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Brady, in his new home and with his new family member, Debbie Hartelt, of Rockville, is just one of the many dogs and cats that are saved every week by organizations such as PetConnect Rescue and Wellness in Potomac.

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'The Brady Bunch'

BY CAROLE DELL
THE ALMANAC

It takes a bunch, a bunch of dedicated dog lovers to make a difference. One dog, many volunteers, a life saved.

That is how it turned out for Brady. Nestled in Debby Hartelt's cozy home in Rockville, this sweet-faced dog with a pair of unforgettable ears, cuddles up with his new family member on the sofa. His head is nestled in her arms; his paws drape languidly over the cushions. Brady looks up at her with big eyes and then closes them contentedly.

Picked up as a stray in Kinston, N.C., he was rescued from the Lenoir County SPCA where he had little hope of making it out alive if he stayed too long.

But, his life took a different turn with the help of the sympathetic shelter manager, Kris Petrusch, and Melinda Solley, adoption coordinator for PetConnect Rescue and Wellness in Potomac.

"We could not save so many animals without groups like PetConnect; they are our bread and butter," said Petrusch. "These rescue organizations are a much stronger segment of our placement."

With the Internet as their bullhorn, rural high-kill shelters post a photo and a brief description of a Brady, a Peanut or any number of dogs and cats, sending their plea to rescue organizations up and down the east coast.

EACH DAY, Solley, 45, looks at those notices and when she responds, as she did for Brady, the search for a foster family and an adopter begins. It becomes a group effort.

Solley, who lives in Leesburg, Va., and is a real estate broker in Bethesda, actually visited the shelter in Kinston, which rarely happens. She drove the five hours to rescue a sick puppy and visit her father, who



Brady's photo was one of 75 photos of dogs and cats for rescue that arrived on an email plea from the Kinston, N.C. shelter on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010 from Kris Petrusch, shelter manager. She wrote: "Hi All - Here are some of the dogs we have in Kinston. If you have any options for these babies, please let me know, before Tuesday if possible," Thanks Kris.

How To Help

To volunteer for PetConnect Rescue or donate to help the dogs, go to its website: www.petconnectrescue.org

lives nearby. "To get a list of 50 dogs every week and walk into there and put them with their names, we [she and her father] went out and balled our eyes out," she said.

The animals at Kinston are just a part of the approximately 6 to 8 million pets that end up in shelters each year, according to The Humane Society of the United States website. Of that number, 3 to 4 million are adopted, but the remaining 3 to 4 million end up being euthanized.

As for Brady, he remained in the shelter for four months because Petrusch helped him avoid the euthanization list, the fate of many dogs. "I loved him, his ears and he had the cutest face," she said. "He also got

Members journey the long road to animal rescue.



As difficult as it is for rural shelters such as this one in Kinston, N.C., the staff do their best. The kennels are clean and they have two dog exercise areas. There are a total of 30 permanent cat cages in the front and 33 runs for dogs. But, according to Kris Petrusch, shelter manager, as many as 20 puppies can be dropped off in a week, along with the many dogs and cats.

along with everyone."

Rescue is just the first step in a multi-faceted operation. With Brady's future safe, transport becomes the all-important link. Volunteers drive pets each Saturday in what Petrusch calls a Pony Express handoff all the way to their destination, which could be as far north as New Jersey.

Hal Horenberg, of Potomac, an independent computer consultant, volunteers for PetConnect, doing transport and rescue work. His home in Potomac is now renovated to accommodate any number of rescue dogs and his vest displays the 66 buttons representing each and every animal he has placed in the last two years.

He can often be found at Starbucks in the village with a bevy of pooches in every size

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A Second Chance

'Swim bank' helps dogs in need.

BY SUSAN BELFORD

Winston, a warm-hearted chocolate lab, enjoyed swimming at "Gunny's Rainbow" once a week. The 13-year-old dog was so disabled he could not walk at all — swimming provided his only movement.

"Although it took a few sessions for him to get the hang of swimming, no dog has ever been more proud than Winston of how he could move in water. He looked like the cat who swallowed the canary after each lap and was always looking around to be sure that we were all watching his great feats in the water," said trainer Laurie Duperier.

However after Winston's mom was diagnosed with a serious illness, she could no longer afford the time or the money for the sessions. Seeing the need, friends donated their time to accompany Winston to his swim lessons, Duperier donated her time and other clients contributed funds to offset the cost. But sadly, after three sessions, Winston suddenly died, leaving seven swims in the "swim bank," and, as Duperier said, "a big giant paw print on my heart."

She asked Winston's mom if she was comfortable with banking the remaining swims for another dog — one who

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MCPAW Raising Funds for New Animal Shelter

Non-profit seeks volunteers and donations.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

A state-of-the-art Animal Services and Adoption Center has recently been approved and funded by the Montgomery County Council to replace the 35-year-old animal shelter, but in this time of budget crisis, how can Montgomery County afford all the necessities this type of facility requires?

This is why the non-profit MCPAW — Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being — was recently founded. One of its missions is to solicit funds and in-kind donations for the shelter, but they also plan to partner with animal welfare organizations, citizens groups and individuals to provide recommendations to the county on

the design of the new shelter.

