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The staff at the Montgomery County Humane Society fell in love with this cat, Tippy. He was adopted by a family even though he is older than the age that adopters typically look for.

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Dogs Miss Itsy, Miss Bitsy and Miss Mitsy were victims in an animal cruelty case and recovered at PetConnect's Muddy Paws Farm.

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'We All Fell in Love'

MCHS and PetConnect help place animals in the Potomac area in homes.

BY KARA COLEMAN
THE ALMANAC

Tippy was a black and white cat who the Montgomery County Humane Society estimated to be either 8 or 9 years old when he arrived there. Since he was far removed from being a kitten, Tippy didn't fit the profile of a traditionally adoptable animal.

But his personality charmed the MCHS employees.

"He was such a great cat that he was allowed to wander," said Howard White, director of external affairs for MCHS. "He sort of became the mascot of the place and had the run of everything. We all fell in love with Tippy."

White said that the Humane Society's CEO wanted to adopt Tippy, and had convinced her husband to come meet the cat. By the time the couple arrived at the shelter so that she could introduce her husband to Tippy, he had already been adopted.

"People don't always stop to think, 'Maybe my lifestyle will be better with an older, more sedate cat than a kitten,'" White said. "In some ways, Tippy was the least likely to be adopted and in some ways he was the best one to adopt."

The MCHS had previously been responsible for the county's animal shelter, but that partnership ended in March. Now, the MCHS is primarily concentrating on placing dogs and cats with families, although White said that the group does occasionally take in other small furries, such as rabbits.

According to the Humane Society of the United States 2013 Annual Report, 118,328 animals were cared for last year by the Humane Society and its affiliates, through disaster relief, cruelty interventions, wildlife rehab centers and more. But that number doesn't count the local rescue groups around the country who work to protect, shelter, and rehabilitate animals and adopt them out to homes, including many in the southern Maryland area.

PetConnect, a group based in Potomac, is a mixed-breed rescue group who, like MCHS, focuses on dogs and cats. PetConnect's mission, according to Director of Operations Catherine Edwards, is to pull animals from shelters where they are in danger of being euthanized.

"We started as a grassroots effort in 2005," said Edwards. "We helped with Hurricane Katrina efforts, and we pull from local shelters as well as other states."

MCHS has a no-kill philosophy, according to White. He says that the Humane Society works with other shelters and groups in the area, taking dogs and cats that the other shelters don't have space for and placing them into adoptive families or foster homes. MCHS currently has between 18 and 20 staff members and is looking for volunteers to foster animals.

"Spring means kittens and puppies," White said. "People don't have their cats fixed, and suddenly as a result, you have

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Dissecting Comedy

Potomac author releases third book, "Poking a Dead Frog."

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

If you picked up a book titled "Poking a Dead Frog," might it be about biology, herpetology or even paleontology? Mike Sacks' latest book is about none of these. Instead it is a collection of his "Conversations with Today's Top Comedy Writers."

His title came from a quote by E.B. White who wrote in *The New Yorker*: "Humor can be dissected, as a frog can, but the thing dies in the process and the innards are discouraging to any but the pure scientific mind ... [Humor] won't stand much poking. It has a certain fragility, an evasiveness which one had best respect."

Sacks writes "... the crux is that the process can be fascinating to a certain type of person. Not the type who wants comedy dissected to the point of death, necessarily, but the type interested in understanding the art and business behind comedy; of what it takes, exactly to make a career out of attempting to induce laughter from complete strangers with only the words or images that you create ... And, as you will read here, it is a tough, yet fascinating life."

In "Poking a Dead Frog," Sacks compiles a wealth of revealing interviews with renown comedy writers including Amy Poehler, Mel Brooks, George Saunders, Bill Hader, Dan Guterma, Adam Resnick and James Downey. His book looks into the ups and downs of comedic writing – as well as behind-the-scenes in TV shows like *Saturday Night Live*.

"This book was a great excuse to converse with the best comedy writers of our time. After talking with some of the writers for more than 20 hours, I became friends with them. It was an amazing opportunity to interview someone like Mel Brooks – after all, I watched his movies at the theaters at White Flint," Sacks said.

