

# The Rogers Center Journal



## Rogers Environmental Education Center

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#### Visitor Center Hours:

Monday-Friday  
8:30 am - 4:45 pm  
Saturday 1:00 - 4:45 pm  
Sunday (*June-August only*)  
1:00 - 4:45 pm  
Closed State Holidays

#### Grounds Open Sunrise to Sunset

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*Friends of Rogers operates a bookstore in the Visitor Center. Come in and look through the many field guides and natural history books for all ages - all at 20 percent off retail prices!*

We can also special order that hard-to-find nature title!

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### Notes From The Director

by Marsha Guzewich

Another spring emerges from the winter season, bringing hopeful thoughts. We will be enjoying the smooth pathways coming from the parking lot off Route 80, thanks to the paving project completed just before snowfall last autumn. This spring we are expecting to break ground to put up an outdoor classroom at Rogers. The kit for this structure came, thanks to Senator Seward, through Aid to Localities funding that was given to Friends of Rogers. The money for the supporting foundation and actual erection of the pavilion-type structure comes thanks to the Department of Environmental Conservation. If wet weather continues as it has, we will be very pleased to take shelter at this spot, say nothing of the many other program uses it will have over the course of a year at Rogers.

Rogers is working on a collaborative project with Sherburne Public Library and Sherburne Rotary. This involves summer reading at a sunflower house, a campfire program by environmental educator George Steele, a concert of environmental songs by Dan Duggan and then a community-wide concert by singer/songwriter Tom Chapin. This is a nice circle of connections within the community here. I am thankful that I am reminded almost daily of these connections. All are welcome to participate in these summer events-details will be in the summer newsletter.



### Earth Fest 2004

by Laura Carey

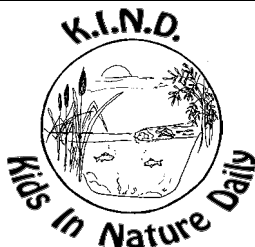
Mark your calendar for May 1, 2004 to celebrate Earth Day, May Day and Arbor Day. From noon to 4:00 pm we will have live entertainment, exhibits and lots of fun activities for kids all designed to celebrate the earth and the coming of spring. The day will include the annual Chenango County Environmental Management Council's Awards Ceremony and native tree and shrub giveaway, exhibitors of green technology and products, and live entertainment by **Betty and The Baby Boomers**. We will have a kid-sized maypole, green-living scavenger hunt, activities and nature crafts for children of all ages, door prizes, edible bug tasty treats, refreshments, and many more fun things to do and learn.

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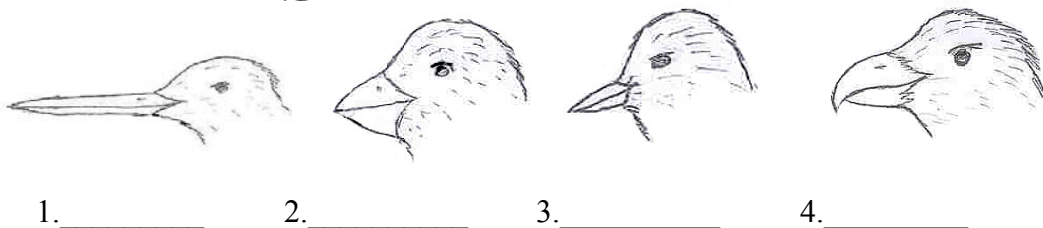
by naturalist intern

Chris Kenyon

**Nature Quiz**

**What's that beak for?**

You can tell a lot about a bird just by looking at its beak. Millions of years of evolution have led birds to develop beaks specially made for the food they eat. Can you match the beak drawing to the food for which it is designed?



1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

meat fish insects seeds



**Bottle Garden**

Watch how plants recycle water. Create a self-sustaining little ecosystem in a jar.

