

Highfalls Students Soar Like Eagles For Pet Responsibility

The fourth graders at Highfalls Elementary School made a resounding mark for themselves on Friday, October 11. Six students were awarded certificates for their artwork of decorating clinic bags for the Spay and Neuter Clinic and fourteen were awarded certificates for the Speuter Story Contest. All of the fourth graders, 38 total, assembled in the newly refurbished gymnasium to receive these awards. Many of the winners'



The Star Artist Award winners with Fleece Russell.

parents were able to join in the festivities. The guest speaker for the assembly was Dr. Tim Boyte, retired Veterinarian and the former owner of Carthage Animal Hospital. Dr. Boyte had the entire group of students, faculty, and parents totally engrossed in his words of encouragement.

The Star Artist awards were given to Charlotte, Lorelai, Landon B., Macalister, Vada, and Rachel. These decorated paper

bags will be given to the Spay and Neuter Clinic in Vass for dispensing post surgery medications for the animals. Such slogans that appeared on the bags were "Be kind to your Pet", "Give lots of Love to your Pets", "Thanks for Spaying or Neutering Your Pet", along with colorful drawings of dogs and cats. There was even a drawing of a snake! Along with "Speuter", the mascot of the Pet Responsibility team, awards were given



The Speuter Story Contest Award winners with PRC volunteers Bill and Fleece Russell, Stacy Purvis and Speuter.

to 14 deserving students. Each winner will receive a free spay or neuter for their dog or cat. The winners were Levi H., Jayce, Landon B., Landon N., Olivia, Brynleigh, Lorelai, Rachel, Tate, Mattie,

Clara, Levi E., Nolan, and Wesley. These winners wrote a short story about how you should be a responsible pet owner and why you should spay or neuter your pets.

Speuter is always a hit when appearing at these events. We were lucky to have "Dog Speuter" with us in Highfalls. Dressed in a full furry outfit, a litter of puppies in a box on the back, and a plastic snout, Speuter read the poem about how to stop "littering" in Moore County.

Many thanks need to be given to Principal Matt Moore and faculty members, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Cox, for their continued support for



Dr Tim Boyte with Fleece and Bill Russell.




PRC volunteers Stacy Purvis, Speuter (Ann Rothe), Bill and Fleece Russell with Principal Matthew Moore.

the Pet Responsibility Program at Highfalls School. Happily, we announce that the fourth graders are pet advocates for not only their families and their school, but for Moore County as well. To see more photos, visit www.mcprc.org and click on Highfalls Elementary.

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Sparky Needs Your Help to Stay Safe!









Sparky is sniffing around the house to see what's new and interesting before he takes a nap. Lead him safely to his favorite resting spot by keeping him away from electrical hazards.

Start

Finish

Help protect pets from electrical hazards.

-  Do not let pets find a cozy warm spot near electronics to stay warm. This is not safe!
-  If your pet shows an interest in electronic cords, tell your parents so that they can move the cords where they cannot be reached.
-  Water and electricity are a dangerous mix! Check to make sure appliances and electronics near sinks, bathtubs, and pools are safely away where playful pets can't knock them in.
-  Never let a pet sleep on top of an electric blanket.
-  Pay extra attention to pet safety during the holidays. Your pets may confuse lights and decorations for new toys!



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