



## **FEATHERED FRIENDS OF STABLE VIEW:**



**Photo by Mark Pavlosky Jr.**

**Mark Pavlosky Jr. is an environmental consultant Stable View works with to monitor its wildlife. He recently came out to check in on the wildlife. He said that the birds have really been feeling the heat and lack of rain. He said, "Typically, RCWs (Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers) have completed nesting for the season around July 4th. I have seen a pair of very determined RCWs successfully fledge young as late as the end of August." It is rare but possible that Stable View's old and new clusters of RCW can be completed late this season. Mark shared, "Both clusters have been very active and displaying all the signs of nesting since mid-April, however, they have not been successful to this point.**

**Clusters 2 and 3 have both fledged young and they are developing and beginning to master the art of flight while covering greater distances from the cavities."**

**In addition to the RCWs Mark also checked on the Bluebirds. He found, "The Bluebird train is just chugging along and they are having a very good year of reproduction. This year we are seeing fewer dead nestlings and fledging 97% of hatched eggs. Almost all of the second broods have fledged, and a handful of the nest boxes are working on brood number three." He found that the Fledged Count is 129, the Egg Laid Count is 264, the Nestling Count is 132, and the Unhatched Egg Count is 22.**

**Mark will continue to monitor every 7-10 days until the bluebird and RCWs wrap up their nesting season around the middle of August.**