



Newton Falls Teachers Association Awards Scholarships

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Pictured (l-r) are scholarship winners Bradley Dubos, Tyler Kernen and Destiny Prusky

NEWTON FALLS - The Newton Falls Classroom Teachers Association is pleased to announce the recipients of three scholarships for seniors entering the field of education this year: Brad Dubos, first place \$700; Tyler Kernen and Destiny Prusky, 2nd place tie \$400. The family of Arthur J. Prescott, a

career teacher in Newton Falls, set up this fund in his memory. The NFCTA contributes to the fund and selects its yearly winner(s) based upon grades, volunteerism, and an essay. Congratulations to these fine students.

Ask The Librarian

CAROL BAKER

"I borrowed the Williams-Sonoma book, *Main Dishes* from the library. It has a recipe for roasted onions stuffed with Italian sausage, egg, and fresh bread crumbs that looks very good. The instructions call for hollowing out the onions, stuffing them, placing them in a baking dish filled with 1/2 inch of water, and baking at 350 degrees for about an hour. But how do you hollow them and leave the 1/2 inch thick shell required?" The patron showed the Newton Falls Public Library staff the photograph and directions for this very tasty looking dish on page 63.

While having many combined years of cooking experience, our staff wasn't really sure how one went about hollowing an onion. The book in which the patron found the recipe offers "colorful recipes for health & well-being" but no instructions for creating an onion shell. The search continued by examining the Larousse Gastronomique: the new American edition of the world's greatest culinary encyclopedia. In the listing for onions on page 744, there are recipes, including stuffed onions. These instructions explain when preparing this dish, you need to peel the medium sized onion without splitting the outer layer. Remove about 1/4 of the onion by cutting it horizontally at the stalk. Blanch the remaining 3/4 in salted water for about ten minutes, drain, rinse with cold water, and drain again. Finally scoop out the inside; leaving at least a thickness of 2 layers all around, and the onion is ready for filling.

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Puppy Tails

Mialie T. Szymanski

*As the moon goes to bed, the sun comes up
And here we meet a sleepy pup,
Who was walking through G-ville one bright sunny day,
Then saw The Villager and decided to stay.*

Doodle Dog stood on the sidewalk, waiting patiently to cross the street. At every intersection he could see the traffic lights that usually alternated steadily from green to yellow to red and back again were instead blinking an unchanging crimson. The sun wasn't even up yet as Doodle Dog heard a bugle in the distance playing low and softly, welcoming in the morning. This was a very important morning and as Doodle Dog walked across the road and up the hill he thought of what he was about to do.

Right on time, Doodle Dog reached the field at the end of the road where everyone was lining up. There were uniformed troops standing in formation, big trucks from the fire station getting ready to lead the way, and cars and bicycles shiny with a fresh coat of wax for the occasion. The grand marshal made his rounds, greeting each participant in turn. When he reached the little floppy-eared puppy, the tall man bent down to give Doodle Dog a small flag. Doodle Dog grasped the flag sized just for him in his mouth, making sure not to let the brilliant red, white and blue banner touch the ground. As the sun began to rise up over the skyline behind him, he held his head up high and proud, padding along the beginning of the parade route. This would not be a loud parade, with cheers and sirens and candy tossed to the crowd. No, as Doodle Dog followed along with the other members of the line, he appreciated the respectful atmosphere created by the solemn and patriotic procession. Today would be a day of quiet celebration, remembering those who have fought, and continue to fight, for

the beautiful freedom that made even this simple day possible.

Not too long ago Doodle Dog carried a birthday present representing his love for a friend, lifting it as high above his paws as a little puppy could, and this week he had a similar responsibility, transporting a symbol of his country as carefully as he had that brightly-wrapped package. The marching proceeded now along the path by the shops, passing people lined up on the sidewalk waving flags the same size as Doodle Dog's.

As he walked and walked, Doodle Dog thought and thought of all the men and women defending the land, of the local heroes who protect the city every day, and of all the four-legged friends that help in service too. He thought of the Dalmatians that serve on fire departments, the German Shepherds in the K-9 units on the police force, and even of the horses that carried brave generals into battle during the Civil War. Just up ahead of him, a pair of stallions stepped with precision, their riders a man and woman in modern uniform. Around the horses' necks were beautiful wreaths which would be placed at the war memorial at the end of the route in honor of servicemen and women past and present. With each step of his tiny paws on the pavement, Doodle Dog thought of his canine comrades currently serving overseas, by the side of soldiers in a desert so far away. He thought then of animals that help people in everyday activities, like the black Labrador he once saw leading a man with dark sunglasses across a street, or those that visit hospitals to bring a smile to a sick child. So many big paws to fill!

Following the command of their riders, the horses pulled to a gentle stop. The parade ended and Doodle Dog took his place among those lining up around a large granite statue. He stood very still while men and women wearing uniforms from each branch of the Armed Forces set the special wreaths at the designated spot. Each member of the military gave a somber salute before turning away, and Doodle Dog did his part by holding his tiny flag at attention until each wreath had been placed.

When all the flowers had been arranged and all the speeches had been spoken and all the spectators began to leave, Doodle Dog quietly approached the monument towering over the calm corner of the landscaped park. There, at the bottom of the memorial just eye-level for a little puppy, was a small flag holder just the right size for a tiny flag. The floppy-eared puppy gently tucked the stem of the flag into the holder and paused for a mental salute. As he stepped away, Doodle Dog watched it settle safely in the holder, where it would blow in the gentle wind - a wind, he hoped, that would carry his thoughts around the world to those who couldn't be there that day.

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