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# Dogs, Cats and Other Furry Friends, Oh My!

**Adoption counselors help families at animal shelter.**

BY EMILY NICHOLS  
THE ALMANAC

If ever you are looking to add a new furry friend to your family, the Montgomery County Humane Society (MCHS) is the place to go.

With 3,000 animals adopted and approximately 1,200 lost and found reunions last year, MCHS strives to offer multiple services with the mission of rescuing animals and placing them in safe and loving homes. MCHS is known as an open admission shelter, meaning that they open their doors to all animals, not only cats and dogs.

When a perspective owner comes into the shelter to look for their potential pet, there is an extensive process involved to ensure the proper match for the animal and owner. Adoption counselors, on site at the shelter, match the interest and the lifestyle of the family with the animal's personality. Their job is to understand who is in the family, both humans and current furry family members.

**ADOPTION IS** made to the adult of the family, not the child. Adoption counselor Adelaide De F. Soares, M.S., suggests that



the best starter pet for children is an animal with a small lifestyle — a pocket pet. She suggests a gerbil or something of that size so that the child learns about being responsible for a living thing.

When families adopt cats and dogs, adoption counselors at MCHS like Soares meets with the children of the family both around the animal and without the animal to see how the children behave. The counselors need to make sure that the children understand that they need to respect the animal.

In addition, the adoption counselors edu-

cate the families on the importance of unpredictability with stray animals. With adopting strays no one has an idea how they will act because of the mistreatment that they faced

prior to coming to the shelter and being adopted. Adoption counselors focus on coaching potential and new owners on minimizing risk by exposing the possibilities. They are told to things that are totally unpredictable, to become at ease, be

prepared to prevent; prevention is very subtle.

Owners are also told not to believe that the animal will not escape until they feel at home; the time the animal takes to adjust varies.

**WHEN THE ANIMALS** come in, local veterinarians offer their time to perform needed medical procedures as well as spaying and neutering the animals. In addition, the shelter provides micro chipping, rabies clinics, as well as pet licensing.

Once the animal is adopted, free behavioral advice is offered by specialists who donate their time to the shelter. A board certified feline specialist gives advice and answers questions for new cat owners. There are different workshops for dog own

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### READERS' PETS



Lucky & Rusty Hoover are very extraordinary cats. Lucky escaped from her wild mother in the hills near Grantsville, Pa. and found on a kayaking trip 14 years ago. Rusty was found in the Montgomery County Animal Shelter shortly thereafter. They are best friends of each other and of their human, Barbara. They take walks and come to a whistle. This picture is deceptive because what is really happening, is that Rusty is about to "clean" Lucky's head, which will eventually end up in biting, playing and chasing. I threw a stone into the bushes which made them both look up to capture this great portrait of them.  
— Barbara Hoover



Elizabeth Egger of Potomac and friend Claudia Cutler of McLean serve as a pillow for Butters, an 8-week-old retriever mix adopted from Mutts Matter Rescue.



Jesse Jane, an 11-year-old lab, was a good sport about the new addition to the Egger family in Potomac. Butters, a retriever mix, was adopted from Mutts Matter Rescue.



Holden, 10, and Blake, 15 1/2, are roused from a harmonious nap in folded laundry.  
— Emma Dixon



Stella, a Percheron Thoroughbred-cross, says hello to Leslie Ellen Moore (seated) and Ken Moore (standing) at Seneca Valley Pony Club horse trials in June 2011. Stella belongs to Emma Dixon, of Potomac, mounted.

# PET ALMANAC

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## *field notes*

From hopelessness ...



BY CAROLE DELL  
THE ALMANAC

**E**ach morning, I start the day with sadness. As a board member of PetConnect Rescue of Potomac, a non-profit dog and cat rescue organization, I and other volunteers open our emails to find a rolling marquee of headlines, not for some glittering event, but headlines in the form of emails from high-kill animal shelters shouting for help from their subject lines.

They are pleading, often in bold ingenious ways, to get our attention. Subject: "78 DOGS TO BE GASSED TONIGHT, PLEASE HELP JUST ONE." The hastily taken snapshots of the abandoned dogs and cats add a surreal, gut-wrenching quality that is impossible to ignore. These shelter workers are desperate to bring attention to the plight of the hundreds of abandoned pets that face euthanasia if they

**NOTES FROM  
THE FIELD**

are not spoken for, quickly. So, the frightened faces shown here are for everyone to see what we see. Pets behind bars, not their fault, but still, they stare out at us, their days measured because the countdown has already begun. That is the every day decision volunteers need to make and that is the sad side of rescue.

**AS FOR THE HAPPY SIDE**, for the lucky ones, for those pets who have been rescued as a result of such emails and pleas, it is an end and a beginning, because those photos, once uploaded, spoke to someone.

