

## February Happenings



Join us this Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> for our version of Kitten Bowl V. The action starts when we open at 12 noon. There will be treats and beverages, plus plenty of action. Our creative staff and volunteers have gone all out with creating the Hawk Creek Sports Arena playing field. Come and cheer on our four-legged players.



One of our volunteers will be making a visit to Kool TV in Alexandria this weekend. Tune in ON SATURDAY February 3<sup>rd</sup> to watch which one of our four-legged friends will be making their TV debut. The show starts at 9:00 a.m. Check out their website for more info on how to watch in this area : <http://www.kooltv-mn.com/>



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Join us on Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> at PWELC's Sleigh and Ski Festival from 11a.m.-4:00 p.m. They have a lot of activities planned and a chili feed. Check out their website: <http://www.prairiewoodselc.org/Sleigh%20and%20Ski%20Festival.html> We will be there during that time with shelter animals. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Michele Busskohl at [volunteercoordinator.hskmc@gmail.com](mailto:volunteercoordinator.hskmc@gmail.com) She will need help with transportation to and from, set up and tear down.



We will be at the Waite Park PetSmart store on Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> from 12-5:00 for the PetSmart Nation Adoption Weekend. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Michele Busckohl be needing volunteers to help transport to and from the store, set up and tear down. Since we already partner with them and have adoptable cats at their store during the week, it will mainly be dogs that will be making the trip. We also need the volunteers to walk the adoptable dogs around the store to show them off. Email Michele at [volunteercoordinator.hskmc@gmail.com](mailto:volunteercoordinator.hskmc@gmail.com)

## SAVE OUR TAILS

a fundraiser for the HUMANE SOCIETY of KANAWHA | HSKMC/HSKMC



February 23rd 2018 - 6pm

A Fun Evening at the Willmar Conference Center

Helping a fight to the homeless & abandoned & abused animals

\$30 - \$35 - \$10

Member table is available

Yes, Save Our Tails will be here soon. We are in need of silent auction items and of course attendees to come to our largest and finest event of the year. The event starts Friday night, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Willmar Conference Center. The proceeds from the evening activities will help us operate the shelter and care for the animals that come in. You and your 7 friends can reserve a table for \$275, or individual adult ticket prices are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Kids 12 and under are \$10. Lots of food, silent auction items, a live dessert auction, retail table, a Smooch the Pooch Booth (yes, there will be a cat too. ) and the Ridgewater College Massage Therapy Students as well. Put it on your calendar. You don't want to miss it. To pre-purchase a ticket, call the shelter at 320-235-7612 and we can do a debit or credit card over the phone. You can stop at the Will Call table that evening and pick up your pre-purchased tickets.



**Volunteer Training for New Shelter Volunteers:** We can always use volunteers to help at the shelter or with offsite events. Our training Line-Up for this month is: Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m., Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Trainings are approximately 45 minutes long. If trainings are held before or after regular shelter house, we need to have volunteers leave at the end of the trainings. You only need to attend one training. Families are encouraged to participate. There is also a form that needs to be filled out. Kids that are 12 years of age and older can volunteer without an adult present, but their time is limited to two hours per visit.



### **Pet Therapy Visits:**

- Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. at Rice Care Center
- Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00 at Bethesda Day Break, 2:00 at Scandia House
- Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> 1:00 at Brookdale, 2:15 at Copperleaf
- Wednesday the February 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00 at Bethesda Grand
- Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30 at CARES treatment center, 10:00 Bethesda Memory Care Unit

**Please Join Us!!** We are always looking for animal handlers. The residents truly enjoy it and so do the animals and volunteers.



The 2018 dates have been planned. They are February 5<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, and November 12<sup>th</sup>. Please tell your family, friends, and co-workers about this low cost spay/neuter program. Register animals now as the calendar fills up. You can register online at [MNSNAP.org](http://MNSNAP.org) or by calling 612-720-8236.

