Pars & Read Fall-winter 2024 - 2025 HUMANE SOCIETY OF NOBTLINEST INDIANA

HIS YEAR FINDS HSNI joining forces with our fellow rescuers **The Feline Community Network** to present a gala that will help us in our respective missions of helping the collective animals in our care who need homes and care.

Please plan to join us for *"SPAY-GHETTI & NO BALLS GALA"* on **November 16, 2024** at **The Woodland Park Grand Oakwood Ballroom** (*2100 Willowcreek Rd*.) in Portage from 6-10:00pm.

Both non-profit organizations are dedicated to making a significant difference in the lives of beloved furry companions across Northwest Indiana. We hope you will join us in our mission at this evening that will include food, music, raffles, and plenty of surprises!

Compassion and camaraderie will power this first ever joint effort as our two organizations come together to support the cats and

SHELTER HOURS:

MONDAY: 11:00 - 3:00 TUESDAY: CLOSED WEDNESDAY: 11:00 - 3:00 THURSDAY: CLOSED FRIDAY: 11:00 - 4:00 SATURDAY: 11:00 - 5:00 SUNDAY: CLOSED



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Gary, Indiana (219) 938-3339

HSNI relies solely on adoption fees and the very kind support and donations from our NWI neighbors and local businesses to keep operating. Without YOU, our animals have no hope and no refuge.

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will power this first ever joint effort as our two organizations come together to support the cats and dogs in our Northwest Indiana community like never before. With your help, we will raise vital funds and awareness to provide care, shelter and love to those who need it most. Your presence at this fundraiser makes all the difference, so mark your calendars now and plan to be there to help us help animals, one life at a time. For info and tickets, please go to either of our websites --www.felinecommunitynetworkgiftshop.com or www.humansocietynorthwestindiana.org -- or use your smart phone to scan the QR Code shown here.

Please note: This event is for those 21 and over only. We are also actively looking for local business and personal sponsors to help defray the cost of this event, so please consider being one of our *"Spay-ghetto Sponsors."* Call us at: (219) 938-3339.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Happens Dec. 14th

It's hard to believe with the warm weather that lasted into the early days of fall, that Christmas is just around the corner.

That means it will soon be time once again for our *"Annual Picture Your Pet with Santa Clause Open House"* event at the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana shelter (*6100 Melton Rd.*).

Save the date and dig out those cute little holiday outfits for your furry family members, because we have our event scheduled for **Saturday, December 14th** from **11am** to **3pm.**

For a minimum donation of \$15, you can have your animals snuggle up with the big old elf and whisper their holiday wishes into his ear, while our professional photographer snaps photos. We will send you and yours home

with a personal memory stick containing your special family photos perfect for creating holiday greeting cards and sharing with online family and friends.

Complimentary light refreshments will be served, along with plenty of hot coffee and coco to warm things up on this winter's day.





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UPCOMING HUMANE SOCIETY NWI EVENTS!

Look for Updated Information to be posted online at: www.humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org

PET SUPPLIES PLUS ADOPT-A-THONS

1676 SUMMIT ST. / CROWN POINT, IN Every 3rd Saturday / 11am - 3pm OCT. 19, NOV. 16, DEC, 21 & JAN. 18

The third Saturday every month, our animals can be found at PET SUPPLIES PLUS in Crown Point.

ALL **ANIMALS** THIS PAGE LOOKING FOR **HOMES!**



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16th

Dinner, music, raffles, and a chance to help the area's homeless animals. More info on Page #1 of this newsletter, by phone (219) 938-3339, or online at: www.humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org

PET ROCK 2025 St. Sava Banquet Hall



9191 MISSISSIPPI ST. / MERRILLVILLE, IN SATURDAY. MARCH 29th SAVE THE DATE! We will once again host

our annual "PET ROCK" event and we have secured the beautiful St. Sava Banquet Hall for the location. Live bands, food, raffle baskets, and lots of celebritysigned items will be on hand to bid for in a combination of silent and live auctions.

JOHN LENNON **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION @ MONTEGO BAY GRILLE** 322 MAIN STREET / HOBART, IN

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th



Beatle John Lennon would have turned 84-years-old this year, so Tom Lounges Entertainment is remembering this iconic musician and peace activist on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th. 100% of the door proceeds will be donated to the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana.



A minimum **\$5** per person donation is requested. All ages are welcome to attend. Performing will be THE FAB III, a unique Beatles tribute band. Full bar and food ser-

vice will be available.

A special "Strawberry Fields Forever" cocktail will be added to the cocktail menu for that evening only.

Assorted BEATLES and LENNON items, along with some gift baskets, will be available to win via ticket drop drawings and silent auction. Donations from our Wish List also collected this evening. More info: www.tomlounges.com.