1. Start with a large jar. Clean it thoroughly.
2. Add about an inch of small pebbles to the bottom (aquarium gravel works well).
3. Add about two inches of topsoil (potting soil works well).
4. Sprinkle some charcoal on top to keep things smelling fresh and you are ready to plant.
5. Find small, easy-to-dig plants outside. Select a few different kinds growing near each other. Carefully transplant them into your jar. Get help from parents or older siblings if needed.
6. Sprinkle some water inside, cover, and place in a bright place that doesn't receive direct sunlight.
7. Watch as your plants absorb water, then release it to the air where it condenses on the inside of the jar, flows down and re-enters the soil. Your bottle garden should only need very occasional watering (maybe once a month).

**Some experiments you might try:**

- Add household chemicals, such as soaps or cleaners, to see the effects of pollution.
- Add insects and watch what they do.

Nature Quiz Answers:  
1. fish, 2. seeds, 3. insects, 4. meat

**Which Friend Am I?**

My name in French means "teeth of the lion," but you are more likely to eat me than I to eat you! I am a very tasty addition to salads.

This time of year I often have a bright yellow head that sits atop a very slender, green body. Around me in a circle are the jagged tooth-shaped parts that give me my name.

**Which Friend Am I - Entry Form**

To learn what the specimen described above is, visit your local library or the library and other resources at Rogers Center. Mail your answer to Rogers Center, 2721 SH 80, Sherburne, NY 13460, by **April 15, 2004**. One name will be drawn from all the correct responses received, and the winner will receive a Friends of Rogers T-shirt.



What Am I? \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Teacher Institute on the Environment

by Amy Smith

Rogers Environmental Education Center is offering its third annual five-day Teacher Institute on the Environment. The institute will be held Monday, July 26 to Friday, July 30th from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm each day and costs \$25.00 for the week. We will have expert guest presenters each day discussing topics of water quality and management and alternative energy and sustainability. A tour of the local wastewater treatment plant, a trip to the Madison Wind Farm and a visit to an off-the-grid home are also part of the Institute. At the end of the week, participants will receive Project WET (Water Education for Teachers), and newly-revised Project WILD (Wildlife in Learning Design) activity guides. These are international interdisciplinary environmental education programs for teachers and youth leaders. In addition to receiving the activity guides, participants will receive a packet of information related to each topic covered. Space is limited. Housing is available, but limited. Please call Rogers Center at (607) 674-4017 for more details and to register.

### Volunteer Recognition

We are very grateful for the many hours of service contributed by volunteers at Rogers Center:

- C Wells Horton – digital photography for Rogers Center events
- C Audrey Wakefield – library cataloging and provider of sweet sustenance
- C Jean Dewey – office receptionist
- C Barbara Meeks – press release mailings, roller of quarters and library assistance.
- C Hamilton United Cerebral Palsy – stamping WILD books and clipping trails
- C Ronnie Miller Jr. - repairing and painting exhibit signs, stamping books, clearing trails and tidying the work bench

### Friends of Rogers Update

by Byron Harrington

Spring is showing signs of arrival-to the delight of many of us! A bitter cold weekend kept many people at home during our annual Winter Living Celebration, but we have to salute the many volunteers that braved the weather to make sure the event still happened. We also have to applaud the Boy Scouts who camped out at sub-zero temperatures.

The Friends of Rogers Board of Directors meets the first Tuesday of every other month. (February, April, June, August, October, December). Meeting times are 7:00 pm and meetings are open to the public. Most meetings are held at the Center but it is best to contact a Board member or the center for details. Please plan to attend a Board meeting this year. Your input may help us maximize this great asset we have in central New York.

Volunteers are also always welcome at the Center for many of the spring chores. Call the Center if you want to help.

## Stormwater Runoff

by Amy Smith

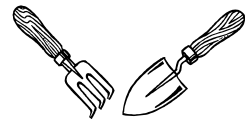
As stormwater, or water from rain or melting snow, flows over driveways, lawns and sidewalks, it picks up litter, dirt, bacteria, chemicals and other pollutants. This polluted water flows into our lakes, rivers, wetlands and coastal waters. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing and drinking water. Polluted stormwater can have many harmful effects on plants, fish, animals and people. Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase water treatment costs. Debris such as plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles and cigarette butts washed into waterways can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles and birds.

