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Valentine's Day is Friday, Feb. 14

Gordon Ellmers' amazing bird photography



rort Edward veterinarian: 'lucky to have this hobby I love so much'

By Gordon Woodworth Chronicle News Editor

Dr. Gordon Ellmers is a dog and cat veterinarian who owns Fort Edward Animal Hospital. But he is increasingly known for his hobby: wildlife bird photography.

More than 300 people now receive the near-daily e-mails with his latest

crystal-clear photos attached. The *Conservationist* Magazine has published several of his images, and he freely donates prints to the local chapter of the Audu-



A red-tailed hawk catches a mouse — Dr. Ellmers took this photo on Monday, Jan. 27, off East Road in the Town of Fort Edward. "I saw him flying low, and I had just enough time to jump out of the car and start shooting," he said. "He ate the whole mouse right in front of me. It's always exciting getting action photos like that."

bon Society and other charities like the Double H Ranch.

"The only rule I have is, 'Don't sell them for personal profit," he says.

His equipment is top-of-the-

line. "I've slowly upgraded over the years," he said. "I got a very good camera, a Canon 1D Mark IV, about a year ago, and I just got a new Canon 500-millimeter

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Recording artist John Waite, center,

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Courtesy of Em Lewis of Hudson Falls, British-born rocker John Waite and his band played

a private show for Em and 75 of his friends at Hotshots Bar in Glens Falls on Sunday, Jan. 26.

"I paid them and invited a bunch of people I know. It Huge fans
of the
rocker —
brought
him here
for private
concert

was awesome," said Mr. Lewis when contacted a week later by *The Chronicle*.

"They had a blast, as did we. It was a 'Mastercard Priceless' mo-

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