

GRANT COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY  
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 Summer/Fall 2019 Newsletter

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- Fall Pawtique during the Grant County Art Crawl, Sept. 21, 2019
- Winter Pawtique Open House December, 2019
- 9th Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction February, 2020

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*Greetings to all supporters  
 volunteers, adopters, and  
 friends of the Grant County  
 Humane Society*

Things have been super busy at the shelter this year. We are excited to tell you that so far this year we have adopted out 43 dogs and 44 cats! In addition, we have helped 14 lost dogs and three lost cats find their way back home. We love nothing better than seeing our charges find their forever homes. While we try to share their success with you on our Facebook page, we know that we have missed a few and have included as many as we can in this edition of our newsletter.

Our annual rummage sale held during Flekkefest was another successful one! Sherry and Louise led the project and spent many hours accepting items from people, organizing, and displaying all that stuff into categories so shoppers would have an easier time looking and buying, all in two weeks! Thank you also to their crew of volunteers who helped, to those who manned the two busy days of the sale, those who donated such a variety of good items, and to our shoppers. A crucial part of this whole project is having a large enough spot, and the city crew of Elbow Lake has been so generous in letting us take over a city maintenance building for a few weeks. Thank you all for your support on this fundraiser.

Remodeling and repairing always seem to be called for to make our building better. Our latest, the front entry, is done and has been one of our best improvements. Check out the pictures and story in this newsletter. Our next big project is to replace/fix our leaking roof. Grant writing is in progress, but we may also need to put out a plea in the future for financial help from our supporters. We'll keep you informed on Facebook and in future newsletters.

We are so appreciative of the donations of money and needed supplies given to us. Every dollar counts as we do our best to stretch the money and supplies to cover our ongoing needs. This year we have definitely had many animals with extra needs (like special surgeries, other health needs, puppies, and kitties, etc.) and we do our best to give them the loving care they deserve. Thank you for supporting the shelter and our animals as you continue to make a difference.



**FLEKKEFEST RUMMAGE SALE.** Besides wonderful deals on rummage sale items, supporters Izzy and Emily got up early on the first day of our rummage sale to sell lemonade and cookies. As you see the rain did not stop them. They just moved inside, a van that is! Thank you girls for your help with earning money to help care for our dogs and cats.

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# Adoption Success Stories



## Lettie

Lettie has been settling in wonderfully. She loves blueberries, turkey, scratches on her chest, and fetch with her kong. We love her cuddles and her goofy smile. We have begun to socialize her with other dogs just for 15-20 minutes. We want her to ignore them to begin with. So far, treats help make that socialization a bit easier. We love her to pieces, and wouldn't trade her for the world. We look forward to many happy years with her.

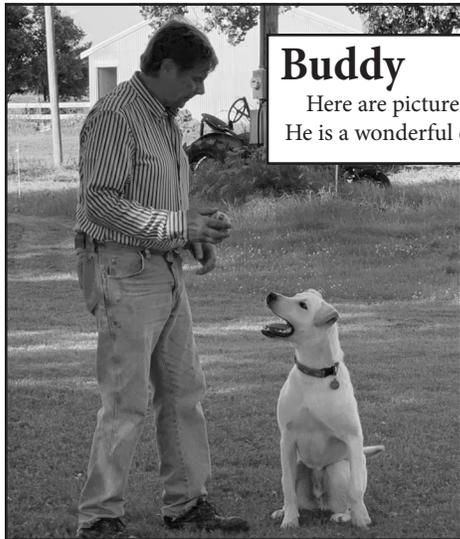
Cassandra



## Roman

Roman is doing great! He absolutely loves playing with tennis balls outside and going to the lake! His training has stuck with him, and he listens really well. We are so thankful we found him, he is the perfect addition to our little family.

Hunter



## Buddy

Here are pictures of Buddy. We love him. He is a wonderful dog and loves the farm.



## Nadia

Our longest resident, Nadia, went home a couple of months ago and we just received this update from her new family:

"Little Miss Nadia has made major strides in self confidence! She greeted the dog herd and me, and didn't bat an eyelash. Normally she likes to be up higher. She also thinks it's a great game to circle my legs and try and trip me. While I thought she was adjusting fairly well, it's like a switch flipped!