Sacks is the son of Elaine and Jerry Sacks who reside in Potomac. He graduated from Churchill High School and Tulane University and now lives in New York City where he is a writer for *Vanity Fair* magazine and also a published humor author of "Your Wildest Dreams, Within Reason" and "And Here's the Kicker: Conversations with 21



Mike Sacks

Humor Writers About Their Craft."

He has had articles published in *GQ*, *The New Yorker*, *Time*, *Esquire*, *McSweeney's*, *Vanity Fair* and other magazines.

Sacks is married with a 5-year-old daughter who "can't believe all the green space when she comes to Potomac to visit her grandparents and to see where daddy grew up. We took her to Cabin John Park – nothing like it in Manhattan."

His father, Jerry Sacks, said, "Michael's mother and I are not

surprised that Mike has written for so many fine magazines. At *Churchill*, he wrote and edited for *Erehwon*, the literary magazine that won numerous national awards. Strange to think that he's gone from *Erehwon* to now working at *Vanity Fair* magazine in New York, and to teaching at many universities, including NYU, Yale, and Humber College in Toronto.

"He's become a mentor and adviser to many young writers who want to get into the field of comedy writing. From the latest book, we particularly enjoyed the interviews with screenwriter and novelist Bruce Jay Friedman, as well as the interview with 97-year-old Peg Lynch. Peg invented the modern sitcom form. Beyond that, she's incredibly sharp and still incredibly funny."

Growing up, Sacks did not aspire to become a comedian, although he did see a lot of comedy in D.C. as a youth. However, he was a fan of *Letterman*, *SNL*, *Monty Python* and sit-coms and has always been interested in the process and the writing.

His wry sense of humor is displayed at the end of his book by his author's photo. Instead of the typical glossy glamour-shot, the photo is of actor and friend Jon Hamm ("Mad Men") sitting at a typewriter in his

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BULLETIN BOARD

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PARKING

CashKeys has informed the county that the system is being permanently discontinued. Owners may continue to use their keys until the loaded balance is zero and/or turn in their key to receive the \$15 refundable deposit and any remaining value stored on the key. Turn-in locations are the Bethesda parking sales store (4720 Cheltenham Drive, inside the Cheltenham garage) and the Silver Spring parking sales store at 809 Ellsworth Ave. (inside Town Square garage). Alternatives include pay-by-phone, smart meter debit card, and for on-street meters in Bethesda, a credit card.

SIGN SWEEP

The county's **Department of Permitting Services (DPS)** is conducting a "sign sweep" to get rid of signs posted illegally in county right-of-ways. DPS plans to have regular sweeps throughout the year. Call 311 to report signs in the public right-of-way for removal.

THURSDAY/JULY 24

Grief and Healing Discussion.

1:30-3 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Join a drop-in discussion about grief and healing for anyone mourning the death of a loved one. Free and open to all Montgomery County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

Guided Imagery for Grief and Healing.

6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Learn how to use imagery to help cope with grief. Free and open to all Montgomery County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

TUESDAY/AUG. 5

Grief and Healing Discussion.

6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Join a drop-in discussion about grief and healing for anyone mourning the death of a loved one. Free and open to all Montgomery County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

MONDAY/AUG. 11

Grief Expression through Art.

6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. A two-session workshop (Aug. 11 and 18) for anyone grieving the death of a loved one, no art experience needed. Free and open to all Montgomery County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

THURSDAY/AUG. 14

Grieving Workshop for Men.

6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. A three-session workshop (Aug. 14, 21 and 28) about picking up the pieces through grieving led by men for men. Free and open to all Montgomery County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

THURSDAY/AUG. 21

Grief and Healing Discussion.



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Family Jazz Day

The United States Army Blues Band performs during Family Jazz Day at Glen Echo Park on Sunday, July 20.

1:30-3 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Join a drop-in discussion about grief and healing for anyone mourning the death of a loved one. Free and open to all Montgomery County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

FRIDAY/AUG. 22

Nomination Deadline.

