posted: Thu May 14, 2009 2:21 pm Post subject:



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Judy, I still don't see any signs of any of the eggs hatching. The first picture's a bit blurry since I tried cropping and enlarging it.





~Peggy~

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Thu May 14, 2009 2:22 pm Post subject:

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Been busy today - thanks for the caps **Peggy!** Well, I'm hoping for egg #2 - we're day 40 for #1.

EDIT - we posted together Peggy! 😊 It's really hard to see anything clearly with this cam. Looks quite blurry today.

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mimiforsix

▢ Posted: Thu May 14, 2009 2:25 pm Post subject:

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Hi **Patti!** 😊 Are 40 days too long for an egg to hatch?

~Peggy~

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PattiO

Posted: Thu May 14, 2009 2:50 pm Post subject:



40 days is pretty long - it could still hatch today or tomorrow I guess. I just hope at least one of them hatches!

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JudyB

Posted: Thu May 14, 2009 3:51 pm Post subject:



I keep being not sure of what I'm seeing. And given that they don't exactly catch their prey in the traditional manner, I don't expect a food delivery as a sign. They were not sitting on the eggs a lot the first couple of days, so I'm guessing 40 days is possible - but probably less likely than 39.

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PattiO

Posted: Fri May 15, 2009 12:13 pm Post subject:



Hmmmmmm....



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JudyB

Posted: Fri May 15, 2009 12:41 pm Post subject:

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Not sure - there were still three eggs last time i looked, but I haven't had time to look for a while.

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Posted: Fri May 15, 2009 12:45 pm Post subject:

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I think Mom? is sitting higher on the eggs now; but that might be wishful thinking on my part.

~Peggy~

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JudyB

Posted: Fri May 15, 2009 7:00 pm Post subject:

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Today is day 39 for the second egg - I really don't think it will hatch if it hasn't done so today. 😞 Today isn't quite over - but it's not looking promising.

The good news is that it's only day 35 for the third egg - and the fact there were four days between eggs two and three means that Liberty had time to build up her reserves a bit to produce a healthy egg - and with a bit of luck, Justice was there at the right time.

Fingers crossed. 😊

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mimiforsix

Posted: Fri May 15, 2009 7:19 pm Post subject:

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Hi **Judy!** 😊 I've kept the cam up most of the day, off and on, hoping to see a new baby chick. I was beginning to feel a bit down and feel so sorry for these two; but you just gave me hope again! 😊



~Peggy~

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PattiO

Posted: Fri May 15, 2009 8:34 pm Post subject:

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It will be sad if none of their eggs hatch - but don't worry Peggy - if none of them hatch they will most likely foster in a chick. For some reason they always seem to have eaglets that need homes. 😊 Of course, I am assuming they have a chick that needs a home - maybe they don't. I just know that 2 years ago that's what they did when the eggs didn't hatch.

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Did that just make any sense? 😊 It's been a long day - I need sleep!

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mimiforsix

Posted: Fri May 15, 2009 9:32 pm Post subject:

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That made plenty of sense **Patti!** 😊 I just hope that at least one of the eggs hatch and if not, there is a foster chick for them! I really wish the chick(s) could stay with them longer too!

~Peggy~

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Sat May 16, 2009 10:32 am Post subject:

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Switch.....Dad arrived to take over for Mom. I can't see any change in the eggs. 😞



~Peggy~

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Switch.....



~Peggy~

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Sat May 16, 2009 7:17 pm Post subject:

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Dad had just checked the eggs, called out to Mom, then went over to talk to her about them. She checked the eggs out herself and left. Dad then went back to incubating the eggs. I swear that's what the scenario looked like to me! 😊 (He did check the eggs, call out, went over to her, she checked the eggs and left and he went back to incubating.)

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~Peggy~

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▢ Posted: Sat May 16, 2009 7:58 pm Post subject:

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Ohhhhhh, please, please, please let there be a chick in the morning. 😊 Thanks for



the pics **Peggy** - I had the cam on all day but never got a good view of the eggs.