So fun to see her, she is a rockstar, I get overwhelmed with the dog herd at times, not Nadia! She still has, and always will have her own room for her to have privacy, food, more water and a litter box.

What a fun week watching her come out of her shell!"



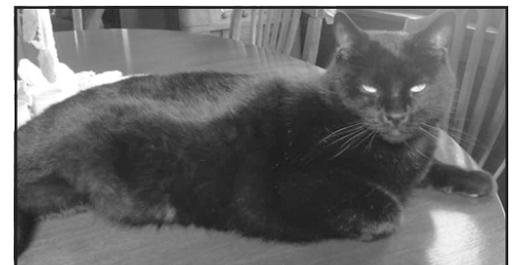
*Just a friendly reminder to not judge an animal for how long it has been waiting for its forever home. Sometimes it just takes some time to find the perfect fit!*



## Kitten

Thank you for my beautiful kitten! She's the most loving and affectionate cat I've had in a long time. A perfect fit for my little family. The dogs have accepted her and love her already. She is the best! Thank you for all you did for her, and for allowing me to love her for the rest of her life!

Heather



## Woody

We are loving life with Woody since adopting him in February. He has made himself at home and is a welcome addition to our family. Thanks again for letting him come to our home!



## Stormy

First and foremost I want to thank the Humane Society for everything they do for ALL the different animals they care for.

So about Stormy: What can we say? Entertaining, curious but cautious, sassy, and independent. When we first brought Stormy home she turned into a timid little girl. She was okay with Logan, but if anyone else wanted to pet her she ran the other way. (She gets to sleep in Logan's bedroom.) Now fast forward a month and a half, the little cat we saw at the Humane Society is here. She is still a little timid at times with different noises. She is letting us pet her head more and actually touch her paws, can't pick them up yet, but we will keep working on that. Great addition to our family.

**Thank you, Logan**



## Kismet

Our kitten (2-year-old) is doing well and is fitting into the family wonderfully. She was skittish at first but is doing really great now. She took over Kato's bed a time or two. We have a cat tree that she loves, and she wants to eat all the time. She loves to be petted and even likes the dog, Kato. She didn't even hiss at him when she first got here. I look forward to having her for a long time.

**Sincerely, Cricket Barrera**

## Alice

Alice, formerly Possum, has settled in quickly and comfortably to her new Fergus Falls home! I was nervous about introducing her to my other cat, Poe, but not only do they get along, they've become best buddies! It's been great for Poe to

have something exciting in his life besides meal time.

I can't believe the timid, scared girl I met in the shelter is the same kitty as my sweet Alice. Without a doubt, she's been a wonderful addition to our home. Thank you Grant County Humane Society!



## Sadie

Sunshine has been renamed Sadie. She loves my nieces and nephews and cuddling with them. She loves to play tug of war with the other dogs and has been a great addition to the family. She enjoys ripping all of the stuffing out of her toys and throwing it all over the house or yard. Sadie and I thank you for everything you do and have done for her and all of the shelter animals.

**Thank you, Abby Daly**

## Penny

Penny aka "Penelope" is such a great addition to our family! Due to her canine sisters, Maggie and Sadie, (to ensure she had her own quiet space) she took up residence in her big sister Ava's (15) bedroom where her toys, litter box, food and water, etc. are kept. She loves her new big bedroom so much, she rarely leaves! She sometimes ventures across the hall to her brother Cale (10) to see what he's up to, and bat around wrappers and any fun stuff he leaves on the floor.

Sometimes she'll be peaking from the landing to see what those crazy dogs are doing downstairs, but she has no interest yet, she's living the good life up there! Her most favorite person is Ava though. They enjoy endless hours snuggling and playing with her toys. Ava spoils her with attention so much that she'll sit at the door when she leaves and wait. They have an amazing bond! Penny also loves to sit in the windowsills and watch the neighborhood from the second story. Thank you for letting us add Penny to our family! She will forever get lots of love in her new home





## Kaylie

Since I adopted this crazy pooch my life hasn't been the same! I have an alarm that wakes me up with kisses every morning, a companion that gets more excited than ever when I get home from work, a road trip partner always, and best friend that never leaves my side. I love you Kaylie Winifred! I'm so lucky you and GCHS took a chance on me. Thank you GCHS for allowing me the opportunity to give Kaylie a forever home and me a forever friend.