By adopting healthy household habits, we can keep common pollutants like pet waste, pesticides, grass clippings and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the stormdrain. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly or not at all. When use is necessary, use the chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain, or chemicals will be washed into your local stream. Compost yard scraps rather than piling them in the streets, so when it rains they won't wash into the storm drain. Recycle used motor oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash. Adopt these habits and help protect our lakes, rivers and wetlands!

### Spring Gardening at Rogers

by Darlene Miller

If you're a gardener, spring may well be your favorite season. For Rogers Center staff spring also means thinking about the gardens, and planting and preparing the compost beds at Rogers. If you are a gardener or would like to be, and enjoy being outdoors, please consider volunteering at Rogers Center to work in the gardens. With the supervision of Rogers Center staff, you can tend to the many garden areas including our National Wildlife Association-certified backyard wildlife demonstration area by planting, trimming, weeding and much more. "Many hands make light work," as someone said. If this seems like a commitment you can make, contact Rogers Center at (607) 674-4017 to become a volunteer. Even a few hours per week will help beautify the grounds at Rogers Center.



If you are unable to volunteer on a regular basis, but wish to help, Rogers Center will be hosting a garden work day on Saturday, May 22 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. **See page 6 for additional information.**

## Places to Canoe

by Fred von Mechow

This new column highlights spots within an hour of Rogers Center to go canoeing or kayaking. Tear out this page and file it in your canoeing folder for future reference!

### Leland Pond

Access Leland Pond by traveling north on NYS Rtes. 12B and 46 from Hamilton, or south on 46 from Rte 20. Turn onto NYS Rte. 26 south. Within 1/4 mile, you'll see the boat launch on your right. Leland Pond is divided by a dam which supports Rte. 26. You can paddle both sides, but doing the whole thing takes some time and might be best left to two separate trips.

Leland Pond was built to be a feeder for the Chenango Canal, which lies just 3/8 of a mile to the southeast, connected by a feeder canal. If you paddle south through the south pond, you'll come to the dam and spillway where the feeder canal flows off.

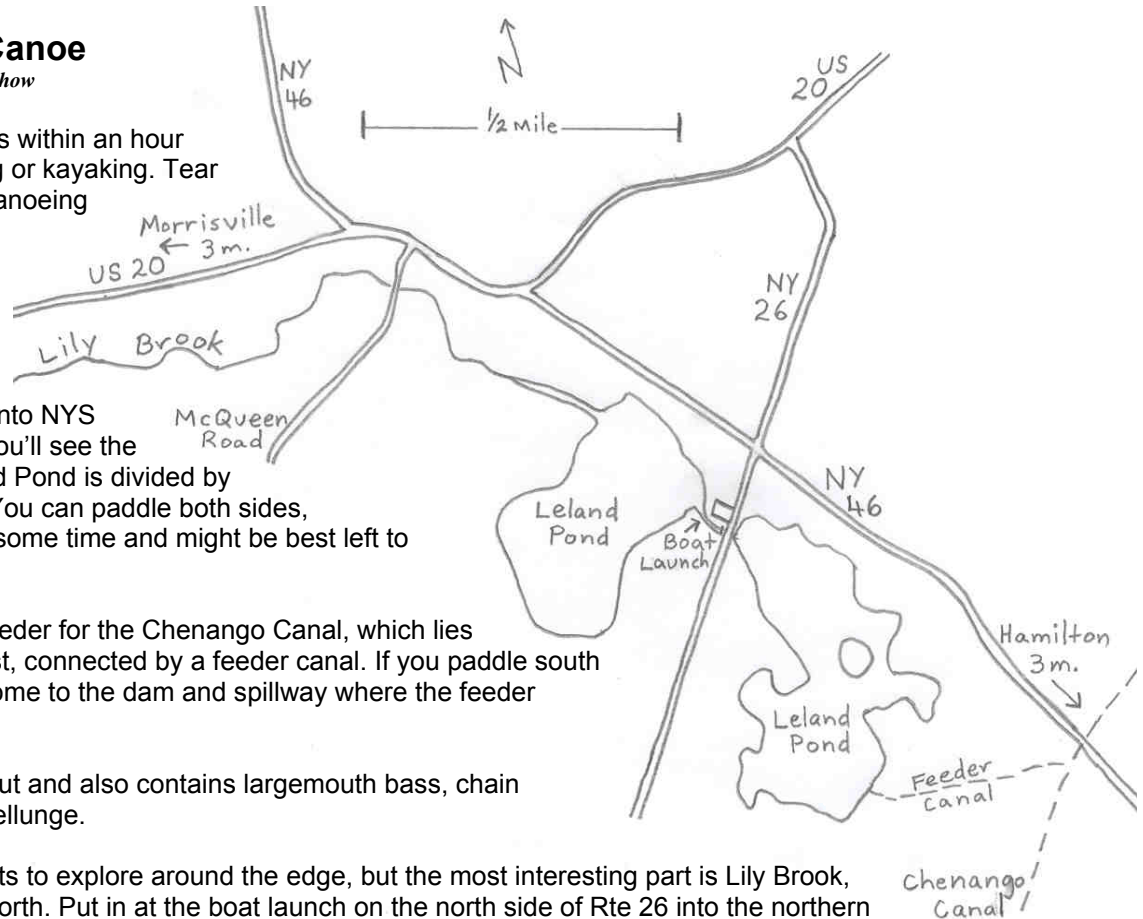
Leland is stocked with brown trout and also contains largemouth bass, chain pickerel, sunfish and tiger muskellunge.