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And I'm also keeping my fingers crossed that there will be a chick in the morning. 😊

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mimiforsix

Posted: Sun May 17, 2009 11:02 am Post subject:

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I don't know if I'm seeing things or if it's wishful thinking on my part but.....is this a chick that I'm seeing?

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~Peggy~

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JudyB

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Good question. I think there wasn't one there earlier, but haven't been watching lately. Guess I'll take a peek. Fingers crossed. 😊

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Oh, they keep moving all over and it rained again and I can't tell a darn thing. 😊

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Sun May 17, 2009 6:13 pm Post subject:

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I think I saw 3 intact eggs earlier, but because of the rain, they're careful to cover them up quickly so I didn't get to really see anything.

~Peggy~

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Do you think that it's hard for Justice to mate because of his injuries? I know that when I've seen mating on other nests, the males flap their wings (to keep their balance?).

~Peggy~

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Sun May 17, 2009 7:10 pm Post subject:

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Darn, now I just see 3 eggs again! 😞



~Peggy~

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PattiO □ Posted: Sun May 17, 2009 9:11 pm Post subject:

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I'm not giving up yet Peggy - I think today was Day 37 for the third egg so there's still hope!

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Do you think that it's hard for Justice to mate because of his injuries? I know that when I've seen mating on other nests, the males flap their wings (to keep their balance?).

I'm quite sure it's hard for Justice to mate, and they are also getting older, which probably makes it less likely that they'll be successful. I'm still hoping, but I think the odds really are against an egg hatching at this point. I do hope they beat the odds!

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purpleagle

Posted: Mon May 18, 2009 12:04 am Post subject:



☺Hmmm...That sure looks like a little gray fuzzy with a mask in Peggy's 11:02 AM picture! Maybe what y'all see in later pics as a third egg is the leftover egg piece?? Hope we get a better look tomorrow.

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Antonio, TX



PattiO

Posted: Mon May 18, 2009 9:55 am Post subject:



Very long dark shadow on the nest right now - and it looks windy - can't hardly see a thing. Maybe when the sun moves more.

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I still see 3 eggs. 😞 The picture quality is terrible!



~Peggy~

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PattiO

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Awww shucks! Come on little egg - you can do it!! Just one, pleeeaseee!!!

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Still not seeing anything. 😞

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▢ Posted: Tue May 19, 2009 6:21 pm Post subject:

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Nothing yet? 😞

~Peggy~

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Wed May 20, 2009 8:22 am Post subject:

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I think I may have seen something - but I'm not sure - still watching. It could have been the light.

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JudyB

Posted: Wed May 20, 2009 10:48 am Post subject:

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It looks like there's a fairly large black spot on one of the eggs - I really can't believe it could be hatching at this late date - but do plan to keep an eye on the nest today. 😊

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JudyB

Posted: Wed May 20, 2009 1:48 pm Post subject:

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Well, I'm still not sure what I'm seeing. The adult just stood up for a minute, and I think I only saw two eggs. I didn't see a chick - though I can't swear there isn't one. I also didn't see any sign of the other egg. I've had the cam up all day, but haven't been watching steadily so the other egg might have been removed. I don't think one of their eggs could hatch at this point - and didn't see anything to suggest that AEF has swapped an egg - so I don't think there's a chick. But I am going to keep watching.

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Wed May 20, 2009 2:01 pm Post subject:

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I just saw that too Judy - only 2 eggs but can't tell if there's a chick or not. Maybe one of the eggs just broke. I don't have time to post a pic right now - will do it later.

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JudyB

▢ Posted: Wed May 20, 2009 2:14 pm Post subject:

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I've just had a better look - and see two eggs and nothing more. 😞

I also have some pics that I'll try to add tonight.

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Wed May 20, 2009 3:27 pm Post subject:

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This is the first pic I took earlier this morning...

