

EAGLE

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located in London, which also serves the Pulaski area, Trooper Trey Lovins came upon the juvenile eagle near Collins Lane in Corbin on June 30 following a 911 call about it.

The bird was in a cemetery surrounding by a chain link fence, and was unable to fly and get over the fence to get out.

“It was emaciated,” said Jones. “(It) wasn’t flying ... There was no bodily injury to it. It was just malnourished ... I don’t think it had much fight in it.”

“He captured it with his hands and put it in the back seat of his cruiser and then transported it to Lake Cumberland Wildlife Refuge, home of the Liberty Nature Center, the well-known local organization that grew out of the Raptor Rehabilitation program at Southwestern High School from decades ago.

Rescuing a bird like



KSP Trooper Trey Lovins watched as a bald eagle named in his honor, Trooper, took flight again at Holly Bay on Laurel Lake on July 31 after being rehabbed back to health thanks to Lovins’ actions in June. | COURTESY OF KSP

it out.

That weekend happened to be the start of the weeklong celebration leading up to Independence Day —

to do,” said Jones.

Jessica Pacholski, wildlife rehabber and eagle handler at Lake Cumberland Wildlife Refuge, was the one who handled Trooper and released him once he was healthy again.

“State Trooper Lovins contacted us a few days before the Fourth of July,” said Pacholski. “... Upon examination, we figured out that it was very emaciated and lethargic.”

Trooper was a “sub-adult,” meaning about three years old. “They’re fully a mature bald eagle when the head turns completely white,” said Pacholski. “So when they’re in that phase (of) almost a teenager to adult, they’re called a sub-adult, where you can see that he had the

white with the brown still kind of mixed in.”

Pacholski said that the refuge gets calls daily about injured raptors that people find in various places, and actually got two other eagles around the same time with the same type of affliction, found in the road emaciated and unable to fly. Those two are still at the facility being rehabbed, and are expected to be released within about a month or so’s time — Pacholski said it didn’t appear that there was a direct connection between the three cases, as the birds were all found in different places.

As for a more indirect connection, “It might have been from the heat, it might have been the drought ... Any kind of

environmental condition that is harsh on them, definitely it will affect them,” she said.

“But everyone’s been doing great, and Trooper definitely was the zestiest one of the three of them,” she added, “telling us that he was ready to go.”

After spending about a month at the Wildlife Refuge, Trooper was in shape to survive on his own. He was given a nutritional diet to help

gain weight — rats and quail were two specific items on the menu that were ideally fit for an eagle — and was moved into an aviary where he could condition his flight muscles. On July 31, Trooper was released back into the wild at Holly Bay, a recreational area around Laurel Lake; Pacholski noted that they tried to put him back in a place close to where he was originally found.

“Laurel Lake is absolutely beautiful, so we just thought that would be a good spot for him,” said Pacholski.

Trooper’s name is very fitting — one, the bird was a “trooper,” as it’s often said, hanging in there and staying tough despite adversity, and two, of course, in honor of Trooper Lovins who brought him to safety in the back of a cruiser.

“This is a trooper that just saw a problem (involving) an animal, especially it being a bald eagle — I think as Americans, we all kind of hold that special place for the bird — and he took it upon himself to help it,” said Jones of Lovins. “... As a human, Trooper just takes it upon himself; when he sees something that needs help, he’s going to help it.”



After being found in a cemetery unable to fly shortly before Independence Day, a juvenile bald eagle — who would come to be named “Trooper” — was given a ride in a Kentucky State Police cruiser and taken to Lake Cumberland Wildlife Refuge in Pulaski County for help. | COURTESY OF KSP

this is “definitely not standard procedure” for a KSP trooper, noted Jones, but while a dispatch call like this might normally go to the local branch of the state’s Department of Fish & Wildlife, they’re “spread pretty thin,” said Jones, so Lovins went to check

which, this year, represented America 250, the nation’s milestone semiquincentennial birthday.

“(Lovins) said that it was the weekend of the 250th anniversary, and he felt like helping the bird was the right thing

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