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Humane Society of McDonough County

# Waggin' Tales



Greetings,

It's been a busy and productive summer. As we enter August and the end-of-summer events, we want to catch you up on HSMC activities and note those yet to come. By doing this, we can also reflect on where we've been and where we want to go. The months fly by and we get so busy that we sometimes forget to stop and do an accounting – of what worked, what may have been done better (or easier), and how best we can move forward. And this is where your input is so important.

Right before WIU's spring classes came to a close we coordinated with Woodrum's Automotive and the student Humane Society Service Association to bring back the HSMC dog wash. We had a great time and loved seeing all the dogs – many of which were rescued from the shelter. We plan to make this an annual event.

We've continued to sponsor transports to Quincy Humane Society's low cost spay/neuter clinic on a monthly basis since March of this year. So far we have altered 103 cats and have reached the maximum of 30 signed up for the August trip. Feedback from those participating is heart-felt and appreciative, letting us know how valuable this initiative is to the community.

We changed the location of *Wine, Whiskers, and Whimsy* to the American Legion this year to accommodate the growing interest in this fund-raiser and to provide a more spacious and comfortable setting in which to visit and bid on the auction items. It worked. We had record attendance and profit, and received positive reviews from happy participants; we plan to schedule our event at the Legion again this next year.

Over the last couple of years we have limited focus on placing cats and dogs that had been at the shelter for a lengthy time into foster homes. Instead we have sought sponsors for these animals or promoted them as *HSMC Picks* to reduce or cover their adoption fees. This strategy has benefitted the animals. Just over the last couple of months five cats have been sponsored (two by Felix and Nancy Chu and three by the HSMC), resulting in adoptions. We have also been covering shelter dogs' medical needs via Heart Worm treatment, tumor removals, and amputation. Most recently, we offered to pay for Duke's Heart Worm treatment to promote his adoption. Treatment was begun while he remained at the shelter. His adoption is now pending with a young family who will continue his Heart Worm treatment protocol in a loving home.

And finally, we are actively exploring the possibilities for a new animal shelter and determining what it will take to bring this dream to fruition. In the meantime we are purchasing a set of cat condos to install in one of the existing shelter cat rooms. These condos can then be moved to a new shelter once it's established. This will allow shelter staff and volunteers (and the cats) to see how well the condos meet our needs, and if we would want to purchase this design down the road.

Thanks for your support. And, please, stay in touch.

*Bonnie Smith-Skripps*, HSMC President



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Kris Moore Memorial Gimme Shelter Golf Tournament at Gold Hills

Please join the friends and family of Kris Moore to celebrate his life at the annual Kris Moore Memorial Gimme Shelter Golf Tournament at Gold Hills on **August 26, 2018 beginning at 8:30 a.m.** Kris was a member of the Humane Society of McDonough County and volunteered at the McDonough County Animal Shelter before he unexpectedly passed. Ten years ago, the family and friends of Kris organized the first Kris Moore Gimme Shelter Golf Tournament and have donated all proceeds to the Humane Society of McDonough County and donated food and cat litter to the McDonough County Animal Shelter.

This is a fun best-ball tournament for golfers, even beginners! We'd love to see you out there. Are you in? If so, please contact Gold Hills (309-837-2930) to let them know that you will be playing and if possible identify your Team Captain. This will help expedite the process of assigning scorecards, cart borrowing, and teeing off on time. Don't have a team? That's okay, register and Danny will put you on a team!

Registration is \$50, which includes your golf, cart, and dinner after 18 holes. Please bring a bag of food, cat litter, or even a cleaning supply for donation to the McDonough County Animal Shelter.

We hope to see you there!

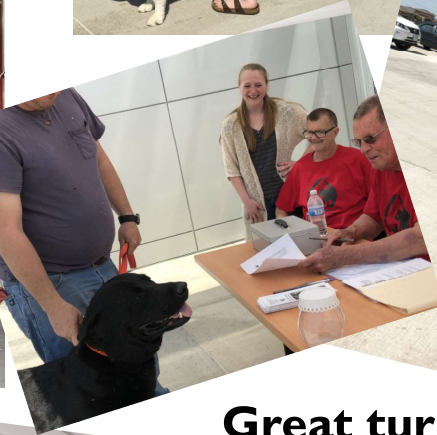




# Dog Wash 2018

WAS HELD MAY 5, 2018 AT WOODRUM FORD LINCOLN TOYOTA

Special thanks to the WIU Humane Society Service Association who helped with the Dog Wash!