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mimiforsix ▢ Posted: Wed May 20, 2009 3:37 pm Post subject:

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I only saw two eggs and one of the adults (I think Mom) was carrying something small, grey and fuzzy around the nest. I sure hope it isn't a dead chick! 😞

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~Peggy~

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PattiO

Posted: Wed May 20, 2009 3:39 pm Post subject:

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I thought it looked white Peggy - I assumed it was food. 😊 I just don't know - I took this pic a little before yours.



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ETA - I just got your PM Peggy. 😊 I may be seeing things that my eyes WANT to see - I'm just not sure.

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mimiforsix

Posted: Wed May 20, 2009 3:43 pm Post subject:

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I don't know what's going on, but I sure hope it isn't what I think it is and hope it's food, like you said! Hopefully, there'll be a nice healthy chick down in the nestbowl! 😊

~Peggy~

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JudyB

Posted: Wed May 20, 2009 4:17 pm Post subject:

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I'll add my pictures as soon as I get home - maybe an hour or so. The egg with the black spot was at the other end, farthest from the cam. Those pics are from around 11:45.



I'm positive they wouldn't harm a live chick. I forget if it's mice or rats (non-alive) that is a prime food for these guys, but think the size is similar. It's also possible that there was a fertile egg that didn't survive to hatching, so there may have been a body inside. 😞 That is sadder in a way, but also a fact of life. 😞

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mimiforsix ▢ Posted: Wed May 20, 2009 4:44 pm Post subject:

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Mice or rats? That could be what I saw her carrying; thanks **Judy!** Our expert with the calming influence is here; now I feel better! 😊

~Peggy~

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JudyB ▢ Posted: Wed May 20, 2009 6:06 pm Post subject:

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I added two pics to my post from **11:45 am** and as we're on the next page, I'm posting one here:



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They're both off the eggs right now, the light is good, and I'm not seeing anything but two eggs. 😞

It is odd, because they keep acting as if something's going on - but you'd think by now one of us would have seen something that didn't later turn out to be the adult's foot - and I sure haven't!

About the mice, jkr and sandra gee from the Hancock forum wrote about spending a day as volunteers at the Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society (O.W.L.), and one of the tasks was removing frozen mice from the big frozen ball they come in to feed to the larger raptors who were being treated. And I remember spending several hours last year watching closely to see where and how food appeared - never did see how, but it was just suddenly there so I'm guessing it's tossed in.

I'm quite sure the only way something would hatch at this point is if they substituted an egg from another nest - which could happen. It is a managed population of non-releasable eagles, and I've no idea what the guidelines are.

I'll keep watching when I have a chance - who knows what may happen. 😊

Oh - I have pictures showing two eggs starting around 2:30 - I haven't seen anything interesting in any of them, but if there's a time frame that's especially interesting, I'll see if I have anything.

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mimiforsix □ Posted: Thu May 21, 2009 4:06 pm Post subject:

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I've been checking the nest off and on and I just see 2 eggs. Could the 3rd egg have broken and/or crushed? I'm surprise that they haven't substituted a chick or two in the nest yet. I was just reading their history again, and it sounds like they do the substitutions asap.

~Peggy~

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JudyB

▢ Posted: Thu May 21, 2009 5:34 pm Post subject:

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I'm pretty sure the third egg collapsed yesterday. 😞

I'm not sure what they have for potential fostering - I know the AEF website has the story of another pair's eggs hatching, and that was posted a while ago. I'd thought that they'd need to foster a relatively young chick - but it did sound as if they'd fostered one who was several weeks old before.

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I expect there would be some concern raised if AEF gave Liberty & Justice a chick that was doing just fine in its original nest - the eagles might not notice, but all of us who humanize them would. 😞 On the other hand, if they had a younger sibling who was having trouble, that could work out well all around.

Guess we'll just have to wait and see. 😊

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mimiforsix

▢ Posted: Mon May 25, 2009 7:50 pm Post subject:

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Thanks for the info Judy.

