

Northwoods Humane Society - Deanna Persson, President

Animals, linens, clothing, books, fundraisers, meetings equals the Northwoods Humane Society.

So much happens at the Northwoods Humane Society Shelter every day! Lots of hard work and caring is done for the well-being of the animals. So much happens away from the Shelter – lots of hard work and caring about the well-being of the animals.

Books? Yes, books are a part of the Northwoods Humane Society. The second Friday of each month the Paws and Pages book club meets at noon at the First Lutheran Church. Currently, they are reading “The Aviator’s Wife” by Melanie Benjamin. The group welcomes new members. Nancy McDowell along with Georgia Frye coordinates the group and would be happy to answer any questions you have.

Nancy McDowell along with Kathy Zajac and Linda Graham sort, price and manage the books at the Northwoods Humane Society Thrift shop. The books are super well organized and accessible.

Saturday, October 22, Maureen Palmer, owner of Redbery Books sponsored a day honoring the Northwoods Humane Society. A percentage of sales will go to the care of the animals. As I was driving to Cable, I was listening to a Louise Penny book, “How The Light Gets In” which takes place in Three Pines, a small village in Quebec. Cable has a similar ambiance as Three Pines – a bistro, a bookstore, a grocery and hardware store and people who support one another. I bought four books two of which were written for ages 8 and up by a Wisconsin writer, Tim Fox. The book’s summary describes the main characters as a young girl living with her stern Aunt and stray cat, ‘Kitty’. Tim’s books are A Place for You and A Place to Grow. I also bought “Our Missing Hearts” by Celeste NG and “Visual Thinking” by Temple Grandin.

Linens and Clothing? The Thrift Shop volunteers Sharon Goodacre, Pat Brummel, Patty VanLandshoot, Sue Bartz, Roberta Christiansen, Linda Graham and Joan Shumway have spent many hours sorting, steaming, pricing and filling the racks with winter items. There definitely is something for everyone. We were gifted with many decorative scarves for women.

Linens – oh, my! The Thrift shop was given many new and used once linens (all laundered and pressed) from an area estate. They are beautiful and unique. One of the brands we received are Garnier Thiebaut along with William Sanoma, pieces from France and Italy. There are cloths, runners and napkins. Many are rich fall colors that would brighten any gathering. The whole rainbow of colors is represented. On Thursday, Barbara Hoeft, Jeanne Hornak, and I met at Kathy Pederson’s home to price and ready the donations for the shop. To give you an idea of the quantity of linens donated, Kathy and her husband Brad, Rob Taite and David Nemeč and I filled our cars with these donations, took them to Kathy’s home, where she sorted and matched patterns and napkins.

The lines are will be put out at the shop over the next several months. They would make great holiday gifts. There are many items at the Thrift Shop, including the linens that will make great gifts.

Remember, as I mention some of the back of house workers, we have volunteers that keep the shop open seven days a week. And others that are pricing, fixing, and cleaning. It is a great group of volunteers.

The first of November is transition time at the Thrift Shop. We say good bye to Halloween, bring out the Holiday entertaining treasures and begin to fill the shelves with Christmas decorations and gifts.

I attended a meet and greet hosted by the Sawyer County Record at Angler's Bar and Grill's new room. It is a beautiful Northwoods space. This was the first time I had the opportunity to meet the editor, Rich Jackson. It was also an opportunity to personally thank the Sawyer County Record for their support and positive energies regarding the Northwoods Humane Society and our community in general. They make it possible for me to share information about our organization with you.

Date to Save: December 3 – Holiday Shopping for NHS at My Villa – Highway 63N 10 am to 4 pm