

Pets of the Week



Adorable Catty is a tall and lanky 9 week-old Torti. She and her equally adorable three litter mates are all available for adoption. Catty's adoption fee includes spaying, basic shots and a micro chip.



Sandy, a Blood Hound mix, is a sweet, loving female. She could easily become a Velcro dog, she loves being close to people. Sandy is healthy but heartworm positive. She is eligible for a Healthy Heart Scholarship from AWARE, which will pay a portion of her heartworm treatments. Scholarship details are available at the shelter.



Young Sam is cuddly just like a teddy bear. She is a hound mix that is shaped like a Labrador Retriever. Sam is well mannered and is delightful company.



Striped Dozer is a young male Gray Tabby that has become accustomed to lounging around waiting for visitors to admire him. Dozer has a friendly disposition and has also mastered the skills of purring and flirting.

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The Tri-County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is on Icaria Road in Tyner and can be reached at 221-8514.

CRIMEWATCH

EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

■ March 28 — Quentin Lamar Stanley, 24, of Elizabeth City, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of simple physical assault, one misdemeanor count of communicating threats and two misdemeanor counts of failure to appear.

■ March 26 — Andre Tyrell Sanders, 31, of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.

■ March 25 — Antonio Karl Craig, 32, of Durham, NC, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and one misdemeanor count of possession of marijuana paraphernalia.

■ March 25 — Marlon O'Neal, 20, of Whitemon Lane, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of parole and probation violations, and one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest.

■ March 24 — Vernon Alexander Patterson, 49, of Wildcat Road, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of larceny from Food Lion.

■ March 22 — Dremale Vanterpool, 18, of John Hill Lane, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of communicating threats, one misdemeanor count of carrying a concealed weapon and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ March 21 — Blake Castell Bryan, 27, of Morris Circle, was charged with

one misdemeanor count of failure to return rental property.

■ March 21 — Angela Rena Armstead, 46, of Mexico Road, was arrested on a Washington County warrant for one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.

■ March 9 — Quincie Lamar Stanley, 24, of Bluegill Circle, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of assault on a government official, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of simple possession

of a Schedule VI controlled substance.

INCIDENTS CHOWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS

■ None reported.

■ March 29 — Clinton Aldejuan Bender, 27, of Warrenton, NC, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of failure to appear (release order).

■ March 28 — Barry Eure, age unknown, was arrested on one felony count of possession with intent to sell, manufacture and dis-

tribute marijuana.

■ March 28 — Zhronica Leshia Rome, 16, of Morris Lane, was arrested on a state citation for one misdemeanor count of simple assault and one misdemeanor count of fighting.

■ March 27 — Ny'Zeriah Jay'Zen Rountree, 16, of Tyler Lane, was charged with one misdemeanor count of simple assault and one misdemeanor count of fighting.

■ Criminal damage to property (vandalism) on Wildcat Road.

Area lawmakers split along party lines on HB2

BY JOHN HAWLEY
Staff writer

Area lawmakers split along party lines Thursday as the General Assembly voted to repeal House Bill 2, the state's intensely controversial "bathroom law."

The repeal bill, HB142, passed 32-16 in the Senate, where Sen. Erica Smith-Ingram, D-Northampton, voted for it and Sen. Bill Cook, R-Beaufort, voted against.

The bill eliminates the requirement that certain pub-

lic accommodations be used based solely on "biological sex," rather than gender identity, and provides that local governments, state agencies and universities may not regulate multiple occupancy restrooms, shower rooms or changing facilities "except in accordance with an act of the General Assembly."

The bill also states that cities and counties may not pass ordinances regulating public accommodations until Dec. 1, 2020. It was in fact Charlotte City Council's pas-

sage of a public accommodation ordinance last year that prompted state lawmakers to pass HB2.

In opposing the compromise, Cook said in a statement that he stood by his vote for HB2 in March 2016.

"It is simple, we don't believe grown men should be allowed to go to the bathroom or take off their clothes in the presence of little girls; this was wrong and we stopped it," Cook said.

Cook was alluding to concerns that LGBT-friendly

ordinances like Charlotte's would give cover to sexual predators. Published reports examining policies similar to Charlotte's have found they're rarely a factor in such incidents.

In supporting the compromise, Smith-Ingram said the state's existing laws against trespassing, assault and other crimes protect people from harassment in private areas. Smith-Ingram also said that, despite raising safety concerns, HB2 never spelled out penalties

for violators nor did it create a "potty police." Thursday's legislation returns the state to the "status ante," or how things were before HB2, she said.