Leland Pond has some nice spots to explore around the edge, but the most interesting part is Lily Brook, which feeds the pond from the north. Put in at the boat launch on the north side of Rte 26 into the northern half of the pond. You'll have to paddle across the pond from south to north to get to Lily Brook. Take your time and go around the shoreline. As you approach the mouth of the brook, look for turtles, ducks, geese, muskrats, herons and other pond-dwellers.

Half a mile upstream from the mouth, you'll encounter McQueen Rd. and you have to portage across it to continue. You can also park along McQueen Rd. and put in there.

Depending on beaver activity, you can paddle 1/2 to 1 mile further. If beavers have been active, the water level will be raised and you can go quite a distance after hopping over a beaver dam or two. If beavers have been inactive, the water level may be low and you won't get as far before hitting too many shrubs.

As with paddling across any good-sized pond or lake, be wary of the wind. It can be difficult to navigate into a strong headwind, especially on the return portion when you are tired. And, make sure there is a US Coast guard-approved flotation device for each boater. Take water bottles, hats with visors, sunglasses and sunscreen. Happy Paddling!



### A BIG Thank You to Facilitators!

A huge "Thank You" to Project WET and WILD Teacher workshop facilitators who are committed to protecting our natural resources. They enable other educators to incorporate even more environmental education into their teaching and are an essential part of the program's success:

Annie Petracca O'Reilly, Mike Jabot, Gail Tooker, Maggie Vescio, Brenda Olshan, Jen Kobylecki, Sharon Kennelty-Cohen, MaryAnna Russo, Diann Jackson, Jen Coe, Diane Oleson

Welcome to new facilitator:

Kami Patrizio, Director of Programs, Clearpool Education Center, Putnam County



American woodcock *Philohela minor*

## Winter Living Celebration - Thank You to All!

The staff of Rogers Environmental Education Center would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for donating their time and effort at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Living Celebration held on January 10, 2004. Their support made the day enjoyable for the 500 visitors who came out to celebrate the winter season.

Mike Adriaansen	Brianne Baldwin	Jodie Beach	Dave Benenati
Heather Benenati	Kristen Buechi	Melissa Carley	Phil Clement
Holly Crouch	John Dickerson	Stephen Dickerson	Peter Gallagher
Anne Geary	Marilyn Hamstra	Diane Harrington	Lynn Keith
Frank Knight	Brian Larkin	Renee Lippold	Bronwen Mahardy
Galen Mahardy	Morgan Mahardy	Barb Meeks	Jack Meeks
Nate Morris	Randy Muth	Dan Nielsen	Thurston Packer
Lorrie Paul	Steve Paul	Jen Risley	Chris Rossi
Carol Smith	Jeremy Smith	Bonnie von Mechow	Eric von Wettberg
Dan Wagner	Audrey Wakefield	Rachael Wexler	Deb Whitman
Sheila Shepard	Wells Horton		