The Montgomery County Office of Human Rights is accepting nominations for its Human Rights Hall of Fame. This year's theme is advancing new strategies for human and civil rights. Nominations should be individuals, living or deceased, whose ongoing work, service and contributions have had a positive effect on human and civil rights in the county. Nomination forms are available online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov or by calling the Office of Human Rights at 240-777-8456.

TUESDAY/AUG. 26

First Day of School. Montgomery County Public Schools. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org for more.

Hospice Workshop. 6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Learn about grieving mindfully, for anyone mourning the death of a loved one. Free and open to all Montgomery County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT 3

Applications Due. The Montgomery County Council is accepting applications for a position on the County Planning Board. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Sept. 3. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

Journaling and Grief Workshop. 6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. A two-session workshop (Sept. 4 and 11) focusing on the use of journaling as a technique to address grief. Led by

Hospice professional counselors. Participants must plan to attend both sessions. Free and open to all Montgomery County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 9

Grief and Healing Discussion.

6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Join a drop-in discussion about grief and healing for anyone mourning the death of a loved one. Free and open to all Montgomery County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

PUBLIC INPUT WANTED

Bethesda Downtown Plan. What does the ideal Bethesda look like? While it develops the Bethesda Downtown Plan, the county planning department is asking residents to take a survey on what sort of streets, gathering spaces and landscaping are best for each of the Bethesda neighborhoods. Survey results will help to inform the department's staff as they develop recommendations for the Bethesda Downtown Plan. This is not a scientific survey; it is for information-gathering purposes only. Participate online at www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/bethesda_downtown/vsurvey.shtm.

Bethesda Farm Women's Cooperative Market. The market, which has been at its current location at 7155 Wisconsin Ave. since the Great Depression, is taking a survey to find out from its customers how it can be even better; e.g., different vendors, different hours of operation. Take the survey at www.farmwomensmarket.com/customer-survey.html.

GUIDE DOG FOSTERS NEEDED

Guiding Eyes for the Blind - Montgomery Region is looking for volunteers to foster and train future guide dogs. Volunteers will foster a specially bred guide dog for 14

months, attend bi-monthly training classes, and teach the pup house manners, people skills and socialization within the community. Dog crates, training equipment and monthly medications are provided. Contact Margie Coccodrilli at 301-869-2216 or gebraiser@comcast.net or visit www.guidingeyes-md.org.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Adult Bereavement Groups. Dates and times vary depending on group members. Hospice Care, 518 S. Fredrick Ave. Gaithersburg. Peer driven support groups in those in need of support. Free. Contact Penny Gladhill at 301-990-8904, or Pennygh@hospicecaring.org.

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

The Montgomery Board of Elections needs election judges with basic IT and customer service skills to serve during the Nov. 4 general elections. Call the Board of Elections at 240-777-8533 or visit www.777vote.org.

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

There are **new school immunization requirements** for the 2014-2015 school year for students entering kindergarten and seventh grade. Students who do not show proof of the required immunizations will be excluded from attending school. Students entering kindergarten must have two varicella vaccinations. Students entering seventh grade must have one Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-attenuated pertussis) and one meningococcal (MCV4) vaccination before beginning seventh grade. A vaccination clinic for eligible children will be held Saturday, Aug. 23, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Montgomery County Public Schools' Carver Educational Center, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville. Appointments are required and can be made online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Resident/vaccination.html or by calling 311.

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Author Mike Sacks with his dogs.

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'Poking a Dead Frog'

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t-shirt.

He sums up his choice to become a writer: "Choosing a career as a writer is like joining the circus. You're off the path and into the woods. If you must know

exactly where you'll be at all times and where exactly you'll be in the future, get a job in an office complex in Gaithersburg, Md., which I did for a few years. It's not fun. So just enjoy yourself and keep your head down and keep moving forward and when you trip, get up. Keep doing it. Repeat. That's life."

Finding Homes for Animals

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a litter of kittens and you don't know what to do with them. We would really love people who are willing to take them while we look for forever homes."