"The success of this shelter will help every animal in our county," said Allen Cohen, president of MCPAW. "We want to ensure the shelter is designed, constructed and operated to meet the current and future needs for comprehensive, quality and innovative animal services in Montgomery County."

Montgomery County has allocated \$17 million for the new facility. According to Jennifer Hughes of Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett's office, "The bids have been let and groundbreaking should take place this Spring, 2011 with completion slated for Spring, 2013. In addition to the county monies, McPaw hopes to raise

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The Montgomery County Animal Shelter will be a new 46,878 square-foot facility containing public adoption areas, private animal holding and treatment areas, a sally port, classroom, conference room and office space. The Shelter will be located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Muncaster Mill Road and Airpark Drive.

OPINION

Making One's Own Pet Connection

We love our pets, but millions more need homes.

Are you considering adopting a dog or a cat or another animal? Be sure to rescue one in need.

More people have turned in pets to animal shelters in the past couple of years, in part because of the recession and increased foreclosures.

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EDITORIALS

Here are a few places to adopt a pet who needs a home. There are many rescue organizations, including some that specialize in particular breeds. There are also networks of people, like PetConnect, mostly communicating on the internet, who help save adoptable animals from overcrowded shelters from near and far.

Some Places to Adopt

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Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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www.paw-rescue.org

Super Bowl Parties, Fun and Safe

This year's Super Bowl might even turn out to be a game worth watching.

Super Bowl parties are fun even for those who are not big football fans. It's a great reason to get together at home or out in a restaurant or bar with friends.

Just be sure that you or your guests get home safely.

The McLean-based organization Washington Regional Alcohol Program suggests tips for safe celebrating to on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 6. During Super Bowl Sunday 2009, 50 percent of all U.S. crash fatalities included drivers who were intoxicated according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Plan ahead: designate a driver if you're celebrating with alcohol, or use alternative transportation like taxi or public transportation.

If you're hosting the Super Bowl party: serve high protein food like meats and cheeses with alcohol; serve non-alcoholic beverages as an option; designate a bartender so guests don't mix their own drinks; close the bar at least an hour before you expect your guests to be leaving; don't serve alcohol to anyone who appears to be impaired; never serve minors; never allow anyone who has had too much to drink to get behind the wheel.

If you're driving on Super Bowl evening (or anytime), wear your seatbelt. "Wearing a seatbelt may be your best defense against a drunk driver," said Kurt Erickson, WRAP director. "The routine wearing of seatbelts is the single most effective measure to reduce crash-related deaths and injuries."

Who Are We?

BY GINNY BARNES
WMCCA PRESIDENT

Recently, Maryland National Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) reorganized Montgomery County's Community Planning Areas. Previously divided into seven separate planning areas, there are now just three. Roughly speaking, they start with Area 1 in the downcounty, an urban landmass of 18,640 acres that is made up of Bethesda/Chevy Chase, Silver Spring and Takoma Park with a population of 159,410

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in 67,600 households. Area 2 encompasses 62,960 acres with a population of 447,175 in 174,540 households. It includes Aspen Hill, Gaithersburg, Kemp Mill/Four Corners, Kensington/Wheaton, N. Bethesda, Rockville and White Oak. The rest of the county falls into Area 3, the largest, and nearly surrounding Area 1 and 2, arcing across the whole upper county from the Potomac to the Patuxent Rivers with 242,560 acres and a population of 332,615 in 114,860 households. This area includes the two residential "green wedges" buffering the Agricultural Reserve. Specific planning areas include Clarksburg, Cloverly, Damascus,

Darnestown, Fairland, Germantown, Olney, Poolesville, Potomac/Cabin John, Travilah and Upper Rock Creek.

Last month we were fortunate to have Area 3 Team Leader Callum Murray as speaker at WMCCA's General Meeting. It gave us something of a bird's eye view of how the Potomac Subregion fits into a larger picture. Area 3 is more than twice the size of Area 1 and 2 combined. In terms of land use, agriculture accounts for 40 percent of Area 3, using 96,369 acres. We have 46,761 acres of parks, which is 20 percent of Area 3 but 80 percent of the county's parkland. Area 3 has 64 percent of the county's single-family detached housing acreage and 45 percent of the institutional acreage. We are 35 percent of the total population while Area 1 accounts for 17 percent and Area 2 for 48 percent. We have an abundance of natural resources including some of the county's best quality streams, high-value forested areas and geological diversity. When we look at the county as a whole, what we see is variety everywhere — in housing, other land uses, population distribution, and environmental features. The Potomac Subregion alone is home to Serpentine Barrens, a geology so rare

WMCCA Meeting

The next West Montgomery County Citizens Association meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 9, 7:15 p.m. at the Potomac Community Center.

The speakers will be Rollin Stanley, planning director, and Pamela Dunn, zoning code rewrite project manager, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Over decades, citizens have participated in creating, revising and testing the Montgomery County Zoning Code. Recently, the Park and Planning Commission has undertaken the daunting

task of rewriting the Zoning Code. They have entered into a lengthy public engagement process that includes creating a Zoning Advisory Panel (ZAP) and producing Public Discussion Drafts for comment. WMCCA thought it was time to inform its members of how the rewrite process is progressing and how it may ultimately change the Potomac Subregion community.

