

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

If you would like to get a sense of holiday cheer, stop in the NHS Thrift Shop. The elves have been very busy putting out Holiday items. If you are someone that needs a nativity scene for their home or if you collect them, we have received some beautiful and complete nativity scenes. One that stood out to me was a complete, 16 piece scene, including the Crèche which was done by Fontanini. Volunteer Joann Evans recognized its desirability and moved it out on to the floor.

You will find beautiful ornaments, house decorations, trees, stands, angels of all sizes and special Santas and snowmen. Head elf and volunteer, Barbara Hoeft, tests the lights and makes sure the shelves are full. Linnea Forsell researches the value of the Christmas villages that are given to us and Carol Kemp keeps the linens in order and prices. Sharon Goodacre, Pat Brummel, Sheila Petit and Patty Van Landschoot steam and price the clothing and have a great selection of winter and holiday wear as well as shoes and boots. The book elves are Nancy McDowell and Kathy Zajac. Jeanne Hornak researches antiques and collectibles and manages the many pieces of jewelry that people entrust us with.

When you visit the shop, you will be greeted by volunteers, Grete Schuenzel, Linda Kewith, Donna Novy, Nancy Douglas, Joan Evans, Eileen Brossard, Carol Rusch, Pam Judd, Brenda Pearman, Sue Hudson and Dick Langton. In the background are Paula Bilitz, Shirley Girard, Charmaine Metzinger and Donna Dreczko.

If you are looking for holiday gifts – there is most likely something in the shop that will be a good selection. Yesterday we put out a beautiful deep royal blue hand tuned outdoor chimes, an almost new complete barbeque in a case set, crystal wine glasses and some ice fishing poles. If you have someone that is starting out in their adult life and would like a beautiful set of china – we may have just the set for them. I don't think that I mentioned the big ceramic turkey platter that was just put out – it is in excellent condition. There are many NHS Logo items that make great gifts – including coffee! We are also blessed with everyday items that know no season.

The Northwoods Humane Society Thrift Shop is essential to our mission to care for animals in need. Shelters are essential services. Ours is unique in that all the proceeds go to the care of the animals at the shelter. We are all volunteers at the shop and we do what we do because we care about the animals.

We ask that those that visit the shop and those that volunteer and those that bring in donations for the shop wear their masks and use our sanitizer.

Each person is essential to seeing that our mission accomplished and we all need to remain healthy.

I have mentioned this before, but the Holiday Cookie for a Cause is underway. To order cookies, e-mail the shelter – [paws@northwoodshumanesociety.org](mailto:paws@northwoodshumanesociety.org) and request a list of cookies and an order form. The Cookie Elves (Glenda Von Arb, Mary Timm, Kim Kral and Alecia Austin) have established pick up days for the orders on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the

shelter. Orders must be placed at least a week before your pick up date. There are many types of cookies to choose from. If you have questions about ordering, you may call the shelter at 715-634-5394.

We have a couple of weeks left in the Dog Is Good event. Leslie Mait, the Midwest representative for Dog is Good has stabled a popup shop for Dog is Good items on line. 15% of all purchases will go to the Northwoods Humane Society efforts to provide food for owned pets during this pandemic crisis. The mission of Dog is Good, is to do 'good' and provide support for animals in need and the work of shelters. To look at your choices go to [www.lesliesharon.com](http://www.lesliesharon.com). My sister is getting pajamas and all of us are getting dog is good masks in their stockings.

If you are headed to Cable on December 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. stop at My Villa on Highway 63N. NHS volunteers Georgia Frye, Vallie Szymanski, and Michelle Forrester will have a table set up throughout the day with NHS items and our famous dog biscuits and Kim's sugar cookies. My Villa will give NHS 15% of the sales that day. Remember that masks are a must and will have hand sanitizer for you too.