



## Ranch Talk

## The Return of the Raptor With Ranch Hand Wardisiani

In the spring, my 4<sup>th</sup> grade students anxiously awaited the return of Harriet and Hal and hoped for the soon-to-come chicks. It was like Christmas come early every time a new egg was laid, and soon to follow, three healthy chicks, Pip, Hip and Hooray made their appearance. *Montana Wild* in Helena, Montana graciously shared with us a taxidermied osprey to help nurture the project within my classroom. After a very successful 2019 Awesome Osprey Project, I was given the task of driving the osprey back to *Montana Wild* on June 10th. I wanted to travel along the highway as if I was carrying the most precious cargo in western Montana and make a pure adventure out of the day.





## A Successful Return and Hal, Too!



When we arrived at Montana Wild, we were greeted as if they were expecting us, and they wanted to immediately show us Ozzie. Ozzie was Harriet's mate before Hal. He is a legend and is proudly featured on a display explaining the perils of bailing twine in ospreys' nests. He is positioned up high and facing away to hide the damage he sustained under his wing from the eagle attack. Ozzie's story is shared with many visitors from far and wide.

Along the highway at the top of MacDonald Pass, we stopped the car and got out to observe from up high. I lifted the osprey into the air to make him feel right at home.



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