As always, the public is welcome to attend.

If schools are closed because of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled.

it is found on only 1 percent of the earth's surface. Surprisingly, Area 3 demographics show that we have the highest Asian population in the county and a higher Black population than Area 1, the most urban. Although Area 3 has much less access to transit and is less densely zoned than Areas 1 and 2, 10 percent of our residents still take transit to work compared to 27 percent for Area 1 and 20 percent for Area 2.

In terms of wrestling with a Zoning Code rewrite, what does this tell us? I keep hearing in the halls of government, at meetings, and in the media that Montgomery County is urban and we need to look at planning from now on from that perspective. But when looking at our land use, our preservation history, and our zoning, I see something quite different. I see a county that is primarily rural and semi-rural in nature with a dense urban core. There is no one size

fits all for this county. The General Plan that has guided us since the 1960s was visionary. If we expect to preserve our agricultural heritage, our history and culture as well as our natural resources, we all need to pay close attention to this Zoning Code Rewrite Project. Our way of life depends on it.

ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATES: Bill 60-10: Sediment and Erosion Control Violations, Civil Penalty Increase

— WMCCA testified in support at the Public Hearing held on Jan. 18. We believe increasing the rate from \$500 to \$1,000 per violation is a small but essential improvement to the larger problem of sediment from stormwater entering the Chesapeake Bay from all her tributaries. Bill 60-10 was initially sponsored by Marc Elrich. At the

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hearing, four more Councilmembers asked to co-sponsor: Hans Reimer, Craig Rice and Council President Valerie Ervin.

Pepco Tree Cutting – In the trimming and removal frenzy along MacArthur Boulevard, Pepco cut down a 250-year-old oak tree on a Conservation Easement at Woodrock. The tree was not diseased and did not appear to endanger any power lines — its only crime was to have a branch that crossed over the power lines hundreds of feet above the lines. Gary Miller, president of the Woodrock HOA, called an inspector from Park and Planning to verify the encroachment. As a result, Pepco will plant five holly trees for the mature tree they removed. The tree can never be replaced but this shows that something can be done when overzealous removal is practiced. This beautiful tree will be greatly missed at the entrance to Woodrock.

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by **Michael Matese**

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Different textures, using bolder colors and not having a monochromatic look on one color of carpet throughout the house is gaining popularity as well.

Clients aren't limiting themselves to beige or taupe throughout the house, they're letting their imaginations guide them.

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THURSDAY/FEB. 3

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. Slow Blues Lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 to 11:30 p.m. At the Back Room, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to info@CapitalBlues.org or www.CapitalBlues.org.

FEB. 4 TO FEB. 20

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile." Tickets are \$16 and \$14. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. Call The Montgomery Playhouse Box Office at 301-977-5751. At the Theater at the Rosborough Center, Building 409, Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg.

FRIDAY/FEB. 4

"Inscape." 8 p.m. At the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville.

Author Maxine Hong Kingston. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Will read from her most recent work, the memoir *I Love a Broad Margin to My Life*. Cost is \$10/members; \$15/non-members. At The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda. Call 301-654-8664 for tickets, or visit www.writer.org.

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and the Seldom Scene. At 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$42 (Stars price \$22.50-\$37.80). With a career that spans five decades, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band has influenced a generation of country rockers with hits like "Mr. Bojangles," "Dance little Jean" and "Fishin' in the Dark." Opening are bluegrass favorites, The Seldom Scene who pull up some chairs and start telling stories with their brilliant arrangements of tunes by Duane Allman, John Fogerty, Merle Haggard, Steve Earle and Bob Dylan. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Visit www.strathmore.org or call 301-



Amy Speace

TUESDAY/FEB. 8

Folk Singer Amy Speace. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18/door; \$15/advance. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville, 100 Welsh Park Drive,

581-5100.

FEB. 4-6

"Translations." Feb. 4, 5 at 8 p.m.; Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. This hauntingly lyrical play vividly depicts the power of language to create and destroy, and the power of love to cross forbidden borders. At the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. For tickets, call 240-314-8690.

SATURDAY/FEB. 5

Games for Grownups Night. 9 p.m. to midnight. Games and activities for grownups, including mini-golf, a treasure hunt and Wii. At Tikvat Israel Congregation, 2200 Baltimore Road, Rockville. To make reservations, email tikvatoffice@gmail.com or call 301-762-7338.

Winter Nature Activities: Feed the Birds. What do birds eat for a mid-morning snack? Find out while helping fill the feeders, learning these seed eaters taste preferences, names and behaviors in the process. Ages 1 year and up, free, 9:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Locust Grove Nature Center, Cabin John Regional Park, 7777 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, 301-765-8660



Christopher Taylor

FEB. 12 -13

Pianist Christopher Taylor. 8 p.m. on Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$32 to \$79. Will perform Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 26 in D Major ("Coronation") with the National Philharmonic, led by Music Director and Conductor Piotr Gajewski. At the Music Center at Strathmore. For tickets, visit nationalphilharmonic.org or call the

www.locustgrovenature.org

Night Gliders: Observe the nocturnal activities of flying squirrels, a mysterious mammal seldom encountered by diurnal creatures. Slide discussion of the natural history of flying squirrels will follow. For adults. \$17. Audubon Naturalist Society, Woodend Sanctuary, 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, 20815. 301-652-9188. www.AudubonNaturalist.org

Touch of Love. 4 to 7 p.m. A collection of paintings, photography, jewelry and glass work by established artists. At Exhibit 9 in Potomac. Contact Sarah at 202-276-9419 or email: info@exhibit9gallery.net or visit www.exhibit9gallery.net.

