

Pets of the Week



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



Striped Dozer is a young male Gray Tabby that has become accustomed to lounging around waiting for visitors to admire him. Extra friendly Dozer has also achieved talents in purring and flirting.



Young Cooper's coat is a series of dark rich coffee colors. Cooper, a Lab mix, is full of energy and intelligence. He is ready to learn and please his very own human.



Curiosity has this cat waiting to see what's next! Young "Ever" is a female Gray Tabby with beautiful sea green eyes and a bob tail. Ever's adoption fee includes spaying, basic shots and a micro chip.

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

■ April 11 — Douglas Densmond Moore, 37, of Hertford, was charged with

one misdemeanor count of consuming alcohol on/off premises of establishment.

■ April 8 — Tracy Gregory Lewis, 35, of Wedgewood Apartments, was charged

with one misdemeanor count of assault inflicting serious injury and two misdemeanor counts of assault on a female.

■ April 7 — Kemondre

De'Jon Gregory, 22, of Badham Road, was charged with one misdemeanor count of assault on a female.

INCIDENTS

■ April 10 — Hit and run

on Virginia Road. ■ April 9 — Discharging a firearm inside the town limits on Paradise Road.

■ April 7 — Assault with a deadly weapon, discharg-

ing a firearm into an occupied dwelling and injury to real property on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue.

■ April 7 — Hit and run on Peanut Drive.

STEINBURG

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be referred to the House Rules Committee and will not be heard."

Steinburg said though 61 percent of the votes cast in support of a constitutional amendment in 2012 seeking to ban same-sex marriage, the Supreme Court had

the final word on the matter. He said his views are in line with the more than 70 percent of the people in the northeastern end of the state who voted in favor of the amendment. Steinburg said while his faith guides him to support marriage between a man and woman, he supports same-sex civil unions.

Steinburg said this issue

hits particularly close to home because his younger brother, who is gay, married his longtime partner about two years ago in New York.

"This is a very sensitive issue," he said. "I saw it up and closer and personal with my brother and his partner. Even though I support the marriage amendment, I never stopped loving my brother and spouse. I'm not a zealot nor am I homophobic, but I am a believer in traditional marriage. But that in no way impacts my relationship with my brother or gay people who I consider friends."

In other news, the Legislature is considering proposals that may change where legal notices are published.

One proposal — House Bill 432/Senate Bill 343 — seeks to require governments to publish legal notices to their websites. Instead of spending the money on newspaper advertising, the savings would be used to partially fund teacher supplements.

Steinburg said though he understands lawmakers rationale for bringing up

this legislation every year, he doesn't support this proposal because not everyone has access to the Internet.

"I'm a staunch supporter of keeping the system the way it is," he said. "Unlike urban areas that have Internet access, we are in a different situation in the northeastern part of the state where access may be limited — not everyone is connected."

One of the bill's sponsors, Senator Trudy Wade, R-Guilford, explained why she supports this legislation

"We all share the goal of making sure the public is better informed about what their government is doing. When the current system was developed in the early 1900s, the best way to achieve that goal was newspaper ads — but in 2017, it's the internet," Wade posted on her website. "Instead of subsidizing for-profit news corporations, this bill helps save local tax dollars and generates new revenue to pay our public school teachers more."

According to the North Carolina Press Association study, newspapers continue to reach an overwhelming amount of citizens compared to county websites — in some cases as much as 3 to 1.

"When comparing visitors in print and online to

our products to that of a government website it is clear that citizens come to newspapers for local information and news about their communities, including these important legal notices," the NCPA posted Thursday on its website.

The House and Senate are working on comparable bills that seek preserve the requirement that governments publish legal notices in newspapers. Legal notices would continue to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, but they would also need to be run online by the newspaper's website. The North Carolina Press Association's website would then carry the notice statewide.

Lastly, the Chowan Herald shared with Steinburg a suggestion from Grace Bean of Edenton who would like to see a pre-K program offered to all students statewide. A longtime teacher, Bean noted that not everyone qualifies for enrollment in Chowan County's pre-K program.