She argued the law's actual impact was harming the state's economy, eliminating workplace protections through large changes to nondiscrimination policies, and making the LGBT community feel isolated and ostracized.

Citing a recent Associated Press report estimating that

business boycotts due to HB2 had cost North Carolina almost \$3.8 billion, Smith-Ingram said Thursday's compromise "moves the state in the right direction in stopping a tremendous economic bleed."

Lawmakers' vote also coincided with the NCAA's deadline for repeal of HB2. The body governing collegiate athletics had threatened to keep more championship games out of North

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Social Services Commission
NOMINATION PERIOD FOR
COUNTY BOARDS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The Social Services Commission (SSC) will make appointments to the County Boards of Social Services to fill seats of the SSC appointees whose terms expire on June 30, 2017. The nomination period will begin on March 15, 2017 and will end April 28, 2017. Nominations must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2017.

You may obtain a Nomination Form from the local department of social services office (DSS). The form must be fully completed by the nominee and signed. You can access the form by going to the link below.

www2.ncdhs.gov/dss/sscommission/docs/2017SocialServicesCommissionNomineeAppointment.pdf

Please submit the completed form to:

Angela Green
N.C. Division of Social Services
2444 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2444
Fax Number: 919-334-1018

(Faxed copies will be accepted; however, the original must be mailed to the address above.)

The term of new appointments is July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2020. Appointments will be made at the Social 14, 2017 - Social Services Commission Meeting.

Should you have any questions, please contact Angela Green with the Division of Social Services at (919) 527-6338 or by email angela.green@dhs.nc.gov.

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tinue his efforts on behalf of Relay.

"They are carrying on the tradition and we are so grateful," Alligood said.

This year's fundraising goal is \$72,000.

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Board and Commission Vacancies

Chowan County residents who are interested in being appointed to fill upcoming vacancies on various boards and committees are encouraged to fill out an application. The Chowan County Board of Commissioners appoint representatives to local and regional committees, boards, commissions and authorities.

Applicants should be a resident of Chowan County. Applications are available at the Chowan County Managers Office or online. For more information, contact Susanne Stallings, County Clerk (252) 482-8431 x 1 or email susanne.stallings@chowan.nc.gov

VACANCIES

Joint Community Advisory Committee (Nursing Home Committee) Seeking to fill volunteer positions for the Chowan County Joint Community Advisory Committee serving long term care residents - Major Responsibility: Uphold the intent of the Resident's Bill of Rights. Committee member must reside in Chowan County and cannot live in, work at, or have a financial interest in a nursing home. Immediate family members of people in those categories cannot serve. To serve, generally you must be 18, live in the county and be willing to give 8-20 hours per quarter of your time and expertise attending quarterly meetings, conducting visits, and other activities to benefit long term care residents. (Additional application needed, please contact Susanne Stallings for more information)

Chowan County Board of Social Services - Board of Commissioners Appointee (There is also a vacancy for the Social Services Commission appointee to this Board, that appointment is advertised separately in this paper)

Applications are available at the Chowan County Managers Office or online. For more information, contact Susanne Stallings, County Clerk (252) 482-8431 x 1 or susanne.stallings@chowan.nc.gov

cer is not an easy journey, but when the road is long, think of the faces in this room tonight. These faces and these people are proof that cancer can be defeated."

Cancer survivors Betty Bateman and C.F. Stallings Jr. talked about their respective battles to overcome breast and liver cancer.

Both said they were glad to be alive and Bateman, a former ACS Road to Recovery volunteer, encouraged those present to spend some time every month remembering in prayer and with simple gestures such as a phone call those who are currently waging their own war against cancer.

"It'll bless them and you too," she said.

Survivors Awards were presented to the longest, oldest and youngest cancer survivors present at the event; an invocation was offered by Louis Belfield, a deacon at Providence Baptist Church. Door prizes were also handed out.

Those attending were encouraged to create flowers at their tables using construction paper, watercolor paints and highlighter pens to be used in a colorful Garden of Hope display that will be set up at Relay this spring.

Knapp and Alligood snapped pictures at a photo booth showcased at the dinner and promised the booth — where props could be used to create humorous photos — would also be set up on-site at Relay.

Nixon's Catering sponsored Monday night's dinner; desserts were donated by Jennifer Parks. Meals were served by volunteers including Frances Hamner, Rosa Carter, Gloria Carter, Gloria Wheeler, Kristin Parks, Kay Ventura, Brenda Newbern, Bernice Rascoe and April Smith of the American Cancer Society.

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