Organ and Brass Music Concert. 7:30 p.m. Free. Performed by Donald Sutherland, organist, and C Street Brass. At Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Call 301-365-2850 or visit www.bradleyhillchurch.org.

SUNDAY/FEB. 6

Shabbat Shaboom! 2 p.m. A "Challah-Day" Show. Tickets are \$10. Mama Doni Band brings its brand of "funky music with a Jewish twist" to an all-new family show featuring a sneak peek at songs from Mama Doni's new CD *Shabbat Shaboom!* At the JCC of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. Call 301-348-3880 or visit www.jccgw.org.

Waltz Dance. 3:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, Sugar Beat. Introductory Waltz Workshop from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.; dancing from 3:30 to 6 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org

Open Door Reading: Writer's Center presents authors published in *Indivisible*, an anthology of South Asian American poetry, including Sachin B. Patel, Ravi Shankar, Dilruba Ahmed, and editor Pireeni Sundaralingam. 2 p.m. Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda, 20815. See writer.org

FEB. 6 TO MARCH 13

Perseus Bayou. Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 and 4 p.m. Some Saturday 11 a.m. performances. Single ticket prices range from \$10-\$22, with group rates available. This award-winning musical sets the classic Greek myth of Perseus and his quest for the snake-headed Medusa in post-Civil War Louisiana. To save the bayou from the evil Polydectes, Percy must journey to the edge of the human world with the help of a conjure woman, Miss Athena, a spirit-cat, Panther Hermes, and a tomboy named Andromeda. Percy's coming-of-age is vividly told in this epic and magical theatrical work. Imagination Stage is delighted to welcome back Mary Hall Surface, whose *The Hundred Dresses* and *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* played here in prior seasons. At Imagination Stage 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, MD. Imagination Stage offers discount ticket packages with benefits that emphasize the flexibility that parents and



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MONDAY/FEB. 7

Tannahill Weavers in Concert. 7:30 p.m. The Tannahill Weavers' diverse repertoire reflects the duality of Scotland's musical heritage. Tickets are \$20/advance; \$15/advance students; \$25/door. IMT at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Call 301-754-3611 and visit www.imtfolk.org

THURSDAY/FEB. 10

Jef Lee Johnson Band. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$28. At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Visit www.strathmore.org or call (301) 581-5100.

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. Slow Blues Lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 to 11:30 p.m. At the Back Room, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to info@CapitalBlues.org or www.CapitalBlues.org.

Free Bone Builders exercise class for adults. 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Potomac Community Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. (Also on Thursday, Feb. 10, Tuesday, Feb. 15 and Thursday, Feb. 17, Feb. 22 and Feb. 24) Exercise class led by trained volunteers that incorporates balance and weight training proven to increase bone density. Wear comfortable clothing and athletic shoes. Call Shawn Brennan 240-777-1350. For more library events, see <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/libraries/branchinfo/pt.asp>

Bi-lingual Family Storytime: 10:30 a.m. Helena Luk presents a bi-lingual, Chinese and English, storytime for families. No registration required. Potomac Community Library, Potomac Community Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. 240-777-0690. For more library events, see <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/libraries/branchinfo/pt.asp>

FRIDAY/FEB. 11

Winter Night Hike: Ages 5 and up, free, Friday, Feb. 11, 7-8 p.m. with naturalist Geri Drymalski.

Locust Grove Nature Center, Cabin John Regional Park, 7777 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, 301-765-8660 www.locustgrovenature.org

Puppetry Slam. 7 to 8:15 p.m. and 9 to 10:15 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Amateurs and professionals from all over the East Coast will perform edgy and provocative works that might not be seen at any other venue. Teens ages 13-16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. At the Puppet Co. Playhouse, Glen Echo Park. Call 301-634-5380 or visit <http://www.thepuppetco.org/schedule/slam/>

FEB. 12 AND FEB. 13

"Hello Dolly." A musical about Love, Life and Yonkers. Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$25 and can be ordered at www.bethami.org or by calling 301-340-6818. Temple Beth Ami is at 14330 Travilah Road, Rockville.

SATURDAY/FEB. 12

Touch of Love. 4 to 7 p.m. A collection of paintings, photography, jewelry and glass work by established artists. At Exhibit 9 in Potomac. Contact Sarah at 202-276-9419 or email: info@exhibit9gallery.net or visit www.exhibit9gallery.net.

Black History Month. 3 p.m. Soul in Motion Ensemble, "Reflecting Africa." At the Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Drive, Rockville. Call 240-777-0240.

Book Sale, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Most hardbacks \$1 and paperbacks 50 cents. Potomac Community Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. 240-777-0690. For more library events, see <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/libraries/branchinfo/pt.asp>

Lunar New Year. 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free. Local restaurants will supply Asian foods; also crafts, dance troupes, karate, fashions. At the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Social Hall, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. Call 240-314-5022.

