

Animal shelter

Another issue that concerns me is how many people are not appreciative of our having a Randolph County Animal Shelter.

I just cannot imagine what it would be like if we didn't. Probably more people putting kittens in a bag and tossing them off a bridge into water or leaving puppies in boxes on the side of the road.

Today, Tuesday, is the shelter's eighth birthday. They have adopted 3,160 animals out in that period.

People do not just show up to adopt--the ceaseless promoting of the animals by shelter personnel and working with rescues across the United States enables those animals to find a forever home.

And much of it is done with volunteers who do the dirty work of cleaning the cat cages every week like Sheila Fincher and others. Some walk the dogs. The work is never ending.

Good people like Evelyn and Chuck Smith, Patt High and shelter manager Elisabeth Stanford maintain the focus and fundraising to keep it working.

These people are not appreciated the way they should be.

Or Chris Mitchum, who allows the use of his warehouse for the book sales in the fall and spring and built shelves for maintaining the library of books year round. Chris is an animal lover like many of us but I will never forget a person telling me Chris needed to donate some money for the animals. I am so thankful he is not like that complainer but rather is doing what he can for the shelter.

It seems so many just want to criticize but not put themselves out there to work.