PetConnect has a foster program as well, but four years ago, the group was given a five-acre farm by an anonymous benefactor. The farm, Muddy Paws Farm in Mount Airy, is home to many of the dogs that PetConnect takes in.

"We have seven to 12 dogs up there, on constant rotation," Edwards said. She said that the Muddy Paws caretaker, Tammy Mathis, has experience as a vet tech, and several area high school students with an interest in a veterinary career volunteer at the farm each summer.

PetConnect is 100 percent donation driven, according to Edwards. The group doesn't receive any funding from the government, and Edwards said that veterinary bills are its biggest expense. She said that PetConnect rescued a shih tzu named Buzz from a high kill animal shelter. When Buzz started coughing, Mathis took him to the vet, where he was diagnosed with an upper respiratory cough and was given an antibiotic. Over the period of a couple of days, Buzz's cough developed into pneumonia, which required critical care. Buzz's vet bills added up to about \$3,500. Edwards said that Buzz is now on the road to recovery and to being adopted by a family.

Edwards said that PetConnect pulled about 750 animals to safety last year, including adopting out 448 dogs and 221 cats.

According to White, MCHS tries to set up rabies clinics in economically disadvantaged areas of Mont-



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Tippy was adopted out to a family even though he is older than the age that adopters typically look for.

gomery County at least once a month, and they try to host microchip clinics once a month as well.

"Everybody should have vaccines. Everybody should have microchips," White said. "Microchips are like magic. If your dog or cat goes missing, the shelter can contact you."

Both MCHS and PetConnect claim that they are in need of volunteers to foster animals.

"The more fosters we have, the more animals can be saved," Edwards said. "If we work together, we can do more than anyone working individually."

For more information or to volunteer with the Montgomery County Humane Society, visit mchumane.org or call 240-252-2555.

For more information or to volunteer with PetConnect, visit petconnectrescue.org or call 1-877-838-9171.

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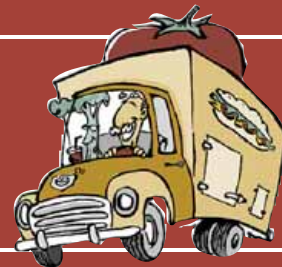
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Dubick Shares World Lax Championship Experience

Two-time All-American is committed to University of Maryland.

Louis Dubick has been an offensive playmaker since joining the Churchill boys' lacrosse team as a freshman. Whether scoring goals (he netted a career-high eight against Damascus last season) or distributing to teammates (he produced a career-high 10 assists against Springbrook as a sophomore), Dubick has amassed 346 points in three seasons.

Q&A

The two-time US Lacrosse All-American, who is committed to the University of Maryland, has helped lead Churchill to three consecutive 4A/3A West region championship game appearances, and a pair of region titles. Dubick recently participated in a Q and A via email.

Q: Did you recently take part in the World Lacrosse Championship with team Israel? What was that experience like?

Dubick: Yes, I flew out to Denver to help coach my little brother Eliot's Bethesda Lacrosse U9 team. While I was out there I was fortunate to play in four exhibition games with team Israel. I participated in exhibitions against the Netherlands, England, Turkey and Finland. The Turkey game was especially fun, as one of my Churchill assistant coaches, Bertan Unal, plays for Turkey and was covering me for part of the game. The whole atmosphere at the World Festival was amazing. The festivities were non-stop when it came to youth games, tournament games and lacrosse related vendors. It was an experience I will never forget.

Q: You're committed to the University of Maryland. What made Maryland the right fit for you?

Dubick: Maryland was the perfect fit for me: close to home, great coaching staff, all the guys are really tight knit, the academics are top flight. Being a third-generation legacy at Maryland (my dad and grandfather both played at UMD), the chance to play for an NCAA national championship and being on the "Maryland State" lacrosse



PHOTO BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC

Churchill rising senior Louis Dubick is committed to the University of Maryland.

team is something that really means a lot to me.

Q: At what age did you start playing lacrosse? When did you realize playing college lacrosse was a possibility for you?

Dubick: I started playing lacrosse when I was around 2 or 3 years old. I first realized playing college was a possibility when I made the Baltimore Crabs U-13 team, one of the prestigious clubs located in Baltimore.

