

Blue Earth Nicollet County Humane Society (BENCHS)
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BENCHS IS FALLING INTO A MONTH OF EXCITING EVENTS

Discover the ways you can help your local animal shelter!

Saturday, October 8 – PAWS Trick or Treat Walk. BENCHS volunteers will be taking part in this Providing Animals With Shelter event held at the St. Peter Mill Pond, Riverside Park behind police station on Front Street. Registration starts at 9:30 am and the festivities wrap up by 12:30. PAWS has some wonderful donors that kindly donate throughout the year or at year end but their main funding is from their annual PAWS Walk. This will be their 16th annual walk, in which pets and people can dress up and those collecting pledges or donating \$20 or more walk to 10 different stops, concluding at the Mill Pond Park with an awards presentation for top fundraisers and best costumes. BENCHS will help offering volunteers, food stand supplies as well as take your photo at our stop with all the fun Fall props; these pictures will be available on our Facebook after the event.

For more information contact Board Member Sandi Braun-Ziemer at 507.327.9660 or braundoggyfosterfamily@gmail.com

Sunday, October 16 – BENCHS Presents Cool Cats & Hot Diggity Dogs; a musical revue of the Fabulous '60s put on XYZ Live. Groove along with the tunes of the 60's as a group of stranded Flower Children take shelter at BENCHS. The event will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church (222 Pfau St, Mankato) at 3:00pm. Ticket cost is \$10; available at www.benchs.org, the Riverside Regional Pet Shelter (1250 N. River Drive, Mankato) or an hour before the performance. Poster attached.

For more information contact Board Member Kathy Mork at klmork@yahoo.com

Tuesday, October 18 – Mankato State University – Mankato students are hosting a “Eat for Change” fundraiser at Chipotle on 1600 Warrant Street, Ste 1. This is only for the Mankato Campus establishment and held from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Please tell the cashier you are supporting BENCHS to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the shelter. Poster attached.

For more information contact Board Member Susan Kroon at rrps@hickorytech.net

Begins Tuesday, October 19 – Puppy’s First Class at the Riverside Regional Pet Shelter (1250 N. River Drive, Mankato). Registration required at www.benchs.org. This unique puppy class focuses on bite inhibition and safe socialization. Pet parents will get support and help with puppy raising, such as housebreaking, jumping on people, running

away when called, etc. Puppies need to be at least 8 weeks and no more than 18 weeks at time the class begins. Classes are scheduled for four Tuesdays - Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9 For more information contact Board Member Kathy Mork at klmork@yahoo.com

Friday, October 21 – Hands on Sushi Class is being held from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Central Square Apartments, 300 S Washington, St. Peter. Let Sushi Bob teach you to become your own Sushi Chef. Impress your family and friends by learning the techniques necessary to prepare attractive, healthy, inexpensive and delicious MAKI ZUSHI (Sushi rolls) at home. This beginner's class also covers Sushi rice preparations, food safety, knife skills and etiquette. Participants should register online at www.benchs.org; class size is limited and the fee is \$50. All proceeds will be donated to the shelter. Poster attached.

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About BENCHS

The Blue Earth Nicollet County Humane Society (BENCHS) was established in 1969. Each year, BENCHS cares for hundreds of homeless, injured, abandoned, and abused animals. Staff can also provide guidance about pet behavior and training to develop informed and caring pet guardians.

BENCHS is a nonprofit organization and does not receive city funding or support from national animal welfare or humane associations. The Riverside Regional Pet Shelter operates with limited paid staff, and relies on the generosity of donors and volunteers to maintain quality care for the pets it accepts and places.

BENCHS accepts animals from Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties, the Mankato Animal Impound and the Blue Earth County Impound. Every month, about 50 animals are brought to the shelter. BENCHS is a no-kill shelter. We treat and care for all animals until they are adopted.

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