

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

If you weren't at Powell's on Round Lake a week ago Thursday, you missed a fun night of Bingo. Every seat in the house was taken. Brad Pederson was the bingo caller and he did it with humor. Our Bingo Queen and NHS Board Member Kathy Pederson kept the money collectors under control. It wasn't easy. Lori Butala, Mike Lepeska and his girlfriend Sara along with Claudette and Mike Persson and myself collected for 8 games at \$1 per card and a 'cover all' game for \$2 per card. We also do a 50/50 raffle during the evening. Even though the actual games begin at 6 p.m. people begin arriving at 4:45 in order to get their favorite spot and most order some delicious food from the Powell's kitchen. This is NHS's second year of bingo at Powell's and many people come for all of the spring game nights. It is like a reunion of friends at each event. Bingo is fun when you are surrounded by good people, are served good food and drinks and sometimes win some money. Many of the winners donate back all or some of their prize money. The next Bingo nights for NHS at Powell's on Round Lake will be Thursdays – April 11, April 25, and May 9<sup>th</sup>.

More fundraising news....recycling aluminum cans! Iras Humphries is the leader of this effort. We cannot thank Iras and her team of helpers enough. It is not the easiest task, but the recycling of cans for NHS brought in a little over \$5,500 last year. There are three bins for the cans. One is at the NHS Shelter, one at the NHS Thrift Shop and another at Some Where Else on Highway 27 South. This is not a glamorous job. Each bag has to be sorted and eventually are taken to the Recycling place on Highway 63 South. If you or you and friend or spouse would like to help with this please give me a call at 715-634-4543. You can set your schedule – morning, afternoon or evening. This effort is good for the animals and good for the environment.

Make sure to save Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for the Spay-ghetti and No Balls fundraising dinner and Baking Contest. The concept for this event began 12 or so years ago and was developed by Larry Nelson, owner of Karbalis Restaurant on Main Street. His daughter was involved with a humane society out west and they held this themed dinner.

Alecia Austin, our Shelter Manager, and her crew brought it back to life last year and it was super successful and fun. The dinner takes place at the Hayward Vet Center on 63 and Main Street in Hayward. Beginning at 5 p.m. and going until 7:30 p.m. Alecia and her great crew have two components for the evening. First is the meal which includes a big plate of spaghetti with either meatless sauce or sauce with meat, a salad and garlic bread, and dessert. Ticket prices are \$15 in advance for adults and children 10 and under are \$7 each. At the door tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the NHS Shelter on highway 77 East or at the Northwoods Humane Society Thrift Shop on Third Street and Dakota Ave in Hayward.

The second part of this evening is a baking contest. The desserts served that evening were fabulous and yes, you can have more than one kind of dessert. Bakers who enter the contest are asked to prepare two desserts of the same recipe. One dessert will be used in the judging and the other will be cut for our guests. The judging will be done by three professional chefs. Bakers are to bring their desserts to the Vet Center by 1 pm on Saturday. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded in each category. Each baker

receives a ticket to the dinner. For more details and guidelines please go to our Website – <https://www.northwoodshumanesociety.org/events--fundraisers.html> for the baking guidelines and form for submission. There will be some desserts that will be sold through a silent auction. This is another of my husband's favorite fundraisers – this and the NHS Holiday Bake Sale. All monies for this event go towards the care of the animals at the shelter which includes spay and neutering.

Dates to Save:

April 11, 25 and May 9– Bingo at Powell's on Round Lake – games start at 6 p.m. but come early.

April 27 – Spay-Ghetti and No Balls – 5 – 7:30 p.m. – Hayward Vet Center

May 27 – Dining For Cats and Dogs – Lynne's Custom Meats and Catering – 10:30 to 2 p.m.