That someone was a volunteer ready to open his or her home — willing to find foster care and able to spend hours phoning and visiting the homes of possible adopters. Their efforts catapult the lucky ones into bliss status: life in a loving, permanent environment. The rest of the photos are a "happily ever after" collage of those we rescued, their tongues lolling in that smiley state of bliss they are entitled to.

These are the ones who've made it out of their personal hell because of a volunteer they never knew and then trotted trustingly into a new life, only because of that volunteer, whom, very often after, they never forget.

Consider adopting a dog or cat next time, you will be rewarded every day.

To volunteer, to make a donation, or find a future furry friend please visit our website: [www.petconnectrescue.org](http://www.petconnectrescue.org)

For YouTube watchers: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-Hm2ALUjBI>.

To happily ever after



# ENTERTAINMENT

To have community events listed free in The Potomac Almanac, send e-mail to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Call 703-778-9412.

## THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

**Free Live Music.** At the Beer Garden at Old Angler's Inn Restaurant all summer long. At 10801 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. Call 301-299-9097.

## NOW THROUGH AUG. 14

**The Wind in the Willows.** It's "COPS" for Kids at Imagination Stage. For ages 4 and up. Based on the book by Kenneth Grahame. Tuesdays through Fridays at 10:30 a.m.; Additional weekday 1:30 p.m. matinees on July 13, 20, 27 and Aug. 3; Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 to \$22 and may be purchased at HYPERLINK <http://www.imaginationstage.org> or at 301-280-1660. At 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Visit [www.imaginationstage.org](http://www.imaginationstage.org).

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

**Oli Brown Band.** 7 p.m., Gudelsky Concert Gazebo. Nineteen year old guitar phenom Oli Brown, the 2010 British Blues Awards Male Vocalist of the Year and Young Artist of the Year. At 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

**Family Fun Night.** 6:30 – 8 p.m. Come to Har Shalom for an evening of family fun and learning. A great introduction to the religious school. Open to the community. Invite friends and neighbors. No fee. Hebrew fun games and make Hebrew name necklaces. At 11510 Falls Road, Potomac. Email Rabbi Deborah Cohen at HYPERLINK <mailto:rabbicohen@harshalom.org> or [rabbicohen@harshalom.org](http://rabbicohen@harshalom.org).

## THURSDAY/JULY 28

**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 at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to [info@CapitalBlues.org](mailto:info@CapitalBlues.org) or HYPERLINK [www.CapitalBlues.org](http://www.CapitalBlues.org).

**Baranya.** 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Strathmore Backyard Theater Stage. This internationally-acclaimed Russian dance ensemble brings the whimsy and wonder of Russian folk and fairytales straight to Strathmore's backyard. At 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or HYPERLINK [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

## SATURDAY/JULY 30

**Swing Dancing.** 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the Toast Big

Band. Drop-in beginner swing lesson from 8 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

## JULY 31 TO AUG. 1

**"Kiss Me Kate" Auditions.** Sunday, July 31 from 2 to 4 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 1 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Callbacks are Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Held at Meadow Hall Elementary School, 951 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville.

## TUESDAY/AUG. 2

**Gillian Welch Performs.** 8 p.m. Gillian Welch will perform songs from her new CD The Harrow & The Harvest. Tickets are \$29.70. At the Music Center at Strathmore. Call 301-581-5100 or visit HYPERLINK [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org) or [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3

### Edwin Ortiz Y Su Orquesta La Romana.

7 p.m., Gudelsky Concert Gazebo. After over 20 years experience in the D.C. salsa scene, Edwin Ortiz and his Orquesta La Romana know how to get a crowd dancing to an addictive beat. The salsa dura offers hard-charging percussive rhythms and vibrant musical energy. At 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or HYPERLINK [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

## THURSDAY/AUG. 4

### Slow Blues and Swing Dance.

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 at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to [info@CapitalBlues.org](mailto:info@CapitalBlues.org) or [www.CapitalBlues.org](http://www.CapitalBlues.org).

## SUNDAY/AUG. 7

**Waltz Dance.** 3:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. Waltz workshop 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.; dancing 3:30 to 6 p.m. With the band, Green Light Karma. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222.

### Wilderness 101: Outdoor Preparedness.

9:30 a.m. to noon. Potomac Conservancy and The Center for Wilderness Safety invite all outdoor enthusiasts to join them for a free half-day outdoor safety seminar. Topics will include: lightning safety, heat illness, ticks, first aid kits, and more. Meets at River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Drive, Cabin John. Visit HYPERLINK <http://www.potomac.org/site/river-center-events/index.php>

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10

**Red Baraat.** 7 p.m., Gudelsky Concert Gazebo. Baraat is Hindi for a marriage



## SATURDAY/AUG. 6

**Kiln Club Annual Clearance.** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Some 26 potters will be clearing out their studios, with ceramics sold as low as \$5. At Bethesda Elementary, 7600 Arlington Road, Bethesda. Visit [www.kilnclubwdc.com](http://www.kilnclubwdc.com).