Potomac Horse Center Valentine's Jumper Schooling Show. Watch a horse show indoors. Potomac Horse Center, 14211 Quince Orchard Road, North Potomac, 301-208-0200, www.potomachorse.com.

FINE ARTS

NOW THROUGH FEB. 8

Painting with Fire. The Unique Art of Peter Kephart. In Zenith's Gallery, Chevy Chase Pavilion, Gallery on level 2 next to Embassy Suites Hotel. www.zenithgallery.com

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Expressionist Journey of Multi Media. By Vian Shamounki Borchert. At Kentlands Mansion Gallery's Second Floor, 320 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. Call 301-258-6394 for viewing appointment.

NOW THROUGH FEB. 27

Six Expressions-Six Visions. Free. With artists Diane Jeang, Galina Kolosokaya, Jamaliah Morais, Elizabeth Stecher, Joanne Wasserman, and Homayoun Yeroushalmi. Meet the Artist's Reception is Sunday, Feb. 6 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. At the Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Call 301-897-1518.

FEB. 6 THROUGH MARCH 1

"Eternity Suite." Works by Levon Jamgochian on paper and wooden sculptures, and Kirk Waldroff's mixed media. The show will open with a free reception and a chance to meet the artists Sunday, Feb. 6, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Alec Jamgochian (violin) and Irina Kats (piano) will entertain visitors between 2 and 3 p.m. At the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. Visit the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/arts or contact Julie Farrell at 240-314-8682 or jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov.



FEB. 12-13

"Varying Degrees of Tension." Painting and Drawings by Sam Miller. Artist's reception on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 4 to 6 p.m. At the Glen Echo Yellow Barn Gallery. Call 1-301-371-5593.

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PET ALMANAC

'Swim Bank' Helps Dogs

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needed to swim for his or her health, but whose family would find it a hardship. The "Winston Bren Swim Scholarship" was initiated. But how does one find or identify a dog in need?

In December, this question was answered by Thurman, an 11-month-old lab mix puppy. Hit by a car in North Carolina, Thurman had his left front leg amputated from the shoulder. The D.C. volunteer who was driving him north to a no-kill shelter fell in love and adopted him. She brought him to Duperier to help him build strength and flexibility in his remaining three legs and to expend some of his "puppy energy." But she could not afford the regular swim fees. Thus, Duperier is using the swims in the bank to cover Thurman's swims on an as-needed basis. She continues to donate her time — knowing that Thurman is relieving some of the pressure on his three good legs while he enjoys frolicking in the water with Duperier. Thurman now swims faster than most four legged dogs.

Gunny's Rainbow LLC is a warm water pool — a "dog spa" — but it is more than just a pool. The owner, Duperier is a member of the Association of Canine Water Therapy. She provides a supportive environment for dogs to relax, play, exercise and feel like puppies again. Swimming helps dogs with mobility problems caused by arthritis, hip dysplasia, neurological issues and paralysis. Swimming is also beneficial after surgery for torn ligaments or hip replacements. This low impact exercise also helps dogs lose and control weight while providing physical conditioning.

Gunny's Rainbow LLC is named for Duperier's chocolate lab, given to her as a wedding gift from her husband. Duperier was an attorney who practiced corporate law in Hong Kong and then relocated to Switzerland. In Hong Kong, Gunny was bitten by a tick infected with parasites and almost died. The illness returned after moving to Switzerland. She was again given the bad news that he would not make it, that he was bleeding in many parts of his body. Duperier asked her friends from around the world to pray for Gunny.



Gunny's Rainbow's pool room

His Swiss osteopath told her that the energy of all the people praying around the world was forming a beautiful rainbow — and it was all because of Gunny. And Gunny survived. But at 8 years old, Gunny began to have walking difficulties and lost the muscle in his right hind leg. The vet told Duperier that Gunny needed to swim for his health.

However, the nearest dog pool was over an hour away. Gunny and Duperier decided she should quit her job, build a pool, take training classes, and launch her dog swim business — all according to Gunny's plan. She became a "swim-at-home" mom. She swims with at least 20 dogs every week. She is also a reiki master which she uses for dogs with chronic pain.

Duperier is grateful that she has left her attorney practice and able to spend each day helping and healing the dogs she so loves.

"There may not be a proverbial pot of gold at the end of Gunny's Rainbow, but it is indeed a beautiful energy that I am privileged to bathe in every day," she said.

To find out more about Gunny's Rainbow LLC and the Winston Bren Scholarship Fund go to www.gunnyrainbow.com or call Laurie Duperier at 301-530-2992 or 202-460-5377.

Long Road to Animal Rescue

FROM PAGE 3

as he greets passersby and explains his mission. "Hi, do you want a dog? He's homeless." From his encounters, he has adopted eight dogs to residents.

Horenberg picked up Brady in Springfield, Va. for PetConnect.

WHEN HE ARRIVED at around 1 p.m. on a Saturday, the parking lot looked like a family gathering or a pet parade. His was just one of a number of vans, trucks and cars that were surrounded by dogs and handlers waiting for their counterparts to show up. Some were walking their charges; others gave a dog, who just spent several hours' drive with its nose on their shoulder, a goodbye hug and a dish of water.

