

# Lehigh Valley Zoo Welcomes Newborn Oryx Calf

By Matt Provence / Chief Operating Officer, Lehigh Valley Zoo

(Schnecksville, PA) -- Lehigh Valley Zoo, in conjunction with Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), has officially announced that a male scimitar-horned oryx calf has been born into the herd. LVHN is the Official Motherhood Partner of the LV Zoo.

The new, yet-to-be-named calf was reported healthy and nursing from his mother, Ducati, within an hour of birth. Oryx calves typically stand within the first hour of birth, which the LV Zoo's newest addition demonstrated for his keepers. Ducati has also remained healthy throughout the process.

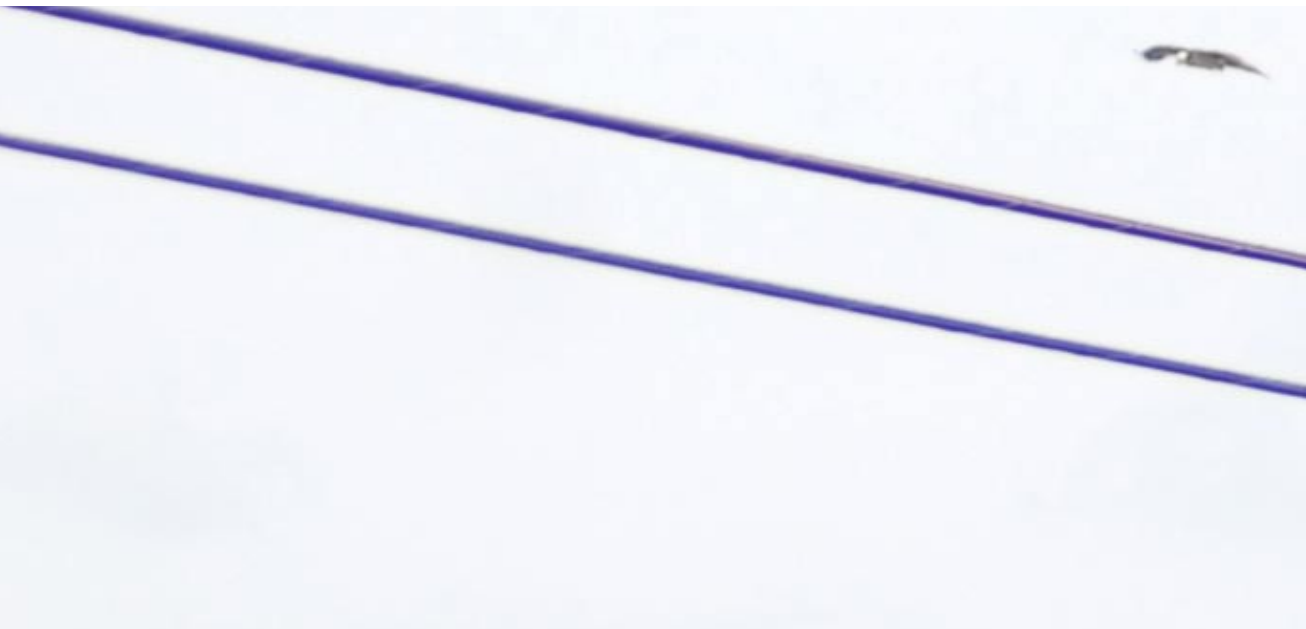
Since scimitar-horned oryx are considered extinct in the wild, this is a huge celebration for the LV Zoo, which is a member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and a participant in the Species Survival Plan for scimitar-horned oryx. More information about oryx can be found [here](#).

Oryx calves weigh an average of 22 pounds at birth and measure approximately 25 inches from the shoulder to the hoof, whereas human babies average seven-and-a-half pounds and approximately 19 inches from head to toe. Additionally, oryx pregnancies last between eight to eight-and-a-half months and the young become fully independent at around the 14-week-old mark. Both male and female calves reach sexual maturity by two years old.

The newest resident of the LV Zoo still needs a name. In partnership with LVHN, the LV Zoo is requesting suggestions from the community. Names can be submitted on the LV Zoo's Facebook post regarding our newest calf for a chance to win a Family Four-Pack to the zoo.

Anyone interested in helping further

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## Osprey Sightings at Minsi Lake

By Michael Ortoski

UPPER MT. BETHEL - Over the weekend as I was making my daily check on the Osprey nest I noticed something unusual. Both the mother and father were in the nest, but high above another bird was circling over them.

