

The Scoop

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“Creating a Community Responsible for Animals”

SHELTER UPDATE

Happy New Year to everyone! We are off to a great start with lots of wonderful adoptions! We have had so many generous people throughout the year who have made donations and helped out with fundraisers. Roger and Darlene Funk did a wonderful job weeding our large "flower" box underneath our sign on the corner of Cottonwood Ave. We did some sprucing up at the shelter this fall. WCAHS staff did some painting and pulled up all the old tile and linoleum. We redid the floors with a product called "Rock Solid." This should prove to be much cleaner, which means healthier, more durable and it definitely looks much nicer! A special thanks goes to Wayne and Teresa Temple for making a larger "wheel" for Snags Sports Bar. Nancy & Wayne Ratzenberger, owners of Snags, have been doing a number of meat raffle fundraisers for us. They had just a small wheel with 40 numbers, but knowing more money could be raised with more numbers, the WCAHS staff decided to make and donate a larger wheel. It proved to be a great idea! Over \$1700.00 was raised through the year from the fundraiser held by Snags. We had some very generous young people helping the animals last year. We had a couple of girls (including Jayden Heller) who chose to have their birthday parties at the shelter and asked that instead of presents



for themselves, they wanted items for the animals. Sara Grandadam and Jazzlynn Richter set up shop one afternoon selling items at the shelter and taking donations. It is wonderful to see these young people give so generously!



We had Spooner's "Super Troop" come to the shelter in two groups in November. They came to learn about animal care. After talking about all the things animals need to be happy and healthy, the girls played with cats and took dogs for walks. Spooner High School's Small Animal Science class also came in November for a tour of the shelter and to learn more about the humane society and the work we do. A week prior to their visit, Mrs. Rosenbush took a couple of our picture albums of past confiscations and photos of (Continued on page 5)

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Important Dates

March 1—Pins for Pets

May 5-11—Coins for Critters Contest

June 8—Par for Pets

August 1-2—Thrift Sale

October 11—Quilt Raffle Drawing

THRIFT SALE FOR TAILS

WCAHS is again planning our annual thrift sale. We've reserved the exhibition building at the Washburn County Fairgrounds for August 1-2, during Jack Pine weekend. As you're doing your spring cleaning, please keep us in mind, and set aside any items that you might want to donate for our sale. You can help the shelter by donating items, by shopping at our thrift sale, or by volunteering to help out during the sale. For those of you who find it too difficult to help out at WCAHS because you want to take every animal home, this is a great way to make a contribution. Please call the shelter with any questions.



“PINS FOR PETS” ANNUAL BOWLING FUNDRAISER

The 2014 Humane Society's "Pins for Pets" 9-Pin Tap bowling fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2014, at Northwoods Lanes and Lounge in Spooner. Alley owner, Mike Miller, and Fundraising Coordinator, Connie Salquist, are working on an expanded day of bowling with 3 shifts--12 PM, 3 PM, plus a 6PM shift with cosmic bowling.

The registration fee for this event will be \$20, which will include 3 games of bowling, shoes and ball rental if needed, as well as chances of winning raffle, door, and bowling prizes. Pre-registration is suggested by calling Northwoods Lanes and Lounge at 715-939-1203, or by stopping in at the alley.

The donation form competition is back again and there is always a chance to win a prize for bringing in the highest amount of money collected or the highest number of names of people listed. A donation sheet may be taken from the shelter website www.wcahs.com or picked up at the shelter or bowling alley.

If you would like to donate a door or raffle prize for this event, you may drop it off at the shelter or at the bowling alley, or if anyone would like to donate finger or snack foods to be served throughout the day or if there are any questions, please call Connie Salquist at 615-635-7677.

The hope is that WCAHS employees, volunteers, and members will be "bowled" over with response of supporters whether it is through bowling, donation sheet collection efforts, donation of prizes or food, buying raffle tickets, or just coming in to say, "hi". WCAHS is very thankful for those who will "spare" the time and "strike" up the enthusiasm to join in the fun of "Pins for Pets" on Saturday, March 1!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our business members. We hope that you will visit and support them.