I didn't have a chance to check the nest until this evening.....boy, does it get dark early at that nest! It was still light here and we're in the same time zone. I didn't think I could see anything until I noticed 2 glowing objects.....the 2 eggs! 😊😊

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~Peggy~

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Mon May 25, 2009 8:33 pm Post subject:

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There wasn't anything to report when I checked on them yesterday, so . . . No hatch



this year for Lib and Justice. 😞 If and/or when they have a surrogate chick for them, I hope they do it soon!!

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mimiforsix ▢ Posted: Thu May 28, 2009 7:49 pm Post subject:



I guess they're either not going to put a foster chick in the nest or they're very slow about it. 😞 I spotted 2 intact eggs today. It seems like Justice is the one that does most of the incubating.

~Peggy~

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JudyB ▢ Posted: Thu May 28, 2009 8:33 pm Post subject:



I'm wondering if they're leaving the eggs because they're trying to find a chick to foster - or if it's better for the eagles to finish the cycle, sad though it seems to us. 😞 I've been checking the AEF website from time to time, and haven't seen anything about their plans, or an acknowledgment that Liberty and Justice weren't successful this year - though not for lack of trying. I've been checking in briefly most days - but it is sad to watch. 😞

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PattiO

Posted: Sun Jun 07, 2009 1:20 pm Post subject:

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I guess no foster chick this year. 😞 Two eggs still in the nest, adult sitting close to cam on the edge of the nest. Too bad. 😞😞

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Posted: Mon Jun 08, 2009 7:35 pm Post subject:

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I still find myself checking this nest every now and then.....I guess I'm hoping for a miracle or foster chick. It's so sad..... 😞

~Peggy~

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Posted: Thu Jun 11, 2009 2:22 pm Post subject:

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I just checked the nest and I see 2 eggs and a few other items.....don't know what they are. 😞

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~Peggy~

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Sat Jun 13, 2009 6:58 pm Post subject:

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No explanation of why they didn't foster in a chick. 😞 They've turned the cam off.

Quote:

June 9, 2009 - - During the 2009 nesting season, Liberty and Justice laid 3 eggs online during April 3 - 10, 2009, as shown in the photos below. Unfortunately, all three eggs proved to be infertile. They had not hatched after 60 days, well beyond the average the range of 31 to 45 days, averaging only 35 days. Liberty and Justice are now 30 and 22 years of age, respectively, which may be the reason they are infertile this year.

AEF has four other captive-bred bald eaglets. At about 8 weeks age, they are being transferred to artificial nests in a 25-foot high hack tower on a lake located about 25 miles NE of Pigeon Forge. After becoming oriented to typical bald eagle habitat on the lake for a few weeks, they are being released from their nests in the hack tower at 12 to 13 weeks of age, when first capable of flight. A recap of the 2009 captive breeding and release season will be provided at this web site in late September, 2009.

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JudyB

▢ Posted: Sat Jun 13, 2009 7:08 pm Post subject:

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Thanks, **Patti!** 😞

I do have mixed feelings on this - on one hand, Liberty and Justice are great parents, and I'd love to see them raise an eaglet again this year. On the other hand, they only have four eaglets, so it's unlikely that any younger siblings are at risk of death from sibling rivalry, so giving a chick to Liberty and Justice would have meant removing it from another pair who was (probably) doing a fine job of raising it.

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There are pairs older than them who are successful - so I guess I'll hope next year will be better for them. Though I do wish I could give them the eagle equivalent of a hug - whatever that would be.

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PattiO

▣ Posted: Sat Jun 13, 2009 7:15 pm Post subject:

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Me too Judy - it's just so sad when they tend their eggs for all those weeks and then no hatch. 😞

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▣ Posted: Sun Jun 14, 2009 7:51 pm Post subject:

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I agree too; so sad. 😞 Although I kept telling myself not to keep checking on the nest, I did, feeling so sad each time. I don't know if there're problems with the cam or if they just took it off the air, but all I get are stripes now.