## FRIDAY/AUG. 12

**Concert.** 8 p.m. Sephardic, Ladino, Judeo-Spanish songs featuring Dr. Judith R. Cohen with Tamara Ilana Cohen Adams. Vegetarian potluck 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Donation of \$20 requested. At the home of Jamie and Betsy Platt of Potomac. Reservations required. Call 301-717-4641 or [glen.echo@erols.com](mailto:glen.echo@erols.com).

### Swing Dance.

9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. Beginner swing lesson from 8 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. With the Boilermaker Jazz Band. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Contact [dbarker@glenecopark.org](mailto:dbarker@glenecopark.org), call 301-634-2231, or go to [www.DanceDC.net](http://www.DanceDC.net).

## SATURDAY/AUG. 13

**Summer Concert Series: "U.S. Navy Band Cruisers."** 7:30 p.m. Free. Enjoy free music in the Park during the Summer Concert Series in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Call 301-634-2222.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 14

**Cajun and Zydeco Dance Party.** 3 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$15. Introductory Cajun Lesson from 3 to 3:30 p.m.; dancing from 3 to 6 p.m. With the Acadian Cajun Band. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Michael Hart at 301-762-6730 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 17

**PJ Story Time.** 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Come to Har Shalom for an evening of family fun! Dress in your PJ's and bring your pillow. Hear a bed time story, do a simple craft and of course, have some milk & cookies. Open to all. Invite your friends and neighbors! No fee. At 11510 Falls Road, Potomac. Email Rabbi Deborah Cohen at HYPERLINK <mailto:rabbicohen@harshalom.org>

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## THURSDAY/AUG. 18

### Slow Blues and Swing Dance.

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 at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to [info@CapitalBlues.org](mailto:info@CapitalBlues.org) or [www.CapitalBlues.org](http://www.CapitalBlues.org).

## SUNDAY/AUG. 21

**Waltz Dance.** 3:30 to 6 p.m.; Admission is \$10. With the band, Terpsichore. 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.

### Voices of the River: Potomac

**Palette.** 4 to 7 p.m. Come to an art exhibit at the River Center, featuring the work of local artists Adnan Alsaffar, Mimi Betz, Nan Fuhrman, and Hushang Tohidloo. Enjoy the beauty of local landscapes on canvas while listening to music by acclaimed banjoist, Reed Martin. Meets at River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Drive, Cabin John. Visit [www.potomac.org/site/river-center-events/index.php](http://www.potomac.org/site/river-center-events/index.php).

### Voices of the River: Reed Martin.

4 - 5 p.m. Reed Martin, winner of old-time banjo contests for 30 years, will play a very old claw-style banjo to the beat of the river. Come enjoy an interactive experience of storytelling and pictures while listening to the tunes of the banjo on the steps of the River Center. Meets at River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Drive, Cabin John. Visit [www.potomac.org/site/river-center-events/index.php](http://www.potomac.org/site/river-center-events/index.php).

### Canal Stewards Cleanup.

2 to 4 p.m. Help the Conservancy clean up and beautify the land and water surrounding Lock 8, and along miles 8 and 9 of the C&O Canal towpath. Cleanup activities include picking up trash, pruning vegetation along trails, and repairing the towpath and trails. Wear clothes that can get dirty. Meets at River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Drive, Cabin John. Visit [www.potomac.org/site/river-center-events/index.php](http://www.potomac.org/site/river-center-events/index.php).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 23

**The Squid Jiggers.** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18/door; \$15/advance. The Squid Jiggers are the Maine-based duo of musician-entertainers Dave Rowe and Troy R. Bennett, and they specialize in songs of Ireland, Scotland, Atlantic Canada, Maine and the sea. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org). Contact David Spitzer at [focusrockville@earthlink.net](mailto:focusrockville@earthlink.net) or 301-275-7459.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 24

**Ukefest 2011.** Put Up Your Ukes. 7 p.m., Gudelsky Concert Gazebo. Strathmore has a passion for the uke — and has made the UkeFest an annual occasion. Grammy winners Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer highlight the festival, bringing with them a merry assortment of uke soloists and uke bands including Gerald Ross, Victoria Vox and the Sweater Set, plus The Riders, The Piney Branch Kids Ukulele Ensemble and the Washington Ukulele Orchestra. At 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

**Family Fun Night.** 6:30 – 8 p.m. Come to Har Shalom for an evening of family fun and learning. A great introduction to the religious school. Open to the community. Invite friends and neighbors! No fee! Learn to make challah and create a silk painted challah cover. At 11510 Falls Road, Potomac. Email Rabbi Deborah Cohen at [rabbicohen@harshalom.org](mailto:rabbicohen@harshalom.org)