## Simon

Simon has been doing great! He prefers to sleep on pillows.

Gretchen Anderson



## Elden

Hey guys! Wanted to send you some pics of Mr. Elden at his new home. He is enjoying keeping his new mama on her toes. They play a fun game of fetch every time mama tries to sneak out the door for work. He just loves her and wants to be where she is.

Autumn Domstrand

## Falkor

It'll be 30 days tomorrow that Falkor came to our home! When these two first met, Falkor was not happy to be with a big dog and to share his people, but now they make a point to nap together, as long as Falkor is closest to his people. Falkor will be 10 months on the 18th and we are planning a camping trip for his birthday in August! He has already traveled to Montana and LOVED being outdoors in the mountains. While he does get car sick, we manage his special travel needs with Dramamine. The whole extended family has welcomed him, he makes everyone fall in love with him instantly. His new best friend is our 4-year-old neighbor! She loves to carry Falkor like a baby.



## Bow

Here are a few pictures of Bow (formerly Buddy). We've had him 6 months and we love him so much. Thank you. Al W.



## Facebook Fundraisers benefit the shelter

Thank you to all those who follow us on Facebook and have either hosted a fundraiser for the shelter or contributed to one. Thanks to the following individuals who hosted their own Facebook fundraisers to benefit the shelter since our last newsletter. What a wonderful way to celebrate a milestone such as a birthday and help the animals at the same time.

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## Kiera

I like to chat with my human companions and be where all the action is. If you are ready for an independent lady who also likes to hang out on the couch, here I am!



## Autumn

I'm a pretty kitty who prefers all of the attention. I would love a home where I can be spoiled and snuggled all day long.



## Patsy

If you are looking for a silly kitty with a little sass and good looks, here I am!



## Chucky

I'm told I'm a bubble off center. My interests include photobombing other cat's pictures, shadowing humans, and hunting mouse toys!



## Clancy

I'm a wild man who isn't afraid to take on the world. I'm curious about everything and everyone and love to play with any and every kind of toy!



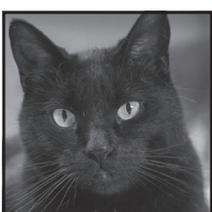
## Jack

I'm an older gentleman looking for a home to retire to. I would love a window to perch in where I could sunbathe and observe the birds and squirrels.



## James Bond

Some people think I'm a secret agent, but really I'm just fun-loving guy who's ideal day would be an endless supply of food, pets, toy and of course treats (not to be confused with food).



## Johnnie

I'm a friendly guy who would prefer a quiet home. Somewhere that I can eat, play, nap and repeat.



## Leah

I was a little nervous about all these new people at the shelter, but it turns out humans can be great. Will you be my very own human that I can love and snuggle?



## Marcel

Treats!? Sorry, I thought I heard a treat bag. I'm a shy guy who is still learning that humans are friends, but I will do almost anything for a treat!



## Morty

If you look up the definition of cool in the dictionary, I'm pretty sure there is a picture of me. I'm a chill guy waiting for someone to realize they need a cool cat like me!



## Ollie

I'm just a cool young dude looking for some human friends to make a home with. It would be really cool to find a home with my brother Stan.



## Ophelia

Some of us are born queens, and I just happen to be one of the select few. I prefer human subjects over other felines and canines. I have a soft side once you get to know me.



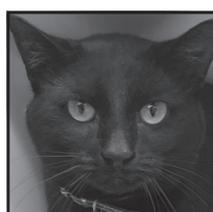
## Savannah

If you are looking for a beautiful feline with refined tastes, I'm your gal. I prefer to be the only cat because other kitties can't meet my high standards.



## Tigger

My ideal day is spending most of it as a lap warmer getting lots of chin scratches, and don't forget the treats.



## Stan

If you are looking for a sweet boy to keep you company, pick me! I love to know what's going on and be in the middle of the action. I'd really love to find a home with my brother Ollie.



## Tyne

If you are looking for a best friend, I'm your gal! I'm still a kitten and love to play like crazy!



## Zelda

I'm a wild girl who isn't afraid to take on the world. I'm curious about everything and everyone and love to play with any and every kind of toy!



