

Pets of the Week



Simon says "Adopt Me!" Young Simon is ready to roll into his new life. He is young and very active so he needs to be with a busy household.



Sweet Sasha is ready for the good life. She is an adult, mottled Australian Shepherd Mix. She is a tender-hearted girl. Sasha does have some skin issues that can be medically corrected.



Don't let Willow's size fool you, she is like a teddy bear. Willow is a calm and well behaved. She is still young and has her frisky moments when it's time to play.



Here's the shelter's version of the Three Stooges: Larry, Moe, and Curly. These Stooges are just as funny as the originals but much cuter.

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

GARDENER

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Program, and certifying nine new Extension Master Gardener volunteers. Newly certified Extension Master Gardener volunteers are Cindy Alarcon-Rivera, Pam Hadden, Anne Lankford, Veronica Martin-Dowdy, George Nelson, Marilyn Rutland, Deborah Shullo, Elizabeth Towe and Tosh Towe.

Nancy Dougherty and Micki Levine, both of Perquimans County, were recognized as the 2018 Chowan, Gates and Perquimans County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers of the Year. Active since 2009 and 2013 (respectively), both women are active leads in the program, serving as program committee officers, spring garden show chairs, and project leaders.

The next Extension Master Gardener course begins in September; applications will be accepted beginning July 1. For information, call 252-482-6585.

Edenton Tea Party NSDAR learns about insignia

BY SANDRA SPERRY
For the Chowan Herald

The DAR Insignia is the official symbol of the National Society; it was unanimously adopted by the National DAR Board of Management on May 26, 1891, and patented Sept. 22, 1891. The golden wheel of the Insignia represents a spinning wheel; the platinum or white gold distaff represents flax; the blue rim and the distaff carry the colors of the Society; and the stars represent the original 13 colonies.

Clara Treadway Weir authored the poem "Our Emblem" that was printed in the April 1907 issue of the American Monthly Magazine.

*Our emblem is a gold wheel,
Banded with deepest blue;
Each shining spoke tipped
with a star,
The distaff shining through.*

*The only jewel in the world
That money cannot buy,
Without such proof of ancestry,
As no one can deny.*

At the May 8 meeting, Beth Taylor, Edenton Tea Party Chapter Historian and North Carolina Insignia State Chairman, presented a program on the DAR Insignia and told of the various pins available to DAR members. The basic pins, placed on a blue and white ribbon, consist of the Official Insignia, Revolutionary War Ancestor bars, chapter pin, NC Centennial pin and the NC state pin. Taylor explained that as a member becomes a chapter officer, holds state or national chairmanships or offices, or contributes in other ways to DAR, that member earns the right to wear various additional pins on their ribbons.

Taylor has been a member of



PHOTO COURTESY SANDRA SPERRY
Beth Taylor, Edenton Tea Party Chapter historian and North Carolina Insignia State Chairman, speaks during the May 8 meeting.

DAR since April 29, 1981, and currently serves as NC Insignia State Chairman. On the DAR National level, she served on the Seating Committee at Continental Congress, and for the North

Carolina State Society she has been State Chairman of Conservation, Historic Preservation and twice served as Budget and Finance Chairman. For the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, over the years she has been Regent, First Vice Regent, Treasurer and is currently serving as Historian.

Any woman 18 years or older — regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background — who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership. If you believe you may be eligible for membership, you should contact Edenton Tea Party Chapter Registrar Candy Roth — 252-548-2648 or Membership Chairman Beth Taylor — 252-482-3592 for information.

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members.

The chapter's name honors a young girl from Currituck County. There are several versions of the involvement of Betsy Dowdy who lived on the North Carolina banks opposite present Knotts Island separated from the mainland by Currituck Sound. This version takes excerpts found in a scrapbook of early chapter history.

One evening in early December 1775, discussion ran high as to an expected invasion of North Carolina by the British under Lord Dunmore. He had ravaged Suffolk and was moving southward. Col. Isaac Gregory, of Camden County, with his militia, Col. Robert

Howe, and Thomas Bembury, of Chowan County, were hurrying by forced marches to join the Virginians at Great Bridge, Virginia, and engage Lord Dunmore.

It was said that if they did not reach there in time, the Virginians would be defeated and Lord Dunmore left free to destroy the countryside.

The only thing that could save them would be Gen. Skinner of Perquimans County and his militia, but he was so far away, there was not time and no way to get him.

Betsy Dowdy hearing this discussion slipped from the house and readied her horse, Black Bess, and turning toward the sound, rode toward Gen. Skinner's home on Yeopim Creek nearly 100 miles (several

other sources state it was 50 miles) distant.

Betsy Dowdy rode Black Bess through a December night across three counties, into a fourth, over a sound and wide river, through swamps, woodlands, little settlements, along Indian trails, rutted roads, and where there were no roads at all until Yeopim Creek and Gen. Skinner's home was reached just as the sun was rising.

That day the British were met at Great Bridge and were defeated by the Americans.

The National Society

Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is one of the most inclusive genealogical societies in the country. It is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children.

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RURITANS

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fundraisers like May Play Day, Hee Haw Shows or the annual Pancake and Sausage Supper.

"These proceeds allow us to help people in our community with the upkeep of the Rocky Hock Community Building and the adjoining baseball field, providing scholarships for high school seniors furthering their education, helping with handicap ramps for those who cannot afford to pay, supporting the Boys & Girls Club, Girls State and Operation Patriot among other things," Simmons said. "We could also use

volunteers partnering with us to carry out other projects in our county."

The Ruritan organization is always looking for new members.

"Over the past 8+ years I have been a member, the Rocky Hock Ruritan Club has managed to stay relatively steady with membership between 35 and 40 members," Simmons said. "But, we are always looking for youth who would like to help out the community and those of any age who have a heart for serving their fellow men and women."

For information, visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/EdentonRuritan>.

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