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Beth Wood



Grace Pettis

# FINE ARTS

NOW THROUGH AUG. 23

**Joy of Color.** Presenting new artists Tom Hlas and Gina Cochran in E9's Summer Exhibit. Also a rare and permanent collection of well known Iranian artists (selling artworks at Christie's auction house). RSVP via email at 202-276-9419. At E9 Gallery in Potomac. Visit <http://www.tomhlas.com/html/paintings.html#>

JULY 30-31

**Works of heART.** Pastel paintings wild lives, land escapes, barn and back yard animals by Joyce Turk. A reception for the artist is Saturday, July 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. At the Yellow Barn Studio, Glen Echo Park. The gallery is open Saturday and Sunday, 12-6 p.m. Contact the Yellow Barn Gallery at 301-371-5593.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 16

**Flora Photographica: A Study in Contrast.** Free. Large-format images by photographers Robert Llewellyn and Andrea Ottesen. On display at the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory's East Gallery, 100 Maryland Ave., S.W., Washington. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Visit [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov).

NOW THROUGH AUG. 14

**Potomac resident Tory Cowles,** the Torpedo Factory Artist of the Year, solo show, "Living LARGE". Contemporary, colorful paintings on a big scale fill the Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria, Va., from now through Aug. 14. See more of her work in Studio 7, next to the Target Gallery, or visit [www.ToryCowles.com](http://www.ToryCowles.com).

NOW THROUGH JULY 31

**"The Fifth Element: Stories in Wearable Art" Exhibition.**

Thursdays-Sundays, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the Popcorn Gallery. The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture and Silverworks present the exhibition "The Fifth Element: Stories in Wearable Art," the artwork of silversmith Blair Anderson. Visit [www.silverworksglenechopark.com](http://www.silverworksglenechopark.com) or call 301-634-5385.

NOW THROUGH JULY 31

**"8 Pairs of Eyes."** Free. Featuring photographers Wendy De Wolfe, Stephen Gawarecki, Stuart Glickman, Phil Napala, Rob Rudick, Bert Shankman, Linda Silvers, and Michael Tran. At the Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Call 301-897-1518.

SEPT. 7 TO 26

**Abstractions and Realism.** Mixed media featuring work by Chip Cecil, Genna Gurvich, Pilar Jimenez, Donna K. McGee, and Doug Moulden. Meet the Artist's Reception is Sunday, Sept. 11, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. At the Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Call 301-897-1518.

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by  
**Michael Matese**

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*Sales in June \$1.15 ~ \$1.5 million*



② 10109 Watts Mine Lane, Potomac — \$1,265,000



③ 10801 Boswell Lane, Potomac — \$1,250,000



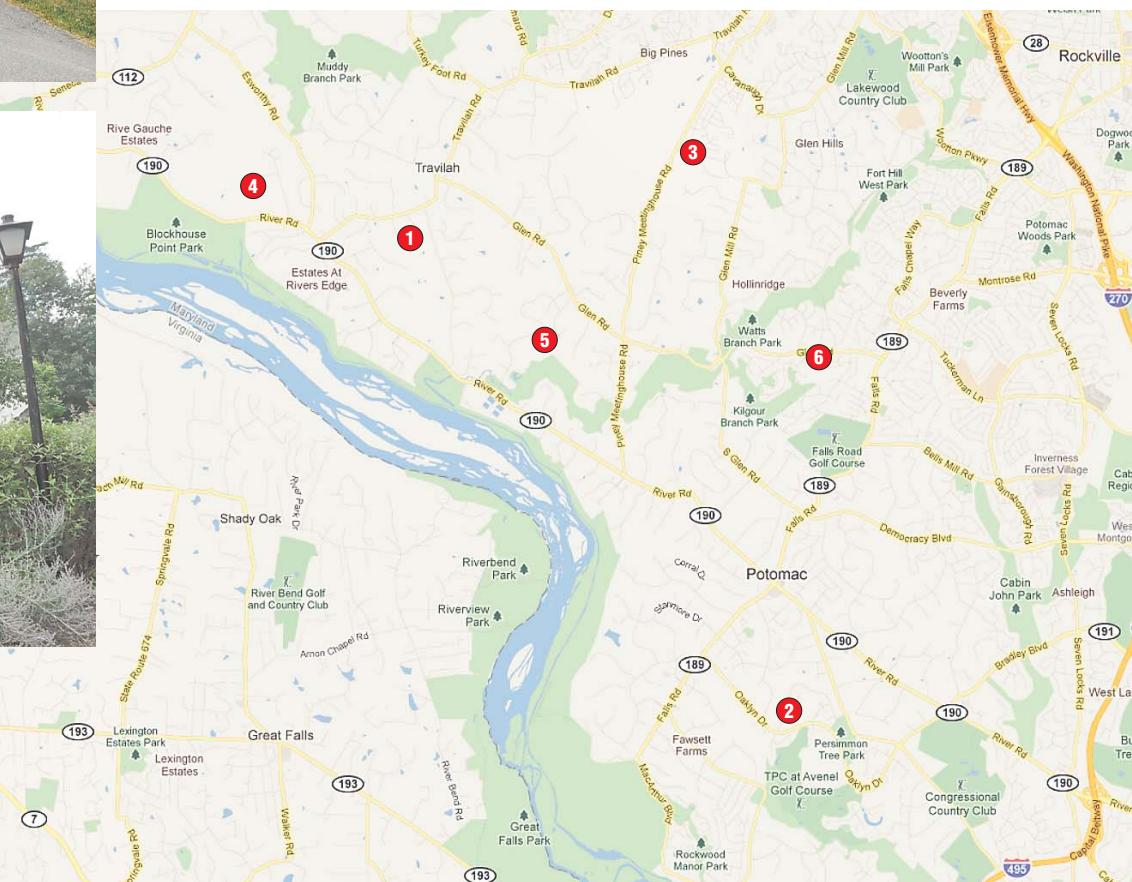
⑤ 12035 Great Elm Drive, Potomac — \$1,220,000