## **BE AN ADOPTION AMBASSADOR**



Through a grant from the ASPCA, we are looking for help with the Adoption Ambassador program. The Adoption Ambassadors program gives adoptable animals a better chance at finding homes by engaging folks as adoption counselors and foster parents at the same time. It lets adopters get more detailed information about an animal's behavior in a home environment and improves quality of life while awaiting adoption. Of course, we will continue to have our more "traditional" foster parents and hope that more folks will join us in that so critical role. Fosters are needed badly to help save lives and we can find the perfect fit for anyone who is interested! Give Bobbie a call if you would like more information or would like to be a part of this program.

## OTHER WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE SHELTER:



If you shop at the Litchfield Econo Foods Grocery Store, Please save your receipts. We will be collecting them and turning them in to receive a percentage of the total purchase. We are looking for drop off locations in Litchfield as we cannot put a box up in the store. Otherwise, mail them to the Hawk Creek Animal Shelter at P.O. Box 709 Willmar, MN 56201



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If you order online through Amazon, sign up for Amazon Smiles as a percentage of your online purchase comes back to the shelter. You can find us under Humane Society of Kandiyohi & Meeker Counties. The shelter also has a wish list on our website and if you order through Amazon it can be shipped right to the shelter.



We started a new campaign that began the end of March and it goes until May 5, 2018. For the first 45 days 20% of your purchase comes back to the shelter. After that we receive 5%. If you purchase an eCard, the shelter receives 40%. Order online. Our Campaign ID # 34015



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## Hawk Creek Animal Shelter

Humane Society of Kandiyohi and Meeker Counties

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### DONATION WISH LIST

- **Garbage Bags**
  - Heavy Duty 33 gallon size \*\*
  - 13 and 8 gallon Kitchen bags
- **Mop Heads**
  - Blue Industrial style
- **Hand Dish Soap**
- **Liquid Dishwasher Machine Soap**
- **Bleach**
- **Simple Green**
- **Mr. Clean magic erasers \*\***
- **Disinfecting Wipes \*\***
  - Clorox or Lysol
- **Paper Towels**
- **Swiffer dusters- for dusting wands and floor sweepers**
- **Toilet Paper and Kleenex**
- **Toilet Cleaner**
- **Distilled water**
- **Dog/ Cat Food for food shelf \*\***
- **Ice Cream buckets (lids required) \*\***
- **Towels/ blankets**
- **Crates – wire or plastic**
- **Dog Biscuits/Tasty treats**
- **Scoopable Cat Litter**
- **Durable Pet Toys**
- **Rawhide or hard bones**
- **Copier paper \*\***
- **Sticky notes**
- **Black Pens/ Red Pens**

All monetary donations go towards the General Fund, the Medical Expense Fund, the Animal Sponsorship fund, or the Public Spay/Neuter fund.

You may specify which fund you want to donate to.

### **Volunteers are greatly appreciated.**

- Foster homes for small kittens, pregnant cats, cats with kittens, special needs animals, or our long term dog residents.
- Transportation for animals going to rescue or to other shelters.
- Volunteers to wrap dog biscuits with our business cards for our Give a Dog a Bone promotion. The biscuits are given out at local businesses that have drive-up windows.

\*\*Needed most frequently

### **OTHER FUN INFO!**



If you live in Willmar, don't forget to visit the Willmar City Dog Park. Taunton Stadium and West Central Industries locate it. Marie Lingl at Fancy Coats also has a very large dog park and they have membership fees.



There are several dog training classes that are offered in the area.



Watch for us in the West Central Tribune on Thursdays for our featured Pet of the Week.



Listen for us every Friday morning at 8:10 on Big Country 100.3 as we do Pet of the Week on the air. We are also on Open Mic the second Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m. on KWLM Radio.



**Please share this Happenings page with your friends and coworkers.**



If you haven't become a member of the Humane Society, please consider becoming one today! We have several membership levels. Memberships help us provide care to the animal that come into our shelter and helps us run programs that benefit people and animals.

The full Board of Directors meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, 5:30 at the Willmar Public Library.

The shelter is open Tuesday through Fridays 12 noon until 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sundays noon until 4:00 p.m. We are closed on Mondays and major Holidays.

Front Office and Adoption Center contact Rachelle, Michelle A. or Jenny at [shelter@thehskmc.com](mailto:shelter@thehskmc.com) or 320-235-7612

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