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Gift Baskets for Events

Good Condition CDs and

Record Albums for

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Local drop off locations for items on our WISH LIST other than the shelter are:

Puppy Food

TOM LOUNGES RECORD BIN 218 Main St. Hobart, IN / SERVICE DOCTOR @ 5150 U.S. Hwy. 30 Hobart, IN Small Bite Science Diet

Esbilac Puppy Formula

Soft Scrub with Bleach

Paper Towels & Fabuloso

- Lysol Spray & Baking Soda
- "Forever" Postage Stamps
- Clay Kitty Litter
- Pedigree Puppy Food & Can Dog Food
- ۰ Purina or Pedigree Dog Chow
- Purina Cat & Kitten Chow
- Foam Glass Cleaner
- "Mystery" Grab Bag Prizes 55 Gallon Trash Bags

All Animals shown available for adoption at the time "PAWS & READ" was being printed.















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Page 4 THE LATEST SCOOP! (and we ain't talkin' kitty litter!)



SHELTER HOURS

11am to 3pm Monday &Wednesday 11am to 4pm Friday; 11am to 5pm Saturday. Closed Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday.





BILLIE ELISH SIGNED MEMORABILIA AT RECORD BIN!

Take a chance on winning the perfect holiday gift for the teen in your life! **Tom Lounges Record Bin** (*218 Main St.*) in downtown Hobart, IN is providing another special fundraiser for a limited-edition piece of music memorabilia. After past signed items by **AC/DC** and **The Rolling Stones**, this time it's a signed piece by one of today's top music stars -- **BILLIE ELISH**. Net

proceeds from this special drawing will again be donated to The Humane Society of

Northwest Indiana. Only 50 TICKETS are available for this piece at a cost of \$25 each.

Once all 50 are sold, a winner will be drawn. Winner need not be present to win. The Stones piece resulted in the \$1,200 check donation shown here.

A special section called "Critter's Corner" has also been created at the Record Bin. Sales of selected vinyl LPs and CDs in the section benefit Humane



Society of Northwest Indiana. Limited copies of titles by such famous artists as -- Mac Miller, Slash, Paul Rodgers, Edgar Winter, Penatonix, The Kings, and others, are currently available at the *"corner."* Get some great new music while helping animals in need. The popular *"Mystery Music Grab Bags"* -- sealed bags with 4 CDs or 4 LPs for \$5 each -- are

also still available. More: (219) 945-9511 or www.tomloungesrecordbin.com .

A "SWINGIN' TIME" WITH THE GARY SOUTHSHORE RAIL CATS!



Our shelter cats (and dogs) benefitted from a recent summer evening spent with **Rusty The Railcat** at **The Steel Yard Sta**dium.

Thanks to our shelter "angels" **Donna Norkus** and **Linda Kurtos** for setting up the June 27th fund-

raiser with the baseball club for HSNI. Patrons of HSNI enjoyed the game from a private luxury suite as the Railcats took on the **Kane County Cougars.**

Even **Mr. Pierogi** and **Mr. Galumpki Guy** (aka Mr. Stuffed Cabbage) stopped by to show their support of our shelter while promoting the then upcoming Whit-

ing "Pierogi Fest." Thank you to the following folks for their support of this ball

park event: Geof Benson, Ben Beringer, Elizabeth Cisar, Sarah Connor, Marco Flesceri, Bill Ford, Troy Ford, Mary Fulghum, Rosemary Gemperle, Larry Jenson, Frank Kurland, Sharon Legenza, John Maggiore, Brian O'Neil, Bill Taylor, Paula Tillman, Cathy Tokarski, Rafi Wilkinson, Curty Kendall, and Caryn & Greg Brown.

WE NEED FOOD SUPPLIES!

We have so many puppies, kittens and cats, so we go through food like crazy. We often get kind-hearted folks asking what kind of foods are best to donate to our shelter.

Please see the photos here showing the specific kind of cat, kitten and puppy food we prefer, so that our animals have a consistent diet which is good for their tummies.



Keeping an animal on a steady and con-

sistent type/brand of food is important for good digestive health.



We have many wonderful animals that come for our help at **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana,** and the one thing they all bring with them, is a hearty appetite, as they wait for us to help find them a forever home.

We are always in need of supplies and our full wish list is found on page #2 and

posted at: www.humanesocietynorthwestindiana.com. Call us at (219) 938-3339 for more info about donat-

ing, volunteering to help us at the shelter, or how to adopt one of our dogs or cats.



In Loving Memory of...

