

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

The Northwoods Humane Society is busy to the max! The Thrift Shop has expanded their hours and we are now open 11 am to 4 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and Sunday we are open 11 am to 3 p.m. This weekend is Musky Fest in Hayward and for this event, we will be open 9 am to 5 pm on Friday and Saturday. Special thanks to those that make this possible: Kathy Pederson, Sue Killinger Gail McCardle, Jeanne Hornak, Barbara Hoeft, Paula Bilitz, Pat Whalley and Sue Hudson. During the week you will find Nancy Douglas, Brenda Pearman, Eileen Brossard, Dick Langton, Bernice Applebee, Sharon Pilgrim, Susan Horrocks, Rob Taite, Marcy Rappaport, Chris Czebleka and Shirley Wallace at the cashier's counter.

Thank you to those that donate items to the NHS thrift shop. The NHS Thrift shop is located on 3rd Street across from the Frandsen Parking Lot. Donations may be taken to the shop between 11 and 4 during the week. The donations may be taken to the back door – on the Dakota Avenue side – with our parking lot. Just ring the bell and one of our volunteers will greet you and assist with bringing the donations inside.

Often we receive vintage or collectible donations. One of our volunteers, Jeanne Hornak, has a vast knowledge about collectibles and antiques. She takes the time to research these donations, writes a little history when appropriate and prices them. She also does this for the jewelry. We are so fortunate to have her on the team.

Linens get love and care by Jeannine Sisson and Susanne Kalla. They inspect each items, size them, price and package. They could still use some clear plastic bags with zippers – like the ones blankets or sheet sets come in. If you have some to share, drop them off at the Thrift Shop – they will be appreciated.

One of the more challenging area of donations are the clothing items. Our fearless team approaches each bag or box with vim and vigor. They sort, sex and size the clothing. They separate them by season. Each items is inspected for stains, tears, missing buttons and working zippers, etc. The clothing items are steamed, priced and prepared for display. Shoes are cleaned, washed and often polished. If you know Sharon Goodacre, Pat Brummel, Patty Van Landschoot, Linda Graham, Sue Witt, Joan Schumway or Roberta Christainsen – please give them a huge 'THANK YOU'.

A comment we often hear is 'I love that your books are organized by authors and in alphabetical order'. This attention to detail is the hard work of Nancy McDowell and Kathy Zajac.

Then there is the Thrift Crew. I get to be part of this group. We have a lot of fun and working together. We get to know each other well and have a wonderful support team. Thanks to my partners in cleaning, fixing, pricing friends: Chuck Mikow who is a cleaner extraordinaire, Pam Mikow who does it all, Linnea Forsell who focuses on the artwork, Carol Dinelli who puts priced items out on the floor, again, Jeanne Hornak who keeps the displays seasonally current, David Nemec who is a one-man dynamo and Shirley Redmond with her gentle manner and Shirley Girard's commitment to keeping the cards in order.

There are others who are returning for the summer and we are so happy to see them. Thanks everyone for being such a big part of a great team. All of everyone's efforts supports the care of the animals at the Northwoods Humane Society Shelter.

This past Sunday, Alecia Austin, our Shelter Manager hosted a going away party for Mark Peterson, our Canine Coordinator. Mark and his family are moving out of the area. Mark's devotion to the well-being of the animals will be greatly missed. Mark is a former military person, who knows how to fix helicopters and gently cradle a kitten or frightened dog. We welcome Corey Nicothodes who is new to the Hayward area but not new to animals care.

I loved the conversation amongst the staff members at the party. If I didn't know that they would be talking about dogs and cats, it would have created some humorous imagery. They spoke of each animal with respect and total awareness of their needs, likes and dislikes. The staff is a strong team of bright caring people.

A highlight this past week were our mystery lawn mowing friends. Our two lawn mowing machines were not functioning. Alecia posted this problem on our Facebook site and mowers showed up at different times and did our yard, the walking trails, small dog park and the play part of the big dog park. If you were a mower – big sloppy licks and kisses to you!

Our Heartache Tonight – Eagles Tribute fundraiser was fabulous. Such great music, harmony and energy! The tickets were sold out! Our hope is to bring them back next year so if you missed your chance to get your ticket this time – get them early next time they return.

The Northwoods Humane Society will be selling raffle tickets on Main Street during Musky Fest. Find the booth with the paw prints!

Dates to Save:

July 5 – Cardboard Boat Races – Boulder Lodge – 2 p.m. – music, food and races

August 4 – Tag Day – to volunteer, please call 715 634-5394 and leave your name and number at the shelter.

August 23 – Bark and Roll and Cat's Meow Silent Auction – Seeley Sawmill Saloon – 6:30 pm