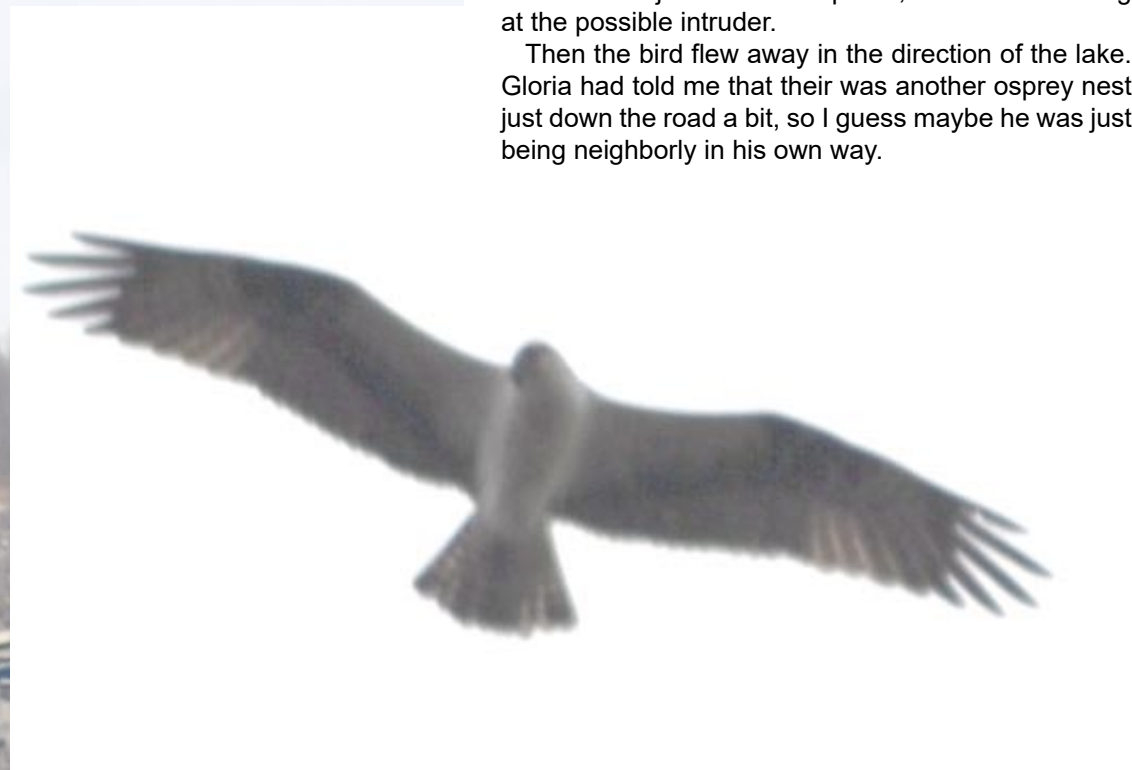
I was told by my friend Jim Gloria and watcher of the nest also that their was a hawk that also has a nest nearby and wonders if that might be a problem.

After a few minutes the bird came down closer and I was able to make out that it wasn't the hawk but another osprey.

He circled the nest about 20 ft above a couple times then cam real close about 10 ft. over the nest and just hovered there for about a minute.

The father just sat on his perch, the mother staring at the possible intruder.

Then the bird flew away in the direction of the lake. Gloria had told me that their was another osprey nest just down the road a bit, so I guess maybe he was just being neighborly in his own way.





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## U.S. Chamber Foundation Launches Grant Program to Support Small Business Recovery

By Michael Ortoski

Small businesses are the foundation of our communities and our economy, and chambers of commerce are an essential part of that ecosystem. Employing nearly half the American workforce, small businesses keep our neighborhoods running and make them feel like home. The impacts of the coronavirus pandemic have wrought unprecedented financial uncertainty. These businesses need resources and relief — and they need it now.

That's why today, we are launching the Save Small Business Fund with Vistaprint to provide assistance to small businesses and local chambers of commerce impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Funded by contributions from corporate and philanthropic partners, the Chamber Foundation will distribute \$5,000 grants to small employers in the U.S. and its territories.

The Save Small Business Fund is part of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Save Small Business Initiative—a nationwide effort to address small business owners' immediate needs, mitigate closures and job losses, and mobilize the long-term support the small business community needs for recovery.

We want to reach as many businesses as possible through this grant program, and encourage you to share it with those in your community. Use this toolkit to spread the word.

Grant applications will open on April 20, 2020. For more information on eligibility, grant timeline, and more, visit [savesmallbusiness.com](https://t.e2ma.net/click/m04fzb/eqzad2e/u6afeg).

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### HOW TO MAKE A HOMEMADE MASK OUT OF FABRIC OR CLOTH



#### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Fabric (100% cotton is most effective)
- Fabric ties
- Scissors
- Sewing machine or a needle and thread



#### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Measure and cut two pieces of fabric in a rectangle pattern to fit snugly around the face (size 12 inches by 6 inches is standard for adults)
- Tightly sew both layers together on all edges
- Cut fabric ties to fit around the ears
- Sew the ties to the insides of the mask on the smaller edge, repeat on both sides
- Resew the sides to ensure a tight seal between both pieces of fabric and the earpiece

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