MICHIGAN BIRDS OF PREY SWOOP IN
AT SDHC AUGUST 14 "TUESDAY TALK"

AUG. 3, 2018 -- Feathered predators that haunt our forests, fields and marshes will tell their story at Saugatuck-Douglas History Center’s next “Tuesday Talk” on August 14 in the Old School House, 130 Center Street, Douglas. The one-hour program begins when the school bell rings at 11 a.m. Public attendance is invited and audience participation is welcomed to enrich the discussion.

Live Birds of Prey: A Bird’s Eye View, presented by Jamie Krupka and Sheila DeVries of The Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC) on Holland’s Macatawa Greenway, brings in a selection of ODC’s birds to highlight the life history of various species including hawks, owls and falcons. They’ll share some of the unique features and behaviors of each bird during a fun and interactive program experience.

Their birds are non-releaseable due to various accidents that brought them to the Center, and will be attached to a leash while under the control of a handler at all times. Hands-on exploration of artifacts including skulls, wings, talons and feathers and up-close viewing of the birds will take place either during the program or at its conclusion.

Jamie Krupka is the ODC Network's Vice President of Programming and has worked at the ODC since 2003. He has worked with birds of prey and has been doing public presentations for Nature Centers since 1997. A University of Dayton graduate with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Biology, Jamie is an avid birder who enjoys spending time outdoors with his wife and two kids.

Sheila DeVries is one of the ODC Network's Naturalist and has worked for the organization since 2017. Starting a preschool teacher at the Little Hawks Discovery Preschool, she has moved to the Program Team to lead school group tours and conduct community programs. Sheila has worked in the Nature Center industry for five years after graduating from Calvin College with a Biology degree.

Part of the 10-mile long Greenway, ODC’s Nature Preserve occupies a 150-acre tract between 142nd and 143rd Streets entered at 4214 56th St., comprising seven distinct plant and wildlife habitats naturally hosting more than 200 animal and 400 plant species. Its recently expanded Visitor Center offers North American wildlife exhibits featuring both taxidermy and live animals, designed to let visitors, young and old, experience the wonders of nature through interpretive displays. More can be learned at www.outdoordiscovery.org.

A summer tradition since 1996, weekly Tuesday Talks present entertaining and informative insights into local community life throughout July and August. This week’s Talk is sponsored by SDHC members Bill Hess and Mike Mattern.

Tuesday Talks’ increasing popularity puts limited seating on “first-come, first-served” basis. While admission is free for current SDHC members, non-member guests are encouraged to attend with a donation of five dollars, or to become new members at the Talk.
For more information about the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center, its Museum in Saugatuck and Old School House in Douglas, or its activities planned for 2018, visit www.MySDHistory.org.

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Barred Owl will be among the flying predators eyeing you at SDHC’s August 14 Tuesday Talk.