It is a repetitive sight. Every Saturday, dogs and people. Every Saturday they mill about, become friends and share the latest information on a pet they will probably never see again, but know is headed for a better life.

Horenberg delivered Brady to his new foster person, Kirsten Ste. Marie, of Washington, D.C. Ste. Marie, 30, works for the W Hotel and has been fostering dogs for PetConnect since 2009.

She began volunteering after hearing Solley, a work colleague at the time, speak of her work with PetConnect. Ste. Marie has now taken in eight dogs and helped them move into new homes.

When Brady arrived, Ste. Marie met a shy, sweet dog. "He was a bit of a basket case," she said. It took four days for Brady to come out of his crate and often Ste. Marie had to crawl in with him to coax him out. "You never know what is going on in their little soul and what went on before," she said. After two weeks, Ste. Marie said he was a very adoptable pet.

"The look in their eyes, you know that they know they are being rescued," she said. "It is mostly about overcoming their fears and just coming out of their shell."

Ste. Marie prefers working with PetConnect because she said that she likes their attention to detail and follow-through. "If the dog needed to go to the vet, they would take care of it so I didn't have to take off from work," she said.

When Debbie Hartelt saw Brady's cute face and big ears on Petfinder, the all-around dog rescue website, it was instant attraction, but would it work when they met. "We looked a long time," she said. "It wasn't

SEE BRADY, PAGE 10

Wootton's Flinchum Scores 1,000th Point

Patriots improve record to 11-4, Vikings fall to 12-3.

Wootton senior Gabby Flinchum scored 18 points against Whitman on Monday, reaching the 1,000-point mark for her career while helping the Patriots to a 57-45 victory at Whitman High School.

The 6-foot-3 Flinchum took over late in the first half after Whitman's 6-foot-3 Whitney Kolakowski went to the bench with her third foul. Flinchum scored 10 points during a five-minute stretch to give the Patriots a five-point halftime lead.

Wootton (11-4) opened the second half on an 8-0 run, extending its advantage to 13. Whitman cut the lead to five and had possession with 4:28 remaining but came up empty. Wootton's Sophie Ellis knocked down a 3-pointer and added another bucket to push the lead to 10 and Whitman (12-3) got no closer than seven for the remainder of the contest.

The Patriots' offense penetrated the Vi-



Wootton's Gabby Flinchum reached the 1,000-point mark for her career during the Patriots' victory over Whitman on Monday.

king defense, using passing and dribbling to get high percentage shots. Flinchum also provided a strong rebounding presence.

"They tried to collapse on Gabby," Wootton head coach Maggie Dyer said. "[Whitman] coach [Pete] Kenah does a good job mixing up the defenses, but she handled the extra pressure really well."

Kenah echoed praise of Flinchum's play.

"We got into foul trouble early in the second," Kenah said, "and that gave their post game some extra confidence."

Wootton guards hounded the Vikings as soon as they crossed halfcourt. Colby Wright and Iris Cheng led the defensive charge, forcing bad passes and turning interceptions into fastbreak points.

"We know what were going to get from Cheng," Dyer said.

Cheng and her counterparts played at a high tempo whenever they were on the floor, and Whitman looked a step slower for the vast majority of the game.

Ellis scored 13 points for Wootton and Jess Welch added 10.

Angelica Ciccione, Rachel Sisco and Kolakowski each scored in double figures for Whitman.

— BRIAN KIMM



Whitman's Bryan Joel dished out eight assists during the Vikings' victory over Wootton.

Whitman Boys Defeat Wootton

BY BRIAN KIMM
THE ALMANAC

The Whitman boys basketball team held Wootton to 18 points through three quarters, closing the door early on the rival Patriots en route to a 52-32 victory on Monday at Whitman High School.

Vikings senior center Ian Ross logged his third consecutive double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds with Wootton largely unable to prevent him from receiving the basketball inside. His impact was felt immediately, scoring four points during Whitman's 8-0 run in the first 5 minutes of the quarter and sending back a Wootton shot in devastating fashion. "We were able to go inside to him, that helped us settle down and get the shots we wanted," Viking head coach Chris Lun said. "He gives us the inside presence we need."

Wootton struggled to get anything going consistently on offense. "We let teams get into rhythms, our goal tonight was to keep them off balance," Lun said. "We ran three or four defenses so we could keep them from getting hot."

Whitman (7-8) forced Wootton to settle for off-balance shots in congestion and for 3-pointers. The game was highlighted by spurts of offense, followed by several-minute scoring droughts as both teams had a tough time picking apart each other's defenses. Fortunately for Whitman, Ross hit tough layups and passed the ball well in traffic and Daniel Voigt was hot from outside, shooting 4-for-7 from beyond the arc, scoring 14 points.

Whitman guard Jake Harrison scored 14 points and guard Bryan Joel had eight assists.

Wootton's James Wallerstedt scored 12 points. The Patriots dropped to 9-6.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Churchill Boys Extend Win Streak to 11

The Churchill boys basketball team continued its longest winning streak in more than 30 years with a 61-35 victory over Montgomery County 4A West rival Bethesda-Chevy Chase on Monday evening. The victory was the Bulldogs' 11th straight dating back to Dec. 20 and improved Churchill's record to 13-2 overall and 8-0 in the division.