Exhibitors and groups providing services or entertainment:

Mulligan family - horses and sleighs	DEC foresters - exhibit
Gary and Louise Sweet - Komatik Kennels sled dogs	Terry Figary and Jim McPherson - DEC forest rangers
Mary Kunzler-Larmann - NCTA and Link Trail	Ed Sidote - Finger Lakes Trail Conference
Larry Montalto - Native American ways	Chenango Place Products - exhibit
John Porcino - storytelling	Jerry Pedini - ice boat exhibit
Susquehanna String Band - music	Friends of Rogers - exhibit
Rod Sutton - reptile programs	Headwaters Youth Conservation Corps - exhibit
Trout Unlimited - fly-tying for kids	Sherburne Rotary - refreshments
Greater Chenango Jaycees - parking	Chenango Bird Club - refreshments
Sherburne Lions - refreshments	Jim Drake - NYS furbearers
Vivian Fulton - pack llama exhibit	Lori and Kevin Ransom - Old time woodcutting
Chenango County SAREP/4-H - spinner lures	Yates County SAREP/4-H - casting for fish demo
Earlville Boy Scout Troop 5 and Hamilton Boy Scout Troop 120 - winter camping demo	
DEC operations staff - behind-the-scenes preparations and on-call assistance, especially Tadd Rollins	
Tony Mitros - janitorial services	

Also, a huge *thank you* to the individuals and businesses for their support and donations that were needed to hold the celebration and keep it free for the public:

Friends of Rogers Environmental Education Center	Wakefield Association for the Traditional Arts
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DCMO BOCES - Norwich	Sherburne Big M
Wal Mart	Gilligan's Island
Sherburne Rotary Club	Pete and Brenda Lathrop

It was a nice day! Thanks to all who contributed. See you next year for the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Living Celebration on January 8, 2005!

### Donations

Friends of Rogers expresses appreciation to the following individuals and organizations for generous contributions in the form of much-needed items, services and monetary donations:

Alice and William Bowman  
 Lesley Ryon  
 John Bowen  
 Hank and Sallie von Mechow

**We welcome those who have any type of physical challenge to all of our programs.  
If you call ahead to let us know your needs, we will be happy to learn how we can best serve you.  
Call (607) 674-4017 to register.**

## MARCH

- March 6  
Saturday  
9:00 am to noon**  
**BOWMAN LAKE SKI**  
A new trail traverses the area between Bowman Lake and two ponds to the west. We will ski part of it to look for signs of spring and enjoy the peace of the forest. Bring your own skis. Meet in Rogers Center's main parking lot to carpool.  
**Please call to register.**
- March 6  
Saturday  
1:30 pm**  
**Children's Program: SNOWSHOE THE BOUNDARY TRAIL**  
Explore one of the lesser-known trails at Rogers. We will look for a mystery plant that melts snow, and signs of deer, beavers and insects. If no snow, we will hike. We will provide the snowshoes. **Please call to register; we will need sizing information.** (Suggested ages 4 to 12)
- March 13  
Saturday  
11:00 am**  
**BLUEBIRD BOX BUILDING**  
Soon, male bluebirds will be back to select nest sites and you can be ready for them. Lend a hand and a hammer by building a nest box. **Bring a hammer and \$8.00 for each box you wish to take home.**
- March 20  
Saturday  
11:00 am**  
**POTPOURRI OF ROGERS CLASSES FOR TEACHERS**  
Calling all teachers and youth leaders! Have you wondered what sorts of classes we can do for you or what materials can be borrowed? Let us show you a sampling of our classes and resources, from activities to animal furs, snowshoes and costumes.
- March 27  
Saturday  
10:00 am**  
**HIKE CUSH HILL**  
Who says you have to go far to see beauty and take a nice long walk? It's right here at Rogers Center property. **Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot.**