⑥ 9805 Clagett Farm Drive, Potomac — \$1,190,000



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# Helping with Animal Adoptions

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ers offered by Your Dog's Friend in Potomac, a non-profit organization that strives to educate dog owners. Your Dog's Friend offers workshops as well as training classes and advice. To learn more about Your Dog's Friend, visit [www.yourdogsfriend.info](http://www.yourdogsfriend.info).



**SINCE NOT** all animals can handle shelter life, MCHS has a foster program where people can save animals without adopting them. Fostering animals allows the animal to become nurtured in a home until a family is matched to adopt the animal. This helps MCHS to identify an animal's personality based on what the foster sees in the home environment. MCHS is always in need of fosters.

"When you adopt or foster a pet from the shelter, you're not only giving a homeless animal a second chance, you're also setting an example for family and

friends," said B J Altschul, director of external relations for MCHS. "The choices you make show that animals are important in our lives and we can make a difference to help them right now."

Volunteers of the shelter can play many roles: dog walkers, cat socializers, office workers, event workers and weekday educators. Pet supply donations are always welcomed. Food, blanket and toy donation are also encouraged, any donator can come to the shelter and drop it off.

Being an open admission shelter, MCHS implemented an extensive rescue partnership program with numerous organizations specializing in different types of animals. If an animal came into the shelter that is popular in another organization, the animal will be transferred. MCHS has made arrangements that resulted in about 200 rescues.

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## GETTING AROUND

# They Could Have Danced All Night

By Cissy Finley Grant  
THE ALMANAC

**I**t was easy to forget the plus 90 degree heat when friends and family, ranging from toddlers to nonagenarians, gathered to celebrate Vicki and Skip Crawford's wedding anniversary under a huge white tent. Just a quick glance across the upper Montgomery County rolling countryside where cattle roamed the sprawling fields, or the white board fence within inches of the tent's circumference where friendly horses poked their noses across for a pat, was enough to dispel any thoughts of discomfort from the sweltering weather.

"One week ago tonight it was the most beautiful, cool evening," recalled host Skip Crawford. His bride of 45 years, Victoria Weller Crawford, agreed. Apparently, very few of the invitees never considered trading this bucolic opportunity for the cooler surroundings of their air-conditioned homes. "About 200 accepted. It's hard to count, but it's a pretty big crowd," Skip surmised.

It was not only a "big crowd," it was a lively one at the 7 p.m., July 23, gathering. Some even partook of the music on the dance floor. But, for the most part it was wining, dining and conversational exchange. The latter naturally included the news of Raymond Poole's death. The very popular former proprietor of the River Road "Poole's Store" for many years died July 21. Many at the anniversary celebration had not heard the news.

Certainly, horse talk would dominate a crowd where so many Potomac Hunt members were included and where jtMFH's, Vicki and Skip, and their neighbor, jtMFH Peter Hitchen, were part of the "fixture." But it wasn't all hunt related. Gordy Keys, who came up from his Middleburg home, had a horse running at Charlestown the following day. His 3 year old, "I'm A Terp," was entered in the last race.

Donna Miller, the Crawford's next door (farm) neighbor, said she will have four horses ready to start in the near future. Donna, daughter-in-law of the late Carey



**Gordon Keys (left) Joe Richards and Randy Rouse (right) swap stories with their hostess Vicki Crawford. No doubt, the stories were horse related with these veteran fox hunters.**

and Jack Miller, took over the racing program for Carey several years ago.

