

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

It is that time of year when my articles include a reference to the little tree that always turns yellow before anyone else. The tree is on Highway 27 about a mile north of Lakeshore Road. It has not turned yet. However, there are leaves falling from some of our trees and my two dust mops are beginning to bring them in, letting me know that fall is on its way.

Throughout the year the Northwoods Humane Society volunteers manage our thrift show which is open seven days a week from May through October and 6 days a week in other months. Recently, our shop was recognized as the favorite thrift shop in the Northwoods area. This all-volunteer group of people that work the shop, those that donate to us and those that buy help provide the financial resources for NHS to accomplish our mission – helping animals in need.

This fall we will be hosting two important fundraising events to further raise monies for the animals. I hope you will be able to be a part of both of them.

The first is the Northwoods Humane Society Dog Walk and Ice cream socials on September 12<sup>th</sup>. NHS along with OCSA (Ovarian Cancer Symptom Awareness) will be hosting the event. The dog walk will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the NHS shelter and it will bring awareness of the expansion of OCSA's unique One Health approach to educating people about the silent symptoms of ovarian cancer.

Walkers and no walkers, with or without dogs are welcome. Friendly, leashed dogs are welcome but not required. The event starts at noon and will have a rich agenda including the national Anthem sung by Hayward's own Ken Frame and the Boy Scout Troop 70 and members of the Veterans Community Center will present colors.

The walk will be 1K followed by an ice cream social for pets and people sponsored by Dairy Queen of Hayward.

The event starts on Sunday, September 12 at 12:30 p.m. for registration. Opening ceremony begins at 1 p.m. followed by the dog walk and the ice cream social. Registration tickets may be purchased at the NHS Thrift Shop, Art Beat of Hayward, or the NHS Shelter and on-line. Cost is \$25 a person and children under 12 are free.

The second fall event is our Art For Animals on-line Auction provided by Kubarek's Auction House. The Auction begins on-line October 5 and concludes at 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 10. On October 6, all items will be on display for preview at Art Beat of Hayward on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Hayward from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We are currently seeking donations for the auction – gift certificates, artwork, decorative items, services and collectibles. For more information call me at 715-634-4543.

These two events will be fun and we will be surrounded by colorful leaves and the smell of fall. I will keep you posted on the little tree that usually turns yellow first to signal Fall is on the way.

Notice: September 2 – Purple Cat Van free spay and neuter clinic for cats. Call Lisa Lew or Angie Larsen to register your cat.