

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

What a festive feeling in the air! A weekend ago – it was Muskie Fest and again our super volunteers stepped forward to make it a good time for the Humane Society fund raising efforts. Rob Taite, volunteer coordinator at the NHS Thrift Shop, put together a group of volunteers that opened at 9 am as opposed to 10 am and closed the doors at 5 pm instead of 4 pm. And as always during the summer we were open on Sunday. Their extra time really paid off. Our thanks to Rob, Jeanne Hornak, Sue Kissinger, Sue Hudson, Sue Lenz, (you can never have too many Sues) Kathy Pederson, Dave Nemec and Chris Czeskleba.

Alecia Austin, our Shelter Manager and her team were at Musky Fest on Friday and Saturday selling raffle tickets for the \$1,000 cash prize. At first we were concerned about their placement as this year we were on Second Street as opposed to Main Street – traffic is always heavier on Main Street. However, by the end of Saturday all was well and our sales were similar to last year's sales. The tickets will be sold again at Fall Fest and Cranberry Fest. They are also for sale at the NHS Thrift Shop located on 3rd Street in Hayward and at the NHS Shelter located on Hwy 77 and O'Brien Hill N Road. Thanks to Kim Kral, Terri Aaron, Diane Klein, Tori Schreiner for helping with the sales.

A reminder to visitors and locals – NHS has two dog parks at the shelter that are open to the public from sunrise to sunset. There is a big dog and small dog park. Your dog needs to be current on all vaccinations, plays well with other dogs and has an owner that cleans up after their dog.

To celebrate the Fourth of July and break up the summer heat, the Cindy Clark Enrichment team prepared ice cream made of yogurt, peanut butter and bananas scooped into a tradition ice cream cone for the dogs at the shelter. Glenda and Bob VonArb, Diana Devroy and Ed Imwinkleried took out 15 dogs in a one to one outing to sit outside at a picnic bench or chair and the dogs each got to enjoy a cone and the company of person who care. If you would like to be part of this wonderful team call the shelter and leave your name and number and Glenda will return your call.

The Cindy Clark Enrichment team welcomes volunteers to join them to work to brighten the days for those waiting for homes. There will be a memorial service for Cindy on Tuesday, July 11th – 11 am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hayward. If you would like to explore this call the shelter – 715-634-5394

The highlight for the Fourth of July for Mike and me, was the Cardboard Boat Race at Boulder Lodge. This is the 9th year that Boulder Lodge owners, Jason and Kelsey Lohaus have held this event at Boulder Lodge and with the proceeds going to the Northwoods Humane Society for the care of the animals at the shelter.

Participants in the Cardboard Boat Race create a boat that only made of cardboard, duct tape and latex paint. The following was taken from their website.

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Boats made ONLY from: Cardboard, Duct Tape, Latex Paint

That's it—no tricks, no hidden supports, just pure ingenuity and a willingness to get a little wet.

- Race starts at 2pm- Come early to vote on your favorite boat, win prizes, 50/50 raffles and more! All proceeds benefit the Northwoods Humane Society! Last year we donated \$3,800 helps us crush that!

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If you haven't been to Boulder Lodge, please put it on your must do list. It is a rustic lodge cabin on beautiful Ghost Lake. They serve food Thursday thru Saturday and there is music on Friday and Saturdays. (Dave Neuswanger plays on Saturdays and all of his tips go to the Northwoods Humane Society.)



Teams help create the boats and each has its own theme. There were the Flint Stones, the USA Gnomes, the Barbies, The Chicken, the Spinner Bait, the White Dream, Easy Slider and this year's winner was the Soggy Buns. Teams came in costumes. The Soggy Bottom had a hot dog theme – the boat looked like a paper hot dog tray, the team had hats and aprons that you would find a server wearing, The two young people, Olivia and Miles Phelan were dressed as hotdogs in a bun. The matriarch of the group had a hotdog headband holding her hair back.

We all saw the perfect picture of determination. The pink Barbie boat was 'wo-maned' by two young girls in hot pink Tutu's. Their boat capsized in the early part of the race. The youngest – may 6 or 7 got back in the boat and then the older girl maybe 9years old tried to get in but it was a no go. The girls paddled back to the shore pulling their boat along (everyone had on life jackets). The youngest girl was not going give up. She got back in the boat and paddled the full length of the race. She came in last but she came in and finished with crowd cheering her on.



The afternoon had Boulder Lodge volunteers serving hot dogs and drinks, there were 50/50's, raffles in the lodge and the bar was open. Dave Neuswanger was playing music on the deck.

NHS Board Member Lori Butala posted some great Facebook pictures of the Boulder Lodge Event and Claudette Kersten challenged Lori to making a boat with her for next summer's Cardboard Boat Race. Sounds like a fun winter project for some of us.

Dates to Save: August 3 – NHS Tag Day – Volunteers needed
August 15 – Bark and Roll – Deer Run Resort – 1 – 5 pm