Platinum Members—Shell Lake State Bank, Northern Lakes Veterinary Clinic

Gold Members—Spooner Vet Clinic

Silver Members—Wild River Sport & Marine, Indianhead Credit Union, Bank of the West, T & T Tool

Thank You's, Memorials, Honors

For their generous contributions over these past few months, thank you to:

Dr. & Mrs. Maynard Anderson, James & Marie Andreas, Carol Ayala, Susan Bailey, Diana Barbour, Marian Brinken, Bill Brunclik, Diane Cable, Jackie Carthamer, Carolyn Cleveland, Rose Collison, Lynda Conn, Donna DeVoe, Carol Dye & Elizabeth Hahn, Belinda Effertz, Audrey-Joe Emer, Jeffrey Emerson, Diane Ericksen, Michael Foss, Bob & Lavonne Furlott, Dave Ginther, Lisa Hall, Phyllis Haseleu, Shawn Haseleu, Carol Henderson, Lynn Hoepfner, Kenneth & Julie Hustvet, Jane Jacobson, Sandra Jacobson, Gene & Carol Johnson, Ray & Debby Johnson, Kris Karow, Jim Kilarski, Roger & Claudia Koerner, Robin Kriedeman, Kae Krueger, Bette Kunselman, Donna LaPorte, April Lee, Anne Leimert, Nina Leitza, Jim & Sallie Lindstrom Jennifer Lovrude, Gene Mason, Dena Matzke, Ellory Medor, Joanne Merrifield, Miriam Michealson, Jill Mickelson, Helena Murphy, Storme & Dawn Nelson, Evelyn Neste, Kriss & Marcy Novak, Mary Okonek, Greg Olson, Norm & Alene Peterson, Kathleen Pinney, Cindy & Ken Powaga, Ed & Barb Rabehl, Judy Ricci, Cynthia Roberts, Robert Rodine, Evelyn Safeblade, Joyce Schancer, Dick & Deb Schlapper, Jay Schuster, Gary Schwalm, Deb Shipman, Eleanor Sobkowicz, Dorothy Soholt, Deb Stezenski, Stan & Ad Stone, Bill & Lori Sumner, Teresa Temple, The Parsons, Noel & Beverly Ver-nocke, Gary Wavrin, Judy Wiederhold, Sherrie Wiegand, Jan Wood, and David Yndestad. Thanks also to those who made donations but wish to remain anonymous (you know who you are!)

Memorials given by : Mike & Grace Plaster in memory of their daughter Dorthy; Cindy & Ken Powaga in memoray of Mia Morrissey; Louis Dubois in memory of Ed and Bear; Laurel

Caruthers in memory of Punkin; Teryl Schneider in memory of Duke; Ramona Scharhag in memoy of Delores Hippe; Kathy & Bob Lehman in memory of Erick Lehman's dog, Koda; Bob Single in memory of Jan; Kevin Scharhag in memory of Abby; Marianne Rigby in memory of Esther and Ruth Casey; Diana Kohnke in memory of her cousin, Patti Albright.

Gifts In Honor Of: Mark Storck's wedding by Kari Deering; Anna Lehman's birthday by Kathy & Bob Lehman; Khat by Laurel Caruthers; Eugene's birthday by Eugene & Carol Johnson; the life of Nancy Blaisdell by Allen & Judy Sigmund & Smokey; Sarah Kay Moen by Gary & Bonnie Christenson; Alicia Reijo by her parents, Pat & Dave; Mrs. G, Mrs. Graber, and Mrs. Thornley by the Thummels; Shelby Hall by Ruth Sloan; Virginia & Al Eversen by Bill & Ann Schroeder.

In addition, we would like to thank the following: Lutheran Church for the "Blessing of the Pets" donation, GFWC Spooner Womans Club, Bockley Brothers Fund of The Minneapolis Foundation, Town of Sarona, C & J Body Shop, Northwind Book and Fiber, Mary Circle of Trinity Lutheran Church, City of Shell Lake, Town of Bashaw, Washburn Co. Tavern League, Om Sweet Om Yoga and Shade Tree Massage, Hanson Family Foundation, WITC, Douglas County Humane Society for pet food.

We also thank all of you who have recently become members of WCAHS or who have renewed your membership. We apologize for anyone we may have missed or whose name we may have misspelled!

MEMBERSHIP IN WCAHS

Each fall we conduct our annual membership drive and send out membership forms to our existing members. If you would like to become a new member of WCAHS, please fill out the form on the back of this newsletter, or you can sign up online on the Donate page of our website www.wcahs.com. If you are currently a member, your membership is good until this coming fall.

NEW SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

By March 1st, WCAHS, along with Spooner Vet Clinic, will be introducing our new "SNAP" (Spay & Neuter All Pets) program. This program will be offered to low income families and individuals. Spooner Vet Clinic will be doing the surgeries at a much reduced price compared to our current program. We are excited about offering a more affordable program and hope this will help reduce the number of kittens and puppies that come to our shelter.