~Peggy~

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Sherri

Posted: Sun Aug 30, 2009 6:13 am Post subject:

 [quote](#)

I was just reading a bit at BRI and here is the link to a picture of this years eaglet, from different parents, that came from this location (I think).

I didn't follow this nest so am not sure if there is more than one nesting area here.

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PattiO

Posted: Sun Aug 30, 2009 10:41 am Post subject:

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That is WAY 😊 Thanks Sherri!! They have a few pairs of non-releasable eagles there. The only cam though is on Lib & Justice. What a great pic he got!! 😊

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JudyB

Posted: Thu Apr 15, 2010 9:37 pm Post subject:

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There's no cam here yet - but there's news....

From the [American Eagle Foundation Nest Cam page](#):

Pigeon Forge, TN, April 14, 2010 -- Two Bald Eaglets recently hatched in an incubator at the American Eagle Foundation's United States Eagle Center at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN. At 3-days old, the eagle chicks were placed in the nest of captive non-releasable Bald Eagle pair "Liberty" and "Justice" for adoptive rearing until they reach 6 weeks of age. At that time, the eaglets will be placed into an artificial nesting tower over-looking Douglas Lake in Dandridge, TN, where they will be cared for by AEF staff until they are released into the foothills of the

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Great Smokies at 12 weeks of age (when they reach full size). The young birds will be named at the time of their release. The non-profit conservation group is celebrating its 25th Anniversary (www.eagles.org).



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I do wonder how/why the eggs arrived in an incubator - but I do know that while Liberty and Justice are senior eagles, they are really good and caring parents - so I know they will do a good job of raising their new "offspring" - and I hope we'll get to watch.

The post on their website goes on to say that their eagle cam is experiencing technical difficulties, and they hope to be back on line soon.

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PattiO

▢ Posted: Thu Apr 22, 2010 2:37 pm Post subject:

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Well now that's soooooo strange. I just got my email from AEF today and watched the video of them putting the chicks in the nest - and it's dated today.... so now I'm confused as to when the chicks actually hatched ... ?

Here's the video ...

<http://www.youtube.com/baldeagleinfo#p/u/0/dc11hLW0u8w>

And this is what's posted on the cam page of the website ...

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Quote:

Pigeon Forge, TN, April 22, 2010 -- CHIRPY EARTHDAY BABES:
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Foundation's United States Eagle Center at Dollywood. At one day old,
the eagle chicks were placed into the nest of non-releasable Bald Eagle
pair "Liberty" and "Justice" for adoptive parent rearing. The captive
breeding pair's own two eggs were determined to be infertile. . . . etc.,
etc.

Same as your post JudyB - but with a different date --- OH, and it's says they were
placed in the nest at 1 day old - your post says 3 days old. 😊

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JudyB

▢ Posted: Thu Apr 22, 2010 3:11 pm Post subject:

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I also got the newsletter - and admit I haven't a clue when they put the chicks in the
nest, but I'm guessing it was at least a few days before the April 14 date of the press
release I found on their web site. It may have taken them a while to put the video
together.

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I'm still vaguely curious how/why they are incubating eggs. I suppose some of their
captive eagles may have disabilities that make it hard for them to incubate (though
I'd think that would also make it hard for them to mate). Or they may get the eggs
from pairs in zoos - it's hard to not humanize, but I think it would be easier for a
pair in a zoo to "lose" their eggs soon after they were laid, instead of "losing" their
chicks somewhere along the way. And I can see why zoos can't readily close off
parts of their exhibits the way they do at Pigeon Forge or the Carolina Raptor
Center, so they can't raise the chicks there for even the first six weeks. I guess.

I do wish they'd get the cam fixed - now that I've seen the video, I really want to
watch Liberty and Justice interact with their new chicks - who are probably at least
a week or two old now. I did think it was nice of them to provide a link to another
cam, so people can watch some eagles.

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