## Collette

Beauty, grace and a great purrs-onality. I have it all!



## Lorelei

I'm a social butterfly that can make friends with just about anyone!



## Jupiter

I may be small, but I have a whole lot of purr-sonality. If you are looking for a skilled acrobat who also likes to snuggle, you are in luck!



**The Space Kittens:  
Mercury, Venus, Mars,  
Astro, and Europa.**



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## Florence

This adorable 9 year old poodle mix loves to go for walks. She a mature lady with simple needs. Treats, walks, and snuggles. She would probably prefer a quiet household where she can relax and nap to her heart's content.



## Yogi

Yogi is a 1.5 year old chocolate lab/husky mix that is ready for a new adventure. Yogi is a sweet boy who loves to be outside with his favorite people. This young man is ready to learn, play and be spoiled.



## Mack

Mack is an adorable pitte puppy looking for his forever home. He's got some big paws, so we think he'll be a big boy when he is all grown up, but time will tell.



## Medusa Monroe

Introducing Medusa Monroe. This sweet 1 year old pitte couldn't be any cuter if she tried. At the shelter she has been apprehensive about new people and once she knows you are she does is a full body pitte tail wag and jump up for snuggles and pets. Medusa is on grain free food, but other than that she is a pretty easy to please pup. She still has plenty of puppy energy and is ready to learn how to be a well behaved lady.



## Miles

Miles is around 1 year old and this handsome German Shepherd mix is ready to find a family of his own. Miles is a happy and excited boy ready for a family who can teach him how to be a really good boy. He loves attention and we think training for this smart boy will be a breeze.



## Sugar

Sugar was abandoned with her 6 puppies and now that her puppies are weaned and have their own forever family it's time for this girl to find her own home. Sugar is an absolute sweetheart with people but needs to be an only pet. She loves to play and be silly and with ears like these how can you say no?!



ENTHUSIASTIC KIDS BEARING GIFTS for the dogs and cats came for a visit this summer and got to spend some time playing with the cats and checking out the dogs. Mia the dog was the official greeter that day as she sniffed out the dog treats while enjoying the attention from the WCA North summer childcare boys and girls. It's never too early to teach children to respect and care for pets. Thank you teachers and children for coming!



## Marley

Marley is a 1.5-year-old Golden Lab/Golden Retriever. This young man is looking for a home where he can run off his energy and spend lots of time with his favorite people and if he has some canine or feline friends that would be a great bonus.

## PACKAGE DEAL!

### Gracie and Baby

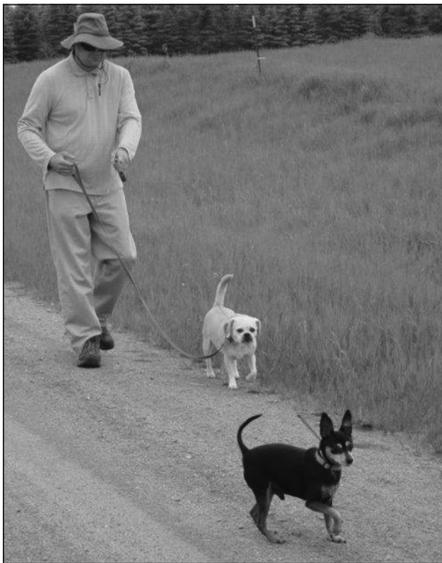
We are a package deal! This bonded pair of senior pals are looking for a home to retire to. They are pee-pad trained and would prefer a quiet home. Baby is an 8-year-old Pomeranian/Shih-Tzu and Gracie is 10-year-old Shih Tzu.