Because cats make up the larger portion of animals entering shelters everywhere, we will be introducing and using the "Thomas Fund" as a means to cover an even greater portion of a feline spay/neuter. The Thomas Fund was established by one of our members in memory of her beloved cat, Thomas, and is continuing to be funded by generous contributions by members and supporters of WCAHS. For more information or to request an application, please call the shelter at 715-635-4720.



2014 RAFFLE



We will be conducting our 2014 raffle ticket sales from now until October 11, 2014. Thimbles Quilt Shop of Spooner has generously donated a beautiful queen size "Jack O'Lantern" quilt, and we will appropriately be having the drawing at Spooner's Jack O'Lantern Fest. Follow the pumpkin as we display it at various events and establishments during the next eight months. Check our website www.wcahs.com to see where the quilt will be displayed or check our Pet of the Week column in the Spooner Advocate and Washburn County Register. To see it in person is to really be able to see the beautiful fabrics and intricate details. Raffle tickets will be available at the shelter and wherever the quilt is being displayed. Show your support for the shelter by purchasing raffle tickets and maybe you'll be the lucky one who wins this gorgeous quilt!



SCRAP METAL COLLECTION

Do you have old washers, dryers and other scrap metal lying around that you have been wanting to get rid of but it always seems too much of a hassle? We will make it a little easier for you and you will be helping the shelter in return. Later this spring, WCAHS plans to have a dumpster on the shelter grounds through Best Choice Recycling out of Hayward so you can clean up, clean out and get rid of these things you have been wanting to for so long. Watch our website www.wcahs.com for upcoming dates and times.

SHELTER REPORT (cont'd from Page 1)

some of the animals that have come to us in need for the students to look at. They have an opportunity to look through the albums and then ask questions during the tour of the shelter. We are always happy to help educate both young and old about proper animal care.

Many of you may know there has been a lot of debate about feral cats. One of the concerns we at WCAHS have is the suffering these cats go through when they become sick and cannot be treated. Even cats living indoors who can be treated with medication don't always get better. This is exactly what happened this past fall at WCAHS. One cat will come in with an upper respiratory infection. They don't always show symptoms. By the time you realize someone is sick, it is too late. You isolate, medicate, clean and clean again, bleaching everything possible. URI spreads so fast and can be such a tough virus to fight! After speaking with our veterinarian, they told us we were doing everything that we could. When you have a large number of cats living together with a virus that is difficult to manage, you can only do so much. WCAHS spent hundreds of dollars desperately trying to get our cats healthy after being exposed to this virus. Two sweet baby kittens that I bottle fed, ended up being euthanized because they just couldn't get healthy despite the fact we tried a number of different medications. That was the case with many of our cats. We sadly were forced to euthanize the majority of our cats during one period this fall and did not take in any cats until we felt confident it was safe to bring new cats in. This type of virus can be spread by simply wearing the same clothes around the sick cat, then coming in contact with a healthy cat. Even when cats are healthy indoor cats, there is always a risk that something could jeopardize their health. That is why it is good practice to vaccinate your pet for rabies and whatever else your veterinarian recommends.

With the very cold weather we are having this year, please remember to limit your pet's time outdoors. Make sure if they are outside they have something like a rug or blanket they can stand on to eliminate the chance of frostbite to their feet. It only takes minutes for their feet to freeze! If an animal is kept strictly outdoors, we recommend bringing them inside during these extremely cold days and nights. When they are out for any length of time, they should have access to fresh, unfrozen water, be fed a quality high protein food and be sure they have an insulated house with adequate bedding to keep them as warm as possible.

Thanks to Spooner Vet Clinic, Cassie Feiertag, Santa and all his helpers for the great job they did to make "Pictures with Santa" a fun and successful fundraiser for WCAHS! Proceeds from the pictures were donated to our shelter.

We're looking forward to another great year at WCAHS!

Penny

WISH LIST

We continue to use the Purina weight circles from both cat and dog food and we truly appreciate getting both. These weight circles bring us discounts on dog and cat food and veterinary services. Thank you to everyone who collects these for us and either delivers or sends them to the shelter.



WISH WE HAD...

More kitty litter (gravel type), dog/puppy and cat/kitten dry and canned food, 39 gallon garbage bags, plastic (washable) dog and cat toys, blankets and rugs. We always need laundry supplies (bleach, detergent, dryer sheets) and paper towels. Dog collars, especially small and medium sizes and cat collars are always welcome. Office supplies: envelopes, copy paper, printer cartridges for our computer (HP23 colored and HP45 black), the copy machine (Brother TN360 High yield toner for BCP740) and Fax machine (#95 and #98 HP office jet 6310 all in one).

Remember WCAHS with a bequest in your will.

