

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

The following story was written by our Shelter Manager, Alecia Austin. This story is one of so many stories that can and have been told about the dedication of our staff members and our committed and caring volunteers. Alecia has been the Northwoods Humane Society Shelter Manager ever since we opened our doors 30 years ago. Before that she was a volunteer and along with others, we collectively housed animals in our homes and related businesses, we fundraised and bought the land, built the shelter and opened debt free. Alecia was there every step of the way. In this story you will read about Glenda and Bob Von Arb – I don't remember the shelter without them being there as caring volunteers. Delaney Nigbor Sandman began with us when she was in high school and Jamie Rothfuss has been with us for five years and is a major part of the team.

This story appeared on Facebook on Thursday and on Friday, pictures were posted of the cutest dogs and puppies all waiting for homes and a request for volunteers to help with the bathing and grooming of these new arrivals.

Here is the story:

“My village is truly remarkable. Yesterday, I found myself at the shelter at 5 am, knowing a transport was scheduled for later in the day and there was still a mountain of tasks to complete before their arrival. However, around 1 pm, I received the distressing news that the transport van had broken down nearly three hours away. With the shelter's van in the shop, I quickly arranged to swap vehicles with my husband, opting for his larger one. Alongside [Jamie Rothfuss](#), we embarked on a mission to load both her car and our SUV to the brim with crates, ready to pick up the stranded dogs.

As soon as the shelter closed its doors for the day, we hit the road, driving to an auto shop in Hixton to retrieve the 15 dogs originally destined for our shelter. Thankfully, most of them were small dogs and puppies, making the task a tad easier. After a lengthy journey of nearly three hours, we finally arrived at our destination and commenced the process of loading everyone up for the trip back to the shelter. It was a tight squeeze, but we managed to accommodate everyone.

Upon our return to the shelter, a little after 9 pm, we were met by the unwavering support of Bob and [Glenda Langlitz Von Arb](#), along with [Delaney Sandmann](#), who eagerly awaited to assist us in unloading and settling the dogs into outdoor kennels for a much-needed stretch and bathroom break. As I headed home for some much-needed rest before the early alarm clock at 3 am, the four of them remained behind, ensuring each dog was fed, comfortable, and showered with affection before being tucked in for the night.

This endeavor truly exemplifies the spirit of community and collaboration. From [Diane Lucantonio](#) and [Karen A Murphy](#), who orchestrated the transport logistics, and the van repair from 20 hours away, to [Jamie Rothfuss](#), who fearlessly stacked her car high for this impromptu adventure, and to Bob, [Glenda Langlitz Von Arb](#), and [Delaney Sandmann](#), who

selflessly dedicated their evening to the well-being of these animals—it's abundantly clear that our village is brimming with extraordinary individuals.

·Dates to Save: Dates to Save:

April 25 and May 9— Bingo at Powell's on Round Lake – games start at 6 p.m. but come early.

April 27 – Spay-Ghetti and No Balls – 5 – 7:30 p.m. – Hayward Vet Center

May 27 – Dining For Cats and Dogs – Lynne's Custom Meats and Catering – 10:30 to 2 p.m.