In a game that started sluggishly for the Bulldogs on the offensive end, sophomore Dominique Williams and junior Thomas Geenen provided a spark at the end of the first quarter to give Churchill a 13-5 lead. The second quarter saw the Bulldogs kick it into high gear en route to a 35-17 halftime lead. B-CC was not able to seriously challenge the lead after that and Churchill closed out the win with strong fourth quarter defense.

Williams (15 points) and Geenen (12 points, 13 rebounds and 7 steals) led Churchill in the victory. Of special note was the unexpected return to action of senior guard Will Lewis (5 points), who had missed the first 14 games of the season due to injury.

"I'm very happy for our team this evening," head coach Matt Miller was quoted as saying in an e-mail. "I was concerned about the layoff but our guys responded like we hoped that they would. B-CC always gives us fits so naturally we were



Dominique Williams, seen earlier this season, and the Churchill boys basketball team extended their win streak to 11 games with a victory against Bethesda-Chevy Chase on Monday.

concerned. Thomas Geenen and Dominique Williams really gave us a lift tonight and our defense was very good for most of the game.

"Again, every night it seems like a different guy is stepping up and we're going to continue to need that. We don't have a single player averaging double figures. I guess we are the definition of a team be-

cause we need everyone on the roster to contribute if we are going to be successful. We also can't be satisfied just because we've been on a roll lately. We still haven't won anything and this team has several goals it would still like to accomplish. We need to keep getting better and take each game one at a time to do that.

"We need to stay focused right now because we have to turn right around and play Walter Johnson tomorrow and they gave us a very tough game a few weeks ago."

The Churchill JV (9-6) also won, defeating the B-CC JV 42-40.

Churchill Equestrian Team Wins Poolesville Show

The Churchill equestrian team finished first during a Jan. 23 show at NFF Stables in Poolesville, moving the team from sixth place to fourth in the overall standings.

Genny Johnson (junior/senior intermediate) captured three first-place ribbons at the event. Emma Johnson was the champion of the freshman/sophomore/middle school division and Sabrina Silva was the reserve champion of the freshman/sophomore/middle school division. Rita Ainane, Catherine Conway, Katie Lunceford, Jackie Tauberman and Gretchen Van Winter also participated for Churchill, which will compete on Feb. 20 at the NFF Stables in Poolesville.

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Membership Has Its Privileges



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Membership in the cancer club, that is. And the specific privilege to which I refer is sponsorship, to invoke a familiar component of Alcoholic's/Narcotic's/Gambler's Anonymous' multi-step recovery program: someone to talk to, 24/7, who's been there and still doing that; a voice of experience and reason, a compassionate and caring individual who can appreciate – and relate, to the new life your cancer diagnosis has forced you to live. My sponsor is Mary Kimm, Publisher/Chief Operating Officer for Connection Newspapers. Diagnosed with breast cancer a month or so before I was diagnosed with lung cancer; neither of us a smoker or a child born into a family with a history of cancer, Mary has repeatedly offered her time and insight to me – whenever I needed it. In effect, she has become my go-to cancer survivor.

As yet, I have not cell-phoned Mary on her off-time, but I nearly did so a few Sundays ago which led me to realize – in my mind, anyway, that our regular weekly cancer conversations about life in the cancer lane these past two years have created in me a kind of reliance on her judgment, not uncommon I would imagine, among people experiencing similar kinds of traumatic-type diagnoses and life-changing circumstances.

What comfort for me to know there is someone so close and so available to whom I can reach out – and not touch, whose words have been so touching and reassuring to me on so many occasions. Mary has told me that she has enjoyed a similar relationship with some women in a cancer support group she regularly attended; learning about her cancer and treatment as she listened, and subsequently sharing some of what she learned with me. I never would have guessed that someone else's participation in a cancer support group in which I was not a direct participant would have mattered and affected me so much. But I'm grateful every day that Mary is "paying it forward" and so lucky to be the recipient of her kindness.

Who's to say what contributes to my better-than-expected health result? Is it my body's tolerance to the chemotherapy? Is it a reduction in stress brought about by a different work schedule/routine and a corresponding nearly 100 percent elimination of my daily/weekly commute? Are the financial changes in my life/income contributing as well to an improved quality of that life, even though I still have stage IV lung cancer? Are the thoughts and prayers of readers – regularly mailed, e-mailed and phoned, likewise contributing to my atypical good quality of life? Is the love and support from family, friends and co-workers helping me Carpe diem ("seize the day") without worrying too much about the night? Is having a sponsor (Mary Kimm) providing the kind of unspoken – and spoken comfort a phone call away – anytime, more valuable than perhaps even I realize?

The answer is; yes, yes and yes! However, you probably need everything working for you to defeat (deter) cancer but missing anything might have tragic consequences. If I had written a what-I-need-to-do list to survive cancer back in February 2009 when I was first diagnosed, I don't think, given my nature, I would have listed having/need a go-to-type sponsor/support person as a necessity. Two years later, I've certainly learned my lesson.

