

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

Another change! After about 35 years, Care Animal Clinic is closing their Hayward vet clinic. They will continue their care of animals at the Spooner Vet Clinic. But that isn't Hayward.

My life with Care started when Mike and I bought Wilderness Walk in 1987. I learned from Dr. Forest Thannum – he said 'you have got to try'! There was a miniature horse named Burt who liked to bite, whose testicle had not dropped. I learned from Dr. Gary Slonniker who told me, 'If you are going to have them you are going to lose them.' This was said at 6:30 am in the morning in the Wilderness Walk nursery when a calf was in distress and died and I was crying. Dr. Al Peterson was treating a goat and said 'he either pees or dies'. Life lessons. I remember the patience of Dr. Helen Szalajka along with Donna Sheehan and I sitting in the grass waiting for a tranquilizer to take effect on a deer.

I remember when the Northwoods Humane Society was started – 1989 – and going to a Care staff meeting at a restaurant in Spooner. We presented the idea of SNAP – a spay neuter assistance program. Forest immediately said he would do it and Care has been on board ever since. I remember when Care gave me access to the clinic after hours because they fostered some dogs with special needs – in particular the 3-legged black chow that wanted to kill everyone but ended up being a loveable adoptee of one of their clients. Over the years, Care Animal Clinic has supported every program we have had – feral cats, free spay and neuters through grant money, the Pat Geiddis Fund to assist with emergency medical care, adoption spay and neuters, health checks and medical needs. Care has been the one vet clinic that consistently had after hours for emergency medical care, sadly this is not the case currently.

So, we thank the Care staff for the many years of caring for animals and being supportive of the Northwoods Humane Society. We will miss you being in Hayward. You have all made a difference for the good. I personally wish them well and being 'old' I know that change is necessary – but I don't like this change.

Something that didn't change this year was the Poker Run at the River's Edge Saloon, located on Highway 27 South in Hayward. Owners Steph and John again made the Northwoods Humane Society the recipient of the monies raised - \$3,136! Mike, my husband, and I had the opportunity to attend the end of the ride. What a beautiful setting they have at the Wild River Inn – plus good hamburgers and pizza's. Their deck overlooks the Namekagon River. They have two volleyball courts and lots of grass area. They had a big stage setup outside that evening and bands played throughout the event. Our Thanks to John and Steph!

The NHS IK Dog Walk will be over when this article is published. I am so looking forward to it. Thank you to committee members Susan Sams, Alecia Austin and Shirley Armstrong and to our sponsors Hayward Area Memorial Hospital and Waters Edge, Dairy Queen, Hayward Animal Hospital, Beehive Botanical, Frandsen Bank, Susan Sharp Miley – Attorney At Law, David Kelling, Shell Lake Bank and Art Beat of Hayward for making this even happen!

The NHS Thrift Shop had many wonderful donations this week and many wonderful volunteers that worked hard to get them priced and out on the floor. Thank you everyone. One of the donated items is

a NordicTrack treadmill in super condition. Winter is coming. The NordicTrack is at the shop in the back.

The third time is a charm! Plans are underway for BINGO at Schoolhouse Wines in Stone Lake on Wednesday, September 14 beginning at 5:30 p.m. We have been rained out the last two times we were scheduled there – it can't happen three times in a row can it?!

Dates to Save:

September 14 – BINGO at Red Schoolhouse Wines – Stone Lake – 5:30 p.m.

October 11 – Purple Cat Van – free spay and neuter clinic for cats – owned or feral – contact the NHS Shelter to schedule an appointment – 715-634-4543.