In Memory of **"ANNIE"** from DON MCAULIFFE & VIKI ANN VOLLER

In Memory of

THOMAS VENHUIZEN from AUNT LA, DUKE AND FAMILY, & ROX-ANNE AND FAMILY

In Memory of KAY ELLEN HOFFMEISTER from YODER-CULP FUNERAL HOME & PETER DYSLIN

In Memory of NANCY SEBERGER from JO ELLEN CARABIN

In Memory of **"LUCKY"** from JANE KRUEGER

In Memory of JAMES D. HALL from DANNA H. NALLEY

In Memory of KAREN BRICKNER from DONNA RESETAR

In Memory of LUCY ALONGI from MARUEEN & TRIXIE ALONGI

In Memory of NANCY SUMMERS from ELLEN MARGRAFF

In Memory of "MUFFIN" from TINA JENKINS

In Memory of MARK MACHAJ from DONALD CLOUSER

In Memory of MELLO SHELTON from SUE CULLINANE & MARY ANN MASSA

In Memory of **BUSTER** "THE NEIGHBORHOOD CAT" from ENNIS MOORE ASSOCIATES, INC.

In Memory of LINDA EISENHAUER & HER SIAMESE CAT FAMILY from DON & VIKTORIA MCAULIFFE

In Memory of **"HOPE"** WHO FAITHFULLY SERVED STEVE PANGERE AS A GUIDE DOG from DON & VIKTORIA MCAULIFFE

In Memory of **PAULINE MARGIS** from THEODORE & WENDY PRETTYMAN

In Memory of ROSEMARIE LOTSPEICH from RICHARD POCIASK & LESLIE BECK

In Memory of DONALD POTURALSKI from ROXANNE POTURALSKI

In Memory of "INDIANA" from LORI RUSH

In Memory of "CHARLIE" from FREIDA WHITE & MARY ANN MASSA

In Memory of "CHARLIE" from TOM & KATE FAIRBAIRN

In Memory of **"SOFIE"** from JOE & NANCY PAUNICK

In Memory of **CARA DOUGHERTY** from JILL & DAVID HUNT, MEG PAYNE & CATHY GREENWALD

In Memory of **"SUZIE"** from LINDA & MICHAEL STRANGE

In Memory of **TRACIE RANS** from ALL THE ANIMALS SHE LOVED & SAVED



ADOPT-A-THONS ON SITE A BIG SUCCESS!

This Summer we held a series of adopt-a-thon events at our shelter building at 6100 Melton Road (Rt. 20) in



Miller Beach and had great success getting animals new homes and families, while also increasing the donations of items on our *"Wish List"*.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped and to the many people who came out to the events. Spe-

cial thanks and much love to

those who welcomed some of our animals into their homes and families. Among those adopted (shown here) were **Caesar** and **Fletcher**.

In addition to our monthly adopta-thons held during the warm weather months at **Albanese Candy Factory** in Merrillville, watch for us to

host more adoption events at our building starting back up in Spring 2025. Call us to adopt: **(219) 938-3339.**

In Honor of ...

In Honor of ANTIONETTE PUTZ by ANN-NITA McDONALD

In Honor of INDIE by RICARDO & GINA FERNANDEZ

In Honor of JENNIFER GERBER by SHARON BULLION

In Honor of **PAT HOFSTA** by CHARLES COLLOPY, SR.

In Honor of **ROSIE** by MICHELINE STANLEY In Honor of **SHELLEY** by JAGUAR SERVICES

In Honor of SUE, My Buddy by MARY ANN

In Honor of BOAT LOADER & CALIHOONIE BABONIE by MARY SOLA

In Honor of **ROSIE** by MICHELINE STANLEY

In Honor of ANIMAL RESCUERS EVERYWHERE by THE ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Animal shelters and rescues are doing their part. Now it's time to do yours.

Spay-Neuter-Foster-Adopt





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HAPPY TRAILS for these HAPPY TAILS!



Pictured here are once homeless animals who found forever homes through the efforts of the **HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTH-WEST INDIANA** since we printer our last *"PAWS & READ"* quarterly newsletter.

Congratulations to all of these animals who are now starting new lives with new families. Thanks for giving these critters a second chance! We appreciate that you opt to adopt and give homes to our animals.



Shown here with their new families are: 1) Scooter, 2) Luigi, 3) Kallie, 4) Cinnemon, 5) Blue, 6) Marshmello, 7) Rosie, 8) Bisquit, 9) Tickles, 10) Gabe, 11) Sunshine, and 12) Red.

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SHADOW was here at our shelter for quite a while, but now has a loving family and all the comforts of home! Congrats to SHADOW, another Happy Tail from HSNI





ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

We send everyone on our email list a digital and downloadable (PDF format) of our quarterly newsletter and also post each HSNI newsletter as an easy-to-read and easily downloadable PDF digital file online at: www.humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org

Thank you to those who keep our shelter well supplied, so that we can care for the animals. The "Wish List" donations shown in the photos above came to us from: 1) The Ogden Dunes Animal Committee, 2) Schoop's Hamburgers of Schererville, and 3) United Steel Workers - Women Of Steel. Drop offs for supplies are: Humane Society NWI building (6100 Melton Road) in Miller, Tom Lounges Record Bin (218 Main Street) in downtown Hobart, and The Service Doctor (5150 U.S. 30) in Hobart.