Beautiful weather!

Great turnout!



Thank you, Mike Woodrum and Woodrum family!



## Poison Ivy and Dogs

### Can You Recognize This Leaf?

All of these are the same pesky, rash-inducing plant. Poison ivy leaves sometimes appear with jagged or lobed edges, and sometimes smooth.



### Same Plant, Many Forms

Poison ivy can present as a vine or a shrub. When mature vines climb up a tree, their shape can even mimic that of the host tree. Simply pushing aside an innocent-seeming branch could make the passer-by pay a few days later, when a rash begins to well up. Jelesko's latest research, which is not yet published, finds that in cities poison ivy tends to grow as a climbing vine, whereas out in the forest, most of the plants are ground-creeping vines. And poison ivy is much more prevalent in "landscapes modified by humans" than out in the middle of the woods. Some poison ivy vines can be downright awe-inspiring in their size, like the one in [this video](#).

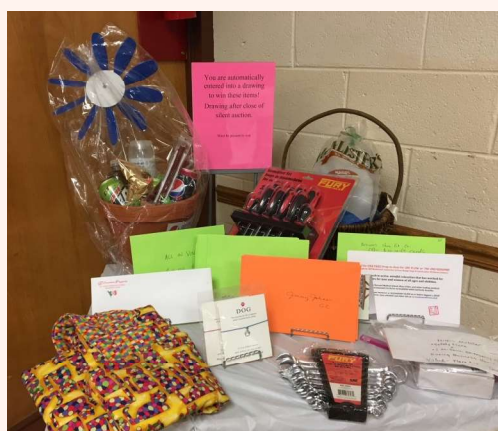
If your pup came along with you on the outing that exposed you to poison ivy, never fear. Dogs are not allergic — but their fur can definitely hold the oil and transfer it to their owners, so pet your dog with caution after hiking past poison ivy. Scientists haven't found many animals that break out like humans do, though lab mice seem to be allergic enough for research.

This story is part of a partnership that includes Nashville Public Radio, NPR and Kaiser Health News.



# Wine, Whiskers & Whimsy

The annual HSMC Wine, Whiskers & Whimsy fundraiser event was held on June 9 at a new venue this year—the American Legion. Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres by Sodexo and music by Matt Hughes, George Turner, and Keith Krey. The silent auction items were a hit. The HSMC raised over \$9,600 that evening! The success of Wine, Whiskers & Whimsy comes from the planning by dedicated volunteers.





## MCDONOUGH COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

101 Tower Road  
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The McDonough County Animal Shelter is a county-run facility staffed by county employees. The HSMC does not have independent access to the shelter, nor the authority to arrange adoptions. The HSMC works diligently to promote adoption of the animals available at the McDonough County Animal Shelter.

### Animal Control Officers:

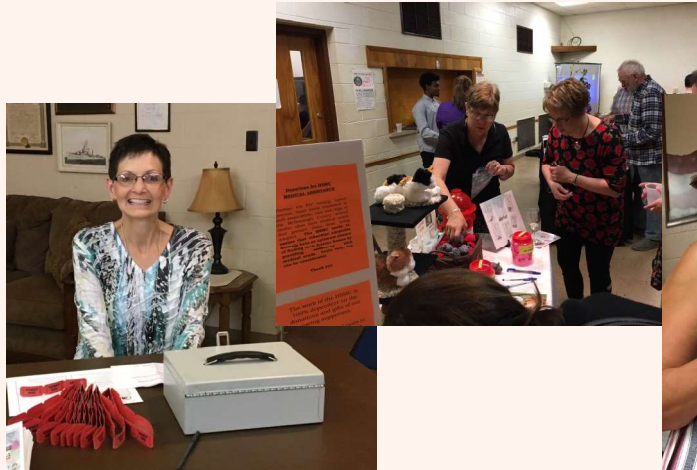
Kelsey Havens  
Bonnie Billhmer  
Amber Ellis  
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### Hours of Operation

#### Open to the Public:

Mon - Fri: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sat: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Sunday: CLOSED to the Public  
Holidays: CLOSED to the Public





## Business Members

All Pets Veterinary Clinic  
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 Sweet Briar Corner Nursery  
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 The Wine Sellers



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## The Chris Brix Challenge Returns!

The 5th annual Chris Brix Challenge will be held during the month of October. Watch your mail/email this fall for additional information!



### ***Your 2018 HSMC Board:***

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We found our furever home thanks to those who sponsored our adoption fee!



Duke got adopted!