Cancer is bigger – and badder – than any one person, and thinking that suffering in silence earns you some kind of medal for valor is foolish – and stupid! Thanks to Mary Kimm, I was never allowed to be either; not too often, anyway. It's been my privilege – and great, good fortune, to be so sponsored.

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\$2 million plus to supplement the allotment. They will hold a kick-off function soon to launch their campaign and BB&T will also be selling "paws" at their branches to raise funds

The "green" facility will be built at the northwest corner of Muncaster Mill Road and Airpark Drive. The 46,878-square-foot shelter will feature public adoption areas, holding and treatment areas, a veterinary clinic for neuter/spay services, rabies shots and preventative care, classrooms, conference rooms and office space. The building will be owned and operated primarily by the Montgomery County Police Department Animal Services Division but will also serve as a community education resource for animal care issues.

The Adoption Center which is responsible for the care of all homeless animals in Montgomery County, will house a minimum of 162 canines, 208 felines and 34 small animals. They receive all types of animals, including dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, rabbit, chicken, hamsters, guinea pigs and more.

Two outbuildings will also be on site. These will include a building for food storage and a livestock barn with stalls, stacking coops and a feed storage area. A mulched walking trail for exercising animals will be built and exercise runs will be installed adjacent to canine adoption and quarantine areas.

MCPAW encourages Montgomery County residents and animal lovers to learn more about this project by becoming involved through donations of time or money. Go to www.mcpaw.org

For more information or mail checks to MCPAW, PO Box 41047, Bethesda, MD 20824-1047. All donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

Brady

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about getting a dog, it was about getting the right dog." When they met at Ste. Marie's home, there was an instant connection with Brady. "He just stuck his head into my hands and said, take me home."

She often wonders about Brady's past and whether he was lost when they picked him up in Kinston as a stray. "He shakes hands and does tricks, he had to have a good home to have such a good nature," she said. "If they could only know that he is safe."

And Brady may soon be returning some of the good fortune that came his way. Hartelt is a respiratory therapist at Suburban Hospital where they have a therapy dog program. "We want to give him a second chance at life," she said. So she is preparing Brady to be trained for his new role, that of a therapy dog.

Petrusch said she never had a doubt about Brady; he just needed a good break, like so many of the dogs that pass through shelters. "I saw something special in him and I am glad Melinda Solley and PetConnect saw something too," she said.

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Cory Conway with Elsie, Standard Parti Poodle, 19 months old.



Elizabeth Egger of Potomac, has her hands full.



Blake, an orange tabby who is a 15-year resident of Potomac, especially enjoys smoked gouda cheese. Blake found his home through a classified ad in the Potomac Almanac.



His "call" name is M.G., and he is doing animal-assisted therapy dog work at Shady Grove Hospital. Submitted by Burton Goldstein.



Who could resist this face. Not Rudy Edalati at Barking Holler Animal Sanctuary in Poolesville, at her non-profit homestead where, once they arrive they are safe for the rest of their lives. A virtual one-woman operation, Edalati relies on donations and help from volunteers to keep her horses, goats, 50 cats and myriad dogs happy. Barking Holler will also be launching a spay/neuter clinic for local animal rescues and shelters. She will provide services that are affordable to the groups who need it most. To support Edalati and her clinic or just help an animal with a donation, (\$20 will feed one cat for six months, \$150 will provide grain for one horse for a year) go to the website: www.barkingholler.org



Christina Costalas after giving kitten Patrick a bath.



The Costalas' dog, Apollo while unwillingly given a bath.



Mary Kimm with Star Bright. Bright is 20 years old and a former international competitor in Eventing; he was imported from Ireland as a three-year-old by Olympian Phyllis Dawson, who now lends him to Mary to go on bird watching-trail rides.



Emma Kimm Dixon of Potomac and Stella, a Percheron-Thoroughbred cross. Stella in the Santa hat.



Ken Moore, former editor and current contributor to the Potomac Almanac, with his older sister Leslie Ellen Moore, a woman with developmental disabilities, and Trilke, a 9-year-old tabby.



This is Trixie. She is a four-year-old schnoodle. Every night when I come home from school, I put my backpack on the floor and she lies down on it. Then she refuses to get up. If I can get her up, she goes and lays on my binder, my homework, or anything else that happens to be on the floor. She has been doing this ever since the day we got her. She does this with everything; clothes, wrapping paper, bubble wrap and shoes, just to name a few. Her favorite foods are bacon and Cheetos. Submitted by Emilie Butchko, age 12, Potomac.



"I swear they told me there were fish in here." It is a good life in Poolesville at Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary, a 400-acre non-profit refuge, where farm animals that are rescued can live out their lives in peace. Each pig, cow, goat, chicken, turkey or lamb has its own personality and can become a pet when stress and cruelty are out of the picture. Terry Cummings and her husband Dave Hoerauf and a group of dedicated volunteers know each animal by name and each responds to the pats and gentle care they receive. Poplar Spring is a 501 (c) 3 organization entirely funded through donations from the public. All donations go directly to feeding and caring for the animals. Tours of Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary are available. Call for appointment. To volunteer or make a donation: Call 301-428-8128 or go to the website www.animalsanctuary.org

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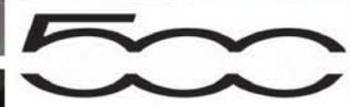
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