Q: Do you play any other sports at Churchill?

Dubick: I have also been on the golf team at Churchill for all three years and look forward to being the captain this year.

Q: What is your favorite memory from your first three years of high school lacrosse?

Dubick: My favorite memory from my first three years of high school lacrosse for sure has been the two regional championships

that we have won during my first three years. The teams were composed of great guys that worked so hard, and that would do anything for one another. [Everyone worked] hard and that paid when winning the regional championship — that feeling is something I will never forget and hope to experience again next year.

Q: What kind of traits, physical or mental, does it take to be a good lacrosse player?

Dubick: I think the mental part of lacrosse is much more important than the physical part. Yes, depending on what you play, it is important to possess physical tools like quickness, speed, or strength. However, players like myself, who aren't the biggest or fastest, can still outsmart the defense by being in the right spot or making the right play. One can have the physical tools, but if they aren't smart with the ball or use their physical attributes to their advantage, they fall back in the pack of lacrosse players. I guess the appropriate answer to the ques-

tion would be in order to be a great lacrosse player, one should have some combination of smarts, skills, and athleticism.

Q: Who is your favorite music artist? Why?

Dubick: Probably Avicii, because I don't really know anyone else. I'm the last guy to put his phone in the speakers during pre-game.

Q: What is your favorite movie? Why?

Dubick: "Zero Dark Thirty." It was really cool to see such a big day in the lives of Americans put into film.

Q: What is your favorite food?

Dubick: Hot dogs and baked beans, it has been my go to since I was a little kid.

Q: Do you enjoy video games? If so, which is your favorite?

Dubick: I rarely have time to play video games in between the shooting, workouts, games, and coaching, but when I do get a chance, FIFA is always the game that is in.

Q: What is your favorite hobby outside of lacrosse?

Dubick: Favorite hobby outside lacrosse is definitely golf. After lacrosse season it's nice to get a change of pace in. It's a very relaxing game and always a good time to just hang out on the course.

Q: What location is the farthest you have traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?

Dubick: This is a really weak answer, but Los Angeles. Unfortunately, I have never been out of the country.

Q: Are you a pro sports fan? If so, who are your favorite teams?

Dubick: I enjoy watching pro sports. My teams are the Ravens and Wizards. I am much more of a college guy, though. I love the Terps.

— JON ROETMAN

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Members of the Colgate University class of 2014 received their diplomas May 19. Graduates include: **Avery Albert, Rebecca Murphy, Christopher Neumann, and Caitlin Zolet** of Potomac

Vikram Kulkarni graduated May 17 from Rice University with an M.S. in Physics.

Jonathan Smith, graduated May 17 from Rice University with a B.S. in Bioengineering.

Rosina Falcone earned an M.S. in curriculum and instruction from The University of Scranton on May 31.

Samuel Margolis was recognized for academic excellence for the 2014 spring semester at Washington College.

Muriel Enders, Meraz Mostafa and **Victoria Study** made dean's list at the University of Vermont.

Seven Montgomery County Public Schools students have earned college- and university-sponsored National Merit Scholarships in the latest round of awards from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The local recipients are **Rachel S. Casper, Benjamin B. Talisman** and **Carson E. Lystad**.

Adam Rosenberg and **Amanda Shapiro** graduated from James Madison University on May 10, 2014.

Cristina Gonzalez and **Tim Nardi** earned degrees from Mount St. Mary's University.

Hannah Roop and **Genevieve Austin** were named to the dean's list for the spring 2014 semester at Wheaton College.

Nicolas S. O'Brien was named to first honors on the Clark University dean's list for the spring 2014 semester.

Yana Kost and **Casey Ebner** have been named to the Cornell University College of Arts and Sciences' dean's list for spring semester 2014.

William Dorfman, Keith Henry, Jenna Jach, Jarrett Levin, Victoria Nadel, Laura Sperling and **Olivia Stanhope** have been named to the University of Delaware's dean's list for the 2014 spring semester.

Max Greenberg made the deans list at Widener University for the spring 2014 semester.