## APRIL

- April 3  
Saturday  
1:30 pm**  
**Children's Program: OWL ACTIVITIES**  
Learn more about these nighttime prowlers, play some games and make an owl puppet. A great way for children to be introduced to owls. **Please call to register.** (Suggested ages 4-12)
- April 3  
Saturday  
7:00 pm**  
**EVENING OWL WALK**  
Listen close and you may here an owl say: "hoo, hoo, hoo-hoo," or "who cooks for you?" With a full moon, we might also catch a glimpse of one of these magnificent birds. (Dress warmly in layers)
- April 10  
Saturday  
11:00 am**  
**EGG COLORING**  
Long before people started coloring eggs, nature provided all shapes, sizes, colors and patterns. Paint wooden eggs in the style of real bird eggs. All materials provided. **Please call to register; supplies are limited.** (All ages)

**April 17  
Saturday  
10:00 am**

### WILDLIFE REHABILITATOR SPECIALIZING IN REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

Want to get a closer look at some reptiles and amphibians found in the wild? Dee Strnisa is a licensed wildlife rehabilitator who will bring along some of the animals in her care.

**April 24  
Saturday  
7:30 pm**

### WOODCOCKS

Strutting, circling, calling-the lengths males will go to attract females! After a brief introduction, we will venture forth to attempt to observe the spectacular mating dance of the male woodcock. **Meet in Rogers Center's main parking lot.**

**April 30  
Friday  
7:30 pm**

### SPRING FROGS

The long winter silence is broken by a few solitary peeps. Then, suddenly our ponds and swamps erupt with a chorus of frogs. Bring a flashlight and boots. **Meet in Visitor Center.**

## MAY

**May 1  
Saturday  
noon to 4:00 pm**

### EARTH FEST 2004

In keeping with traditional celebrations of the Earth, we celebrate the reawakening of plant and animal life. Enjoy live entertainment, tree giveaway, fun activities for children, a green living scavenger hunt, maypole for kids, door prizes, and informative "green" exhibitors.

**May 8  
Saturday  
8:30 to 11:00 am**

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND TRAIL WALK

Bring your mom or grandma to Rogers Center to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast followed by a leisurely walk to enjoy spring wildflowers and birds.

**Pre-registration required.**

**May 15  
Saturday  
9:00 am to noon**

### WILDFLOWERS AT OXBOW FALLS

We'll enjoy a beautiful array of spring blooms as we stroll along a woodland path past gurgling waterfalls. We will see lots of wildflowers and learn about their adaptations and lore. Trail is steep in one section. **Registration required. Meet in Rogers Center's main parking lot.**

**May 22  
Saturday  
9:00 to 11:00 am**

### WILDSCAPE GARDEN WORK DAY

Help beautify the grounds at Rogers Center by pitching in to weed the wildflower beds alongside a staff person. Visitors will enjoy the fruits of your labor all summer long as they visit the gardens and enjoy their beauty. **Call ahead to register; families, individuals and groups welcome.**

**May 29  
Saturday  
9:00 am to noon**

### KAYAK NINEMILE SWAMP

Ninemile Swamp is rich in local lore and natural beauty. We could see herons, cedar waxwings, king birds, frogs and beaver sign as we paddle into the swamp. **Registration is required. There is a \$5.00 non-refundable fee.**

**ALL PROGRAMS MEET AT VISITOR CENTER UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.**

## Xiting Sitings

by Fred von Mechow

We've had much hawk activity at Rogers this winter. On several occasions staff have seen Cooper's hawks swoop in to the feeder area in search of a meal of fowl.

I saw a flock of 25 redpolls on November 18 at Rogers Center. They were the first real winter birds this winter. Since then, redpolls have appeared regularly at the feeders. If you're not familiar with these little finches, check with us to see if they are still here and come for a visit! Pine siskins, another small finch, visited a bit more sporadically. Still a treat since we only see them every 5 to 10 years.

A pair of bald eagles flew over Rogers Center on December 20, the day of our Sherburne Christmas Bird Count. Good timing!