It wasn't horse talk Denise Reed imparted. She and husband, Rex, had just returned from Ocean City. "We went down to visit my cousin from Ireland, working here for the summer," Denise said. Claire O'Brien, a redhead, freckled Irish lass from County Limerick was a recipient of Denise's words of wisdom. "Watch out for the boys and the sun," she told the 20-year-old University of Dublin senior.

Denise was one of the lucky ones who witnessed "Napoleon" extinguish one of the numerous tiki torches surrounding the tent. Stretching his long neck across the fence to investigate the flame, "Napoleon's" equine snort made short order of the light. His owner, Bonnie Feld, was among the guests in the crowd. She adopted the former circus horse who now resides at the Crawford's Barnesville farm.

Dispelling much heat discomfort under the tent were huge fans accommodating those who cared naught about their party coif. This included Devereaux Raskauskas who arrived with a right-out-of-the-oven, homemade, Paula Dean pound cake. "Vicki loves this cake," she said, while standing with her back to a fan, her hair blowing in all directions. With the abundance of party victuals and two anniversary cakes, com-

plete with the couple's portraits embedded in the icing, it's a sure bet this cake will be saved for a later date.

In addition to buffet tables laden with meats and salads, appetizers of scrumptious, miniature lamb chops and shot glasses of ice cold gazpacho completed the menu; Geppetos of Bethesda supplied for the party.

The Crawford's grandchildren, Vivian and Graeme, there with their parents Camille and Fritz Finley, kept themselves cool with the help of two battery-operated personal misting fans, gifts brought to the Crawfords by Karen O'Shaughnessy. Other family members included Vicki's brother Rick Weller and his wife, Joan, their daughters, Sharon and Lauren, who came down from New York for the party, and cousins Brenda and Weller Meyer.

And, then there were those of Potomac longevity who recalled attending the nuptials 45 years ago to the day. Austin Kiplinger numbered among them as did Elaine Kay and her daughters "Teddy" Norman and "Junior" Magassy, Carolyn and Carl Reed, Lutie and Harry Semmes, Jr., Sue Ewald, Laurana Reed, Sara Lee Greenhalgh and two of the groomsmen, Weller Meyer and Rick Weller. "I was a bridesmaid, Junior" Kay Magassy said.

The 1966 wedding took place at Our Lady

of Mercy Church, Potomac, followed by the reception at the Weller's "Hunter's Trap Farm" on Stoney Creek Road, Potomac.

As the evening wore on to near midnight, heat and humidity played second fiddle to the music. Knight Kiplinger's shirt was soaked as he and wife, Ann, finally called it quits to dancing. But others including Sara Lee Greenhalgh, Jean Findlay, Dr. Liz Reese and husband John Kean, Kaja and Bubba Farnsworth, Sara and Dan Maley, he the new professional whipper-in for Potomac Hunt, Leonard Proctor and "Hunter's Trap Farm" management team Brittany Freibrandt, Sindi Chapman and Hannah Whalen were among those dancing on 'til midnight.

A history note on "Hunter's Trap Farm." The name originated on Stoney Creek Road, Potomac, where Vicki's parents, Amelita and Frank Weller, bought property in the early '60s. A close friend of Frank's, Wilbur Garrett, would join him for bird hunting in the area. On occasion, several men would gather on mornings to go out shooting, but would pause to "warm up" before the fireplace. Following a number of these pre-hunt gatherings where they lingered a bit too long "warming up," Garrett rose and, according to Vicki Weller Crawford's recollection, faced her father and announced, "Frank, this place is nothing but a hunter's trap!"

"That's how the farm got the name and when the property was sold, and was to be divided, Skip and I took the name with us," Vicki related.



**Enjoying a family confab, Austin Kiplinger (standing) talks with his daughter-in-law, Ann, while son, Knight, gets a laugh out of the conversation.**



**Just a little closer and this uninvited guest would have a floral dessert. Dr. Liz Reese makes the offer while Carol Nair and her husband, Doug (hidden) encourage the intruder.**



**Irving "Skip" Crawford and Victoria "Vicki" Weller Crawford were toasted on their 45th anniversary at a party they hosted at their "Hunter's Trap Farm." The Crawfords are jtMFH's Potomac Hunt.**



**PHOTOS BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT**  
**Keeping cool, Devereaux Raskauskas found an open spot in front of one of the huge ground fans the Crawfords installed in the tent used for their 45th anniversary party on July 23.**



**Elaine Kay (center) and her daughters Teddy Norman and "Junior" Magassy were among the many Potomac families who were in attendance at the Weller-Crawford wedding in 1966 at Our Lady of Mercy Church. "Junior" Magassy was a bridesmaid.**

## OPINION

# What's Your Advice?

## Be part of the Almanac Insiders edition.

The Almanac staff and interns are already preparing the annual newcomers and community guide. We invite our readers to help with providing insiders' advice and information.

