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ELLIE THE EAGLE

Hi! I am Ellie the bald eagle. You'd better watch out because I am one of the largest raptors! We have eyesight eight times stronger than yours. It might be scary when I swoop down, but I eat primarily fish as food. I sometimes fight off predators. On the way to Sky Manor Road, I fought a coyote and a crow. I see coyotes in the fields by my house every night. Crows are very scary because they like to eat baby eagles. I am going to tell you how much I like Franklin Township and my life.

I started as a little eaglet and my mom and dad had to keep us safe in any situation. I was the youngest in the family and have two sisters -- Elionor and Casie. They are the middle kids. Last, but not least, are my three eagle brothers -- Max, Linkon and David. My mom and dad kept us safe until one day when mom left to get us some raw meat, but she never came back. My two sisters were worried. My three brothers were not worried at all and they thought that we should be positive. A few days later, we found out our mother had been killed by a car when crossing the road to get to the food on the side of the road. She was trying to get us fresh deer meat. As I grew to five months old, I noticed I needed to learn how to be a strong eagle. Dad taught us all to fly and stay safe. But as eagles, we did not know what we might be facing next.

One day I went to fly for a bit when I saw an owl – a wise one. “Wow! A tasty baby eagle!” said the wise owl. “S Sorry, but I must get going”, I said in fear. “No!” said the owl madly. The wise owl had scared me so much that I had no choice but to fly away. Behind my feathers, the wise old owl was coming at me with his sharp claws open and ready to catch me. Thankfully, I am an eagle and I can fly six times faster and can go to higher altitudes! So I used all my might and went higher and higher. I had escaped from that owl and came back to my nest.

Soon I grew up – bigger and bigger. My nest is on Sky Manor Road in Franklin Township. I also love the view from my nest. My nest is surrounded by farm fields and open meadows. In the fields I can see lots of animals, many I like to eat. I see mice, deer, fox, raccoons, squirrels, chipmunks and opossums. I know that when you see them, you think they are cute. I think they just taste yummy.

The place I love the most is Franklin Township School. I like to watch the children play on the playground. The flower shop by the school is amazing! It has plenty of trees, many spots to make nests, and it has all the food I could ever want! I found a nesting spot and made one on Old Franklin School Road. There is a small creek where I can find fish to eat. You can see me on the road and sometimes other eagles too.

When I am flying around, I often see black bears. Bears might seem frightening, but if you are calm and still, they will think of you as friends. I like to see the bears eat berries and look after their cubs. Sometimes I see them cause trouble, like emptying peoples' garbage cans. I also see them protecting their cubs from danger. Black bears even like to eat seeds from bird

feeders. I wish those feeders had my kind of food, but they do attract some slow birds like mourning doves that I like to eat for a quick snack.

I hope you enjoyed learning about my life in Franklin Township. As an eagle, I love to watch all the wildlife and some of it I really enjoy eating. Come and see my beautiful township – the rolling hills, open fields and small forests. Look for me next time you come to Franklin Township. Just look up, and watch me soar!!