Michael Papirmeister graduated from Hofstra University in May 2014, earning a BA in public relations.

Arielle Barnett graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in international relations and Spanish from Bucknell University.

Nick Lee graduated from Messiah College with a degree in communications.

Wama Gbetibouo and **Nina Mohebbi** made the dean's list at The Georgia Institute of Technology.

Caroline Perry and **Jennifer Sze** made dean's list at the University of Findlay for the spring 2014 semester.

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The following students participated in "The Big Event," Salisbury University's community cleanup project: **Amanda Leaird, Daniel Bell, Erica Hoffman, Katlyn Horstkamp, Najee Rodgers, Sergio Navarrete, Vincent Peratrovich, Sarah Armentrout, Sarah Radonick, Katherine Buckeridge, Melissa Wainaina, Miyanda Muntanga, Brooke Ballenger, Hellina Hilete, Brenna Noone, Patrick Lockwood, Kelsey King, Grant Chalfin, Jordyn Walker, Adam Dooley, Chris Mejia, Joniece Hymes, Melissa Riley, Ryan Sartschev, Maytal Adato, Sarah Hoffman Vander Hoek, David Rueda, Michelle Callahan, Hillary Wasik, Kelsey Hickey, Samantha Holt and Niki Karun.**

Rebecca Bader graduated from the University of Hartford with a B.S. in early childhood education.

Meredith Newman and **Carl Sperling** made the dean's list for spring 2013-2014 semester at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Rebecca Bader was named to the dean's list at the University of Hartford.

Gregory Tabb received a diploma from Fairfield University on May 18, 2014.

Joy Suslov received a master of arts in teaching at Rider University's 149th commencement ceremony.

The following local students were named to the spring 2014 dean's list at Wake Forest University: **Jane Alexander, Emma Anderson, Chi Kit Cheong, Justin Cinkala, Allison Durham, Haley Funger, Jonna Rautsola, Hannah Suttle, Daniel Wadler, Allison Ward and Caroline Warren.**

Jennifer Ainsworth Joseph Kale and **Katherine Lunceford** have been named to the dean's list at Bucknell University.

Lauren Garfinkle graduated from Ithaca College.

Sophie Jacobson graduated from Washington University with a B.S. in electrical engineering.

Amelia Oliver received New England Small College Athletic Conference All-Academic distinction for the spring 2014 season.

Arya J. Mortazavi graduated from Colby College with a degree in economics.

John Strong graduated from Denison University.

Emilie Beller has been named to the dean's list at Hartwick College.

Roy Zhou was named to the merit list of Oxford College.

Colleen Krizan and **Celia Lichtman** have been named to the dean's list at Frostburg State University.

Joshua Foreman, Lindsey Max, Gabrielle Siegel and **Aubrey Tingle** were named to the dean's list of Emory College.

Dora Dmitriev was named to the dean's list at Pratt Institute.

Alice Xu was named to the honor list of Oxford College.

Jonathan Jang, Jennifer Klein, Kara Raphael, Jordan Siegel, Jaymi Solomon and **Jennifer Weissman** received a degree from Emory University.

Crispen Muessle and **Caroline Slowinski** are members of the Alpha Lambda Delta honor society at Bucknell University.

Amanda N. Corwin was named to the spring 2014 dean's list at Colby College.

Emily Matthews has been named to the spring 2014 dean's list at University of the Sciences.

Jenna Eisenberger, Haley Funger, Charles Garner and **Olivia Kleinman** graduated from Wake Forest University.

Matthew Baris was admitted to the University of Vermont's honors college.

Maxwell Seigel received honors at McDaniel College.

Charles Castle was named to the dean's list at Fairfield University.

Kath Ling is spending the summer

on an internship with Riddle's Elephant and Wildlife Sanctuary in Greenbrier, Ark. Ling is a recipient of a 2014 Lawrence University Summer Volunteer Opportunity Grant.

Fourteen Montgomery County Public Schools students have received National Merit Scholarships in the latest round of awards sponsored by universities and colleges. The latest winners are: **Aditya D. Dash** of Winston Churchill High School, **Uday Misra** of Thomas S. Wootton High School and **Alice T. Zhou** of Thomas S. Wootton High School.