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Summer campers at WES (Washington Episcopal School) cool off on a hot summer's day at the Bethesda Pool: From left, Nathaniel Bazemore, Nathaniel Zola, and Aidan Armagh.

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## Clothes to a Decision

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

To say that I have a tired wardrobe is an affront to all wardrobes, tired or otherwise. To say that my clothes could use a bit of an update is a bit like saying Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie were undermanned at The Alamo. My lack of initiative with respect to such purchases has been a problem my entire life, beginning with my involvement in the "Husky" department at a very young age. It was primarily my mother's problem until I left home to attend college. College presented its own unique set of circumstances which prevented any significant clothing evolution (maturation?) – on my part. Marriage, a few years later, further complicated these clothing indecisions. Though I held fast and firm to my lack-of-clothing instincts – and deferred my purchases as much as possible, eventually, there were fissures and newer clothes occasionally were purchased, against my worse judgment. However, my wardrobe was never one to be proud of; it was – simply put, one that couldn't be avoided, by my wife, Dina, which of course presented all kinds of discussions.

Time passed. Heck, decades passed; there were some good clothing purchases and some not so good. Generally speaking, it wasn't pretty. After so many years, it became apparent – even to my wife, that perhaps she didn't have the proper training to deal with my preference for "casual attire," shall we say. Juxtaposing the fact that she always dressed nicely and appropriately for the situation, my clothing appearance left a lot to be desired, to put it kindly. To put it succinctly: it was atrocious. But I didn't care too much. I always rationalized that "It's what's inside that counts." I was never a clothes-make-the-man kind of person. I was more of a clothes-cover-the-man kind of person.

Then two-and-a-half years ago, I was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer, "a terminal disease," according to my oncologist, if there ever was one; rather convincingly when he suggested that perhaps I should take that trip I've always dreamed of taking. "WHAT!" At that point, normal had left the building, and whatever "normal" life I thought I had – good or bad, was over and subject to major re-evaluation. There was a new sheriff in town and his name was cancer. Everything changed, especially priorities. And new clothing was hardly a priority, and unlikely to move up the list of things I now cared about, given the seriousness of my diagnosis/prognosis. And when I stopped working and began chemotherapy the next week, followed soon thereafter by a deteriorating physical condition, my house-bound status didn't seem to necessitate much of a clothing upgrade.

Eventually I got off the couch and out of the house and tried to resume/re-start a semi-normal life (the new "normal," diagnosed-with-cancer normal). I happily wore what clothes I had and didn't concern myself – too much, with my outward appearance, other than always wearing a ball cap to cover my bald head. More time passed and I lived (survived seems so negative) beyond the back-end of my oncologist's original prediction: "two years." Accordingly, Dina has started suggesting that since I'm still alive, perhaps I should buy some new clothes. After all, if I've lived this long, maybe I'm going to live a little bit longer, and dressing like I have a future might help me in the present. A present which I'm grateful to have and a future I always hoped to see.

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**Second-year coach  
Tolliver requires  
hustle to make roster.**

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**B**en Killion isn't getting paid for his summer work. However, the Wootton rising senior is hoping his sacrificed evenings and the sweat dispensing from his 6-foot-6, 280-pound frame will pay off in the form of a successful 2011 season for the Patriots football program.

Killion, the Patriots' left tackle, and 54 of his teammates took part in offseason condition on the evening of July 25 at Wootton High School. After back-to-back 2-8 seasons, the Patriots are working toward re-establishing themselves as a contender. While tryouts aren't scheduled until Aug. 13, athletes were hard at work during a time when the average teenager just wants to have fun.

"It's tough," Killion said of the dedication needed to attend summer workouts. "I actually joke with all of my friends who have summer jobs — I don't have anything — but they always say, 'Football is your job.' I'm out here every day. I know every day I can't do anything from 4 o'clock to 8 o'clock because I have football."

"You can see all these guys out there; they're doing the exact same thing. It shows a lot of dedication. It means a lot to us as a senior class that we have all these guys coming out here every day. It's not just the projected starters, it's everybody."

Second-year head coach Eddie Tolliver



**Eddie Tolliver enters his second season as Wootton head football coach.**

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said the importance of offseason workouts runs deeper than simply getting in shape. Teammates build camaraderie while preparing for the season and senior leaders can emerge and take charge. Killion, quarterback Chris Papadopolous, receiver Evan Treworgy and safety Cornelius Waiman were among the seniors Tolliver mentioned as having stepped into a leadership role.

"If [seniors] can instill [a strong work ethic] in the younger players, it makes the whole program that much better," Tolliver said. "... There's nothing like knowing that the man next to you has your back and you don't have to worry about him not going through with a block or standing there while



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**Left tackle Ben Killion, left, is one of several Wootton rising seniors looked upon for leadership.**

you're making a tackle. To me, summer workouts are more about team building and bonding than they are about strength."