The last real summer bird I saw was 3000 miles out of place. A rufous hummingbird appeared in Oxford in early November, a whole month after the last ruby-throats should have left. After receiving the phone call about its presence, six of us ventured down to Oxford for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The hummingbird was right on cue, appearing every 15 minutes to drink from the window-mounted feeder. Rufous hummingbirds are a west coast species but have been reported about 15 times from New York State.

On January 9, one of the coldest days of the winter, Marsha saw a great blue heron and a robin! Not exactly what you'd expect....Brrrrrr!

The first good snow, on December 6, revealed many tracks of all sorts of mammals, but most notable was the proliferation of deer tracks. It seemed you couldn't go more than a few meters in any direction before encountering a pathway.

We recently had a good look at a handsome eight-point buck in front of the Visitor Center, and have seen many does. In fact, we saw nine deer at once milling around the amphitheater area. Kind of looked like they were getting ready for a program!

Several of us were fortunate enough to take a walk on the new Cush Hill Trail in preparation for a program, just after the December 6 snowstorm, and discovered a few interesting animal signs. We saw mouse tracks leading in and out of holes in the snow with little scats in the holes, a pileated woodpecker flew overhead, and we found a spot in the snow where a hawk or owl had caught and killed a rabbit! Wing prints covered the snow and a little searching turned up the rabbit carcass.

## Volunteer Highlight

by Laura Carey

Our volunteer for this season is Ronnie Miller. Ronnie has recently done an intensive week of volunteer work for us, but has been helping out at Rogers for many years...actually since his mom, Darlene, started working here in 1988.



Although Ronnie was only six when he started helping out at the center he came in on days off from school do odd jobs, such as stamping envelopes and books, collating, answering the phone and assisting at the Halloween program and Winter Living Celebration.

This fall, Ronnie's personal interests and skills of carpentry and electrical work came in very handy. Ronnie repaired the wiring on our "House That Earth Built" exhibit, painted and replaced molding on several outdoor signs, repaired state fair exhibit holders, stamped books, laminated signs, cleared trails and tidied up the workbench.

Ronnie says that he volunteers here because he likes the people that work here and likes to help out. He likes to keep busy and we kept him busy.

When asked about his interests and hobbies, he said he enjoys collecting basketball cards. He says he has 103 Michael Jordan cards that should be worth a bit of money when he is older. He enjoys woodworking and odd jobs, getting around to different places and meeting new people. One day, he hopes to work full time at carpentry, plumbing and electrical wiring.

I asked Ronnie if he had any role models, without hesitation, he replied, "My parents, definitely!"

I've watched Ronnie grow up and am so pleased he continues to visit and "help out."

## Recycle Your Used Cartridges

by Darlene Miller

Rogers Center will accept your used inkjet and toner/laser cartridges for recycling. Cash earned from the return of these items will stay at Rogers Center through Friends of Rogers Environmental Education Center, Inc. Most cartridges accepted; Epson brands are not accepted. Please contact Rogers Center if you have questions before dropping them off in our collection bins. Thank you!

## Attention Newsletter Recipients!

The NYS Division of Budget has directed all state agencies to curtail printing and mailing newsletters unless required by law. They have asked that such publications be made available on the agencies' website.

If you have internet access, we ask you to send us the following information so that we can send your newsletter electronically. Each season we will send you an e-mail with a link to the latest newsletter to be posted on the DEC website.

For those who do not have access to an internet server, we will try to make arrangements for you to receive this information by other means. Thank you for your cooperation.

If we do not hear from you, we will assume you no longer wish to receive the newsletter and remove your name/organization from our mailing list. If you have any questions, please call Rogers Center at (607) 674-4017.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you do not have Internet access.

Yes, I would like to become a member or renew my membership. Enclosed is my check for \$15.00 made payable to Friends of Rogers, Inc. to cover membership. Donations are welcome and may be included with your membership fee. I understand that benefits of membership include 50 percent off snowshoe rental, first bag of sunflower heads FREE during U-Pick (all others \$1.00/bag), annual membership meeting, \$1.00 off bluebird or bat box, \$1.00 off T-shirt, quarterly newsletter, membership roster posted at Rogers Center. Mail to: Friends of Rogers, Inc, PO Box 932, Sherburne, NY 13460.