## New front entry at the shelter

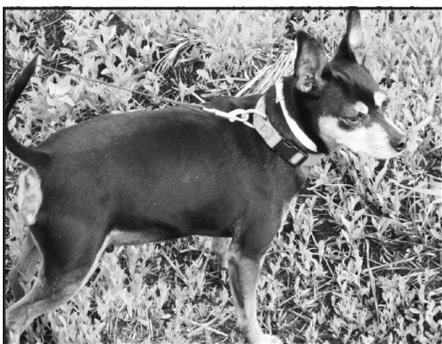
Our new double front entry is one of the best improvements we have made at the shelter! Completed earlier this year, it not only takes care of our front door lock freezing in the winter, but also prevents dogs and cats from running out the door onto the busy highway. We are so thankful to three very special friends of the shelter who gave of their time and talents to build it. Maybe you will recognize them! Thank you also to those who gave us funds to pay for materials: Elbow Lake Community Fund/West Central Initiative, Elbow Lake Fire Relief, REA Community Trust, Mike and Heather Rossum at Lakeside Lumber, and Hoffman Lions. The plaque with dogs Oscar and Lassie hangs in the entry.



## Barnaby's success story

Barnaby has come a long way since Baby Boy migrated to rural Minnesota. He shares my house with another dog (Maggie) and three cats (Hazel, Crystal, and Darth Merlin). At first, one Baby Boy kept to himself inside a crate, refused any kind of feeding schedule, and laid down his burdens at favored drop-off points throughout my basement. Later, he looked to Maggie for examples and came to follow them. Now, one Barnaby goes crateless, frequents well-protected furniture, takes point on walks, eats his meals when I serve them, and confines most of his cargo drops to outdoor excursions. Baby Boy the Withdrawn has metamorphosed into Barnaby the Perky and Impressionable.

David J.



**HOW PRECIOUS ARE THESE TWO ANIMAL LOVERS?** Olivia and Charlie delivered their generous donation of money to help the dogs and cats. What a giving spirit at such an early age. Thank you both, and your parents, so much.

# Thanks for making a difference in an animal's life!

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**Snickers the dog**  
Beth Palm  
  
*We apologize if we inadvertently missed anyone.*



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# Mama Sugar



# Mama Sugar and her six babies rescued from under a porch

This past June we received an urgent call for help from another shelter about a mama dog and very young puppies that had been left behind at a rental property. Mama had been left tied up under the porch with no provisions for food or water and the neighbors had been bringing her food and water. The landlord was desperately trying to find a place for them as she had brought them to her home to care for them while she tried to contact the owner. Despite numerous attempts, she was unable to contact the owner.

Mama (now named Sugar) was the sweetest dog and allowed her little 3-4 week old pups to be picked up and put in kennels. Then she hopped into the car for the drive back to GCHS. After several weeks at the shelter, the pups were weaned and put up for adoption and they have since been adopted out to loving homes. Mama Sugar is catching up on some much needed food and rest. And she, too, is waiting for her forever home.



Nutmeg



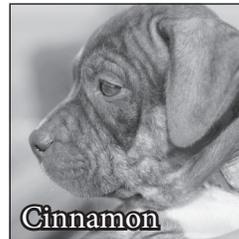
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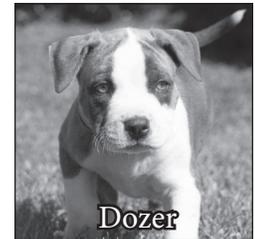
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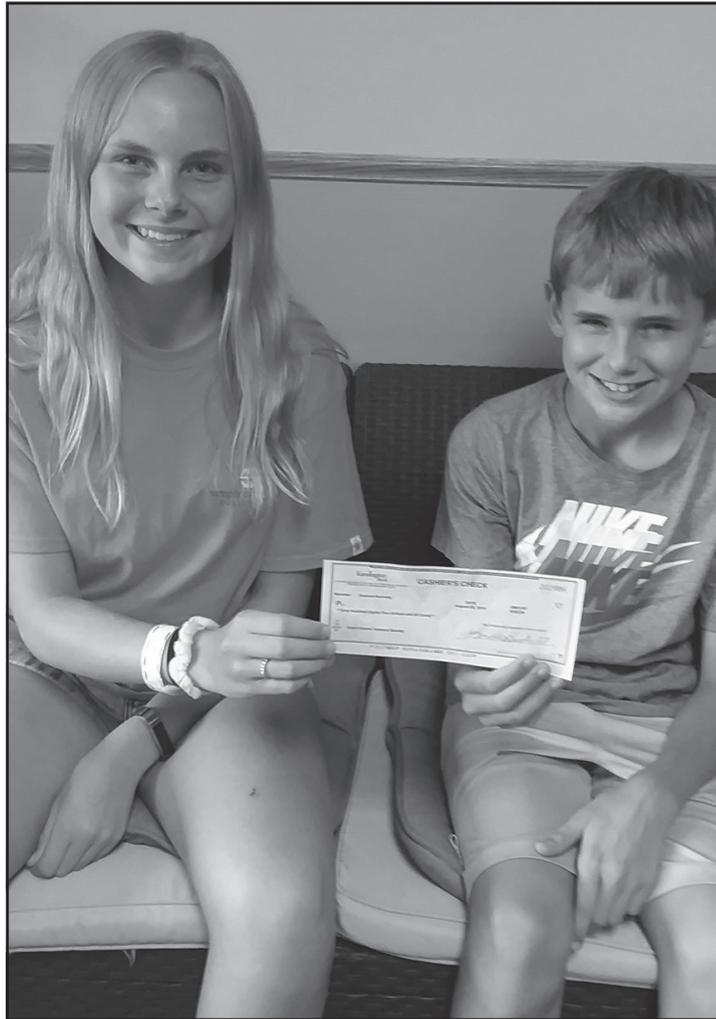
Ginger