2013 TREE OF LIGHTS

Our Tree of Lights raised almost \$3000 for WCAHS! Thank you to all you contributed and to those who attended the tree lighting at the shelter on December 1st. Those who donated in honor of or memory of a pet or a person include: Barb Albrecht, Susan Brooks, Eulala Carpenter, Carla Conn, Marjorie Costello, Patty Damon, Kari Deering, Dorothy DuBois, Louise DuBois, Dennis & Susan Dunn, Romaine & Joyce Endreson, Shirley Ericson, Thomas & Joy Linda Ferris, Jo Ann Frost, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Furlott, Judith Gillette, Jon & Kathy Griffith, Lisa Hall, Shawn Haseleu, Phyllis Haseleu, Russ Haseleu, Carol Henderson, Chirs Kading, Mary & Tom Kuffel, Robert Lampman, Jill & Mike Lehman, Jim & Sallie Lindstrom, Jan Masterjohn, Dede Myers, Phyllis Page, Ethel Peoples, Chet Peterson, Barbara Pollei, Cindy & Ken Powaga, Cindy Roberts, Evelyn Safeblade, Carolyn Saletri, Del & Connie Salquist, Kevin Scharhag, Sandy Schiller, Jo Ann Schmitz, Jim & Susie Schmitz, Fred & Bev Schluter, Alice Simundson, Susan Spannaus, Jim Squires, Beverly Stencel & Chuck Okonek, Martha Stiller, Bill & Lori Sumner, Tim & Sue Wallace, Jo Ann & John Westcott, Judy Wiederhold, Jan Wood, and David Yndestad.

Newsletter Mailing

Many of you have provided your email address to us and have requested an electronic copy of our newsletter. We have had only moderate success with this when we have attempted it in the past. Many go through, but many get rejected due to spam filters or other issues with certain providers. Currently we are going to mail out the newsletters to everyone in our address book. Our newsletters will always be on our website www.wcahs.com and can be accessed at any time. If you truly do not wish to receive a paper copy of our newsletter, please contact us via email at wcahs@centurytel.net or call the shelter at 715-635-4720 and request that we mark "No paper newsletter" by your name in our address book.

"PAR FOR PETS" GOLF FUNDRAISER

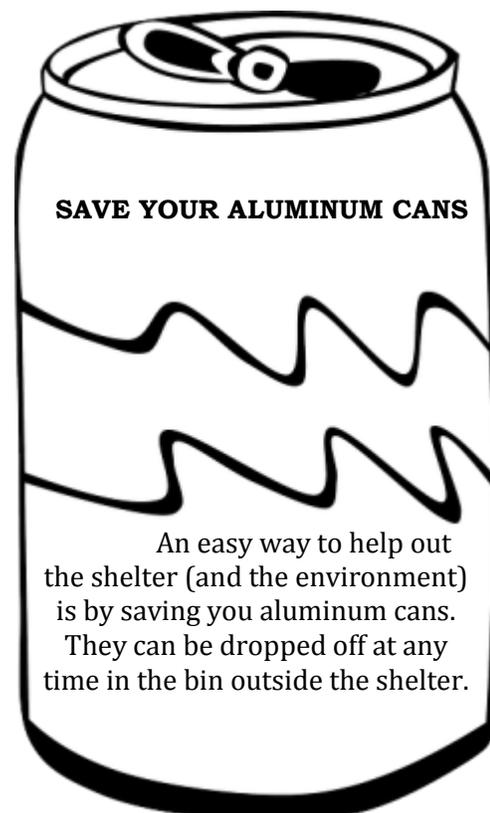
The 7TH annual "Par for Pets" golfing fundraiser will be held at the Spooner Golf Club in Spooner on Sunday June 8th.



This will be a 9 hole scramble with a buffet to follow. Please check our website for more details to come at a later date.

URGENT NEED

Cat food and kitten food (Purina brand preferred to maintain a consistent diet) and cat litter (clay type—not scoopable). Please help by dropping off your donations during our normal business hours. **THANK YOU!**



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By becoming a member of the Washburn County Area Humane Society, you will support many wonderful animals, as well as community programs on animal welfare and responsible pet ownership. WCAHS is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization. All donations and memberships are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Annual Membership Categories

- Humanitarian.....\$100
- Supporting.....\$60
- Family.....\$40
- Individual.....\$25
- Senior (62+).....\$10
- Additional Donation...\$_____

Please apply my membership to:

- General Fund
- Building Fund
- SNAP Program (*Spay/Neuter Assistance Program*)
- Thomas Fund (*New cat spay/neuter program*)
- Chester Fund (*special medical needs*)

Total Amount of check \$_____

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THANK YOU!