LET YOUR GOOD DEEDS LIVE ON...

We at the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana have been blessed through the thoughtfulness and pre-planning of a few incredible people who remembered our shelter and our animals, as they got their estate affairs in order, by including HSNI in their wills. Those sweet, forward-thinking souls took the time to plan ahead, so they could continue helping us in our mission after their death. Those gifts really kept our shelter going especially when COVID put a stop to our fundraising events.

Please consider leaving a legacy of love and giving to our animals by bequeathing your vehicles, property, collections or some other portion of your es-

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tate to help us carry on our work in your honor and your memory.

TO MAKE A ONE TIME DONATION: PLEASE FILLOUT AND CLIP THE FORM ABOVE AND SEND IT WITH YOUR DONATION

Information and questions about how to include Humane Society of Northwest Indiana while doing your estate planning, can be directed to our Executive Director, **Freida White**, either by phone at (219) 938-3339, or email at: *millercritters@yahoo.com*.



"WOOFS, WAGS & WINE 2024" ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

A huge thank you to **Tom Wish Allstate Insurance** and **Jamie Mott** for once again presenting and hosting the *"Annual Woofs, Wags & Wine"* event to benefit the **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana.**

The event was held once again at the beautiful **Marina Shores Yacht Club** in Portage and featured a meal, along with live music by Northwest Indiana guitarist **Marco Villarreal** and Chicago rock trio, **Sidestreets**.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF VOLUNTEER

Rosemarie Lotspeich had quite an eventful life. She escaped Communist East Germany after the war, married her husband right after coming to America, and had 3 children.

She became a restaurateur and worked tirelessly until she retired at 73 and shortly thereafter ,her husband passed away. Having worked so hard all her life, Rosemary was at a loss for what to do.

She decided to volunteer at the HSNI and became smitten with a little white Bichon mix named **Frankie**, who in the dead of winter was not finding many takers. But because of her age and financial situation,



she felt she could not adopt him, but she visited him nevertheless.

That Valentine's Day one of her sons convinced his siblings that the little dog would give her life new purpose. He secured the paperwork to adopt and planned to trick her. They took Frankie out for a walk and he said, "No one's looking, Let's kidnap him." She got angry and said, ""Take him back in." He then showed her the completed approved adoption papers, and they both broke down in tears.

Frankie became **Schatze** (German for treasure) and he was the treasure of her life from then on, rarely leaving her side.



6:00 pm - 10:00 pm This Event is 21 & Over To purchase, please visit felinecommunitynetworkgiftshop.com or scan QR Code below

Saturday, November 16, 2024

& No Balls Gala













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Please help us help our animals by visiting: www.humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org

Click the **"Donate"** button to donate to our shelter via **PayPal**. Donations that are made to **Paypal** are secure and sent directly to HSNI. They will also email you a printable record of your HSNI donation.

Please share this information with your online friends via social media, so that like you, they can help us too!



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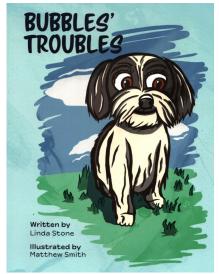
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HSNI Doggie Alumnus Comes to Life In

"BUBBLES' TROUBLES" is not just a children's book about a little dog with no home; it's the story of a dog who found a home through the tireless efforts of The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana.

"Bubbles' Troubles" is the debut offering by first time author, Linda Stone, a 64-year-old Midwesterner who found love and the inspiration for putting pen to paper during a visit to our shelter. In finding New York-based illustrator Matthew Smith to bring the story of Bubbles to life on the pages of her book, Stone began her journey into writing for children.

"I have owned and operated a floral shop in my hometown of New Buffalo, Michigan for the past quarter century. Prior to being a florist, I owned a bakery



for 20 years in Union Pier, Michigan and still decorate cakes and cookies for my customers," said Stone. "I enjoy gardening, crafts, crocheting, puzzles, walking on the beautiful shoreline of Lake Michigan, and spending time with my two rescue dogs, Bubbles and her brother Teddy. They bring me joy every day."

Author Linda Stone has provided our shelter with a limited amount of hand-



signed copies of "*BUBBLES TROUBLES*", from which the sales will benefit the animals at HSNI, the place where her journey with her adorable little companion and canine muse first began.

"BUBBLES TROUBLES" is the perfect holiday gift for the little children on your gift giving list this season. Limited copies of this book now available for purchase at **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana** and **Tom Lounges Record Bin** (*218 Main St.*) in Hobart. For additional information, call HSNI at: (219) 938-3339.

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