Cinnamon



Dozer



MADISON AND COLIN KENNEDY from suburban Chicago spent time with their grandparents in Herman this summer and they experienced true small town living by having a lemonade stand with very generous customers! Thank you for choosing us to receive all your proceeds.

## Chester

Chester is one of those happy tails. From his new family: "Chester Donut (previously known as Prince in the shelter). We love this mellow guy! Thank you so much for allowing us to adopt him!"



# Special Thanks

- ★ All who adopt
- ★ Alan Williams for repairing so many things, but lately our door into the dog room.
- ★ Dan McAlpine, faithful dog walker
- ★ David Jenkins, faithful dog walker
- ★ Mike Butkus, dedicated volunteer
- ★ Our dedicated, caring staff: Joy, Amber, Reed, Chelsea, Rachel
- ★ Jensen Salvage for staying on top of our aluminum can collection
- ★ KBRF Radio of Fergus Falls
- ★ All who volunteer
- ★ All who donate their aluminum cans
- ★ All who supported our annual wine tasting & silent auction
- ★ All who contribute to our donation boxes
- ★ Zian Loe for helping us haul heavy tables and all the set up items for our rummage sale
- ★ United Lutheran for the use of tables for the rummage sale
- ★ Those who donate through Thrivent Choice and Amazon Smile
- ★ The three anonymous supporters who provided 1/2 price cat adoption fee scholarships

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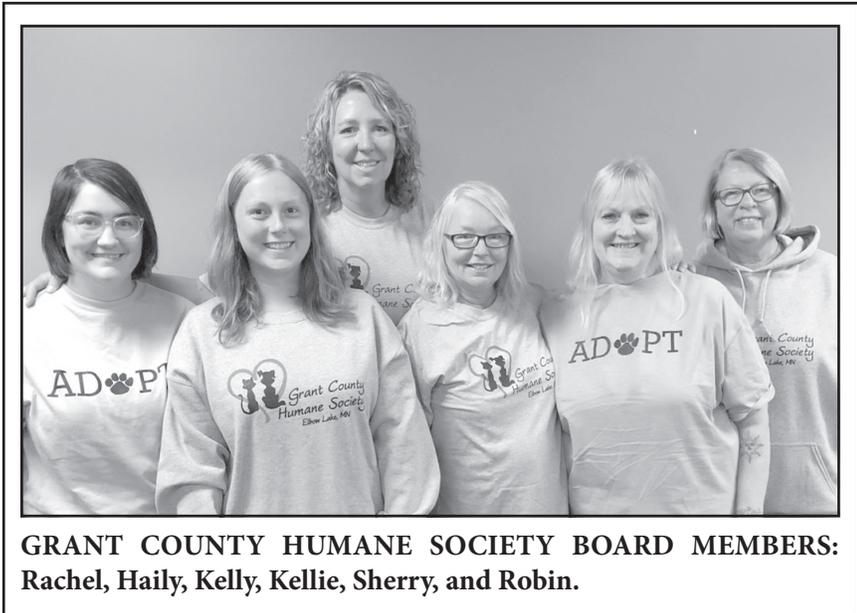
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