This year, offseason workouts at Wootton are preparation for attempting to earn roster spots that are, for the first time in years, not guaranteed. Tolliver announced at last season's end-of-the-year banquet that he would implement a cut policy, choosing not to keep players who don't hustle.

On Aug. 13, the first day of tryouts, the Patriots will take part in offensive and defensive drills with four cameras filming, Tolliver said. Coaches will review the film and let players know what they need to work on. Athletes will then have seven practices to earn a roster spot.

"I saw some things that happened [during] the [2010] year that really shouldn't happen: People not being focused on the sideline [and] going through a practice with that faux sense of paying attention and then when you put them in a game, they're asking teammates what to do," Tolliver said. "To an extent, I'm at fault for that. But also

I believe that if you really love this game, you want to get better every day and do everything necessary to do that. Not just as an attention getter, but this is the hard line: Either you're going to do it or you're not and if you're not, you're not going to be here. ....

"I would take a lesser-talented guy who was very coachable over a talented guy who just wants to go through the motions because he thinks he knows more. Kids won't get cut because they're not up to par with the football skills because that's what two-a-days and practice are all about. If that kid is showing everything he needs to show and coaches feel he's a kid that's on the rise, those kids will make the team."

The Patriots will have to wait until September to show whether offseason workouts and Tolliver's approach will lead to victories. For now, the team is focused on improving.

"This is our last year to play football," Waiman, a senior, said. "We have to work hard."

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Potomac Glen Finding Success

On a hot Saturday morning in North Potomac, the Gators arrived at Westleigh Recreation Club full of enthusiasm and ready to swim. Junior swimmer Todd Erickson and his sister, super senior and assistant coach, Jenny, along with head coach Nathan Meadows led cheers after a short warm up. Junior coach Nicole Leung was everywhere making sure all the young swimmers were in their lanes on time and that the relays were set.

It was a great day for the Gators, who won the meet and, for the first time in their 12-year MCSL history, won a division title. The Gators started in MCSL in 2001 in "O" Division and rose steadily through the league to "B" Division last year. They have about 130 members this year. Meadows has been their coach the entire time, and until last year, Katie Erickson was the A Rep. Sandy Tiberino had huge shoes to fill following Katie, but she has done a great job keeping the team organized in her first year.

Winning the divisional meet was a real team effort, but there were stand-out efforts. Sammy Lee, third seed in 15-18 50 free improved his time by more than 1.5 seconds and won that event in a stunning upset.

Michael Pratt dropped nearly 5 seconds in 15-18 100 breast to tie for second. Rachel Soberman and Alicia Tiberino won 15-18 100 breast and 50 fly as the favorites. Calvin Tran, Lucky Sun, Brennan Novak, Kevin Gu, Hannah Lee, Amy Zhou, and Connie Ho were also strong in 13-14 girls and boys action.

It has been a great season for the Gators, who will be sending nine teams to All-Star Relays. Seven-year-old Giulia Baroldi broke a 10-year-old record in 8&U 25 free in the last home dual meet.

#### Rugby Practices

Throughout the months of June and July, Maryland Exiles Summer Youth Rugby will be holding open practices for all children interested in learning how to play rugby. Experience is not required to join the team, just an interest in the sport of rugby and a



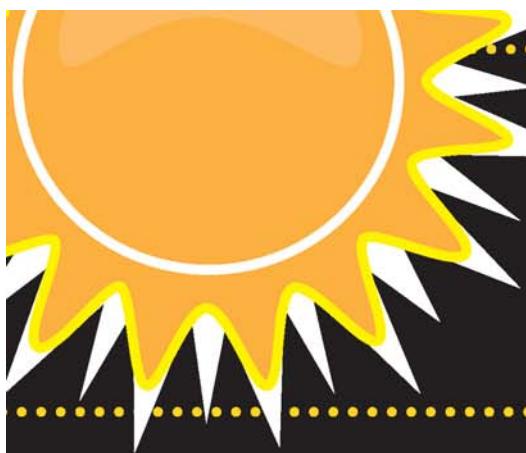
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**The Potomac Glen Gators' coaches long course qualifiers: (front row, from left): Kellie Zhang, Kevin Ho, Alexander Chung, (second row) Amy Zhou, Alicia Tiberino, Kevin Gu, Brennan Novak, Matthew Tiberino, (back row) head coach Nathan Meadows.**

desire to be a part of the Maryland Exiles teams.

Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays for players ages 6-11 at 7 p.m. at Timberlawn Park in Rockville. Practices for children ages 12-17 are on Wednesdays,

also at 7 p.m. at Timberlawn Park. To get to Timberlawn, turn west from Rockville Pike on Tuckerman Lane and then turn right on Gloxinia. The park is on the left. Anyone with questions can email Rob Skalka at robertskalka@aol.com.



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