According to the nchildcare.nc.gov, waiting lists exist in counties when funding is not sufficient to serve all eligible children. Steinburg said he would like to see the pre-K program expand to include all students.

"We want to make sure

— regardless of a family's circumstances — that all kids get an equal footing with reading skills," Steinburg said. "We need to look at how we can better address the concerns of the education community to see to it that when they receive our children, everybody is on the same page with the same skill sets. All should an equal start."

Steinburg said he has discussed the matter with state Rep. Craig Horn, R-Union, co-chair of the House's appropriation education committee. He said Horn among others may be receptive for a proposal to expand the pre-K program.

Steinburg said based on Smart Start program data, Chowan County would be an excellent place for a pilot program for expanding pre-K statewide.

Though West Virginia is much smaller in terms of population and economy, the state passed legislation in 2002 requiring the state to expand access to preschool education programs in order to make prekindergarten available to all 4-year-olds in the state by the 2012-2013 school year according to the W.Va. Department of Education. The Mountain state's preschool program, called West Virginia Universal Pre-K, is available in all 55 counties.



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NOTICE

MEETING OF THE CHOWAN COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & REVIEW

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 105-322, the Chowan County Board of Equalization and Review will meet as required by law.

PURPOSE OF MEETINGS: To hear, upon request, appeals from taxpayers who own or control taxable property assessed for taxation in Chowan County regarding the valuation of such property or the property of others, and to fulfill other duties and responsibilities by law.

TIME OF MEETINGS: The Board will convene its first meeting on Monday, May 1st, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. The Board will meet again on Monday, June 5th, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. with plans to adjourn for the purpose of hearing new appeals for the 2017 tax year. The meetings will be held in the Public Safety Center, 305 W. Freemason St., Edenton, NC 27932.

In the event of earlier or later adjournment, notice to that effect will be published in this newspaper.

Notice is specifically given that all appeals or requests for hearing must be received no later than Monday, Monday, June 5th, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.

Notice is further given that dates for the hearing of appeals timely filed will be available through the office of the Tax Administrator, serving as the Clerk to the Board of Equalization and Review, and will also be provided to individuals and organizations that have requested notice pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.12.

All requests for hearing should be made to:

Chowan County Board of Equalization and Review
C/o Chowan County Tax Department
P.O. Box 1030, Edenton, NC 27932
(252) 482-8487

EXHIBIT

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the office. Instead, a doctor went to folk's homes to treat the sick and injured. A set of saddlebags like those on display as part of the exhibit were essential to carrying medications and the vials needed.

Long before a byzantine filing system and computers, Dickinson used an 18th century secretary/book case that held his important papers. Nearby where Dickinson's eye glasses sit, there is a giant coffee/chocolate mug sits nearby — think Big Gulp size only that the cup is made out of porcelain.

An imitation bone collection is on display.

"Physicians of the day would use skeletons as references in administering treatments," Stage said.

Speaking of bones, a few asides from Stage's tour include how Dickinson was initially buried in 1803 within that circular area in front of the Cupola House. He was later re-interred in the Eelbeck family cemetery by Macedonia Road. Stage said the cemetery has fallen into disrepair so that the family graves are now marked plastic pipes.

"I've been out there — it's sad," he said.

Stage said he was inspired to recreate Dickinson's office because of his love for medical history.

"I'm really interested in the history of medicine," he said. "There are some fascinating stories."

Thus Stage's tour may include small stories of medical history. For example, George Washington may not have necessarily succumbed to a cold/pneumonia, but instead of being bled to death. Stage said soon after Washing-

ton — the nation's first president — contracted a cold while working on his farm, he was treated by three physicians who, per the standard of the day, acquired more and more blood from him.

Interestingly enough, the exhibit has a glass jar with a few living leeches inside. Maybe just shake the jar to see them move.

"He went through a lot and probably died of medical treatment," Stage said. "There are little vignettes like this that I think are interesting."

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