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OWLS ON THE WING

Seniors get a visit from owls

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No feathers were ruffled when Black Creek Wildlife Station took roost at Westwood Commons in January. Aurora, a partially-blind red screech owl, and Clacker, an injured horned owl, recently visited the DePaul Senior Living Community in North Chili along with wildlife rehabilitator Garv Zimmerman of Church-Foote.

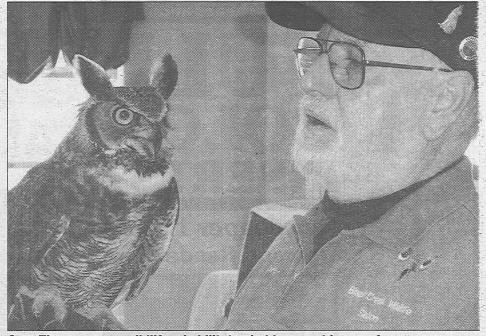
merman said he rescued rate.



ville and volunteer Nancy Nancy Foote holds an eastern screech owl. SUBMITTED

Zimmerman has been 130 birds, of which about

involved in wildlife reha- 49 percent were able to ing schools, fairs, you can't get close enough spots an injured animal bilitation for 20 years. In be released back into the organizations and senior to appreciate them." the 10-months he operated wild. He estimates rehabliving communities like the Black Creek Wildlife bing 90 mammals with Westwood Commons is to create habitats for birds away from the animal and Administrator Karen Station last year, Zim- about a 51 percent return educate the public, Zim- of prey in their own yard immediately call a wildlife Shaffer at (585) 293-2060 merman said.



Gary Zimmerman, a wildlife rehabilitator, holds a great horn owl. SUBMITTED

said. "They are in this area, The goal of visit- one ever sees them and

by avoiding cutting down rehabilitator.

"Everybody seems to dead trees which can serve migrate towards owls," he as nesting areas for birds do not attempt to do the and a food source for things I'm doing with all over the place, but no wood peckers and other these birds with a bird insectivores. If someone found in the wild," he said. or bird, Zimmerman about Westwood Com-The public can help said, he advises they stay mons, please contact

"I always tell people.

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