Joseph Kale is conducting an undergraduate research project, Google

Glass interactivity framework: exploration and development of location feedback, with Professor Michael Thompson this summer at Bucknell University. The Bucknell Program for Undergraduate Research is a university-wide program providing summer stipends to students to conduct research with faculty mentors. Kale, who is the son of Joseph and Jill Kale and a graduate of Winston Churchill High School, is a junior majoring in computer engineering at Bucknell.

Caroline Chiaramonte and **Anna Panyutin** have been named to the 2014 dean's list at Loyola University Maryland.



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by Michael Matese

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Seller's Responsibilities: Include passing clear title of the property, maintaining the present condition until closing, making any agreed upon repairs.

What Stays: What fixtures and personal property remain after closing? Make your list written, not verbal and be specific. If you ask for the curtains for example, make sure you include the hardware that holds them up.

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2 13141 Brushwood Way — \$1,275,000



5 22 Masters Court — \$1,200,000



7 11801 Glen Mill Road — \$1,125,000



9 12004 Gregerscroft Road — \$1,120,000

Address BR FB HB ... Postal City .. Sold Price Type Lot AC .. PostalCode Subdivision Date Sold

1	10036 CHARTWELL MANOR CT	3 .. 4 .. 2	POTOMAC	...	\$1,287,500	....	Detached	....	0.28	.....	20854	.....	AVENEL	.....	05/30/14
2	13141 BRUSHWOOD WAY	..... 5 .. 4 .. 2	POTOMAC	...	\$1,275,000	....	Detached	....	2.02	.....	20854	.....	TRAVILAH MEADOWS	.....	05/30/14
3	9810 GLYNESHIRE WAY	..... 5 .. 4 .. 1	POTOMAC	...	\$1,260,000	....	Detached	....	0.41	.....	20854	.....	CLAGETT FARM	.....	05/19/14
4	10000 FLOWER GATE TER	..... 5 .. 4 .. 1	POTOMAC	...	\$1,200,000	....	Detached	....	0.39	.....	20854	.....	AVENEL	.....	05/12/14
5	22 MASTERS CT	..... 4 .. 2 .. 2	POTOMAC	...	\$1,200,000	....	Detached	....	0.47	.....	20854	.....	RIVER FALLS	.....	05/13/14
6	12216 SELINE WAY	..... 5 .. 4 .. 1	POTOMAC	...	\$1,180,000	....	Detached	....	0.50	.....	20854	.....	FALLSREACH	.....	05/23/14
7	11801 GLEN MILL RD	..... 5 .. 4 .. 1	POTOMAC	...	\$1,125,000	....	Detached	....	1.25	.....	20854	.....	POTOMAC OUTSIDE	.....	05/01/14
8	10601 GAINSBOROUGH RD	.. 4 .. 3 .. 2	POTOMAC	...	\$1,125,000	....	Detached	....	0.29	.....	20854	.....	WINDSOR HILLS	.....	05/29/14
9	12004 GREGERSCROFT RD	... 4 .. 4 .. 1	POTOMAC	...	\$1,120,000	Detached	0.35	20854	GLEN OAKS	05/29/14

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BUSINESS

Email announcements to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos and artwork welcome.

The Montgomery County police, Office of Consumer Protection, State's Attorney's Office, Maryland Home Improvement Commission (MHIC), Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the police departments of neighboring jurisdictions are joining forces to file criminal charges against unlicensed contractors who have victimized homeowners. Check the contractor's complaint records with the Office of Consumer Protection at 240-777-3636 or www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ocp/, the Better Business Bureau at 202-393-8000 or www.bbb.org/washington-dc-eastern-pa/.

Hands-on science, math, engineering and arts activities are coming to the **Davis library**, made possible through a partnership between **Montgomery County the Kids International Discovery (KID) Museum**. The program, for children 6-14 years old, is expected to open next fall. There will be an \$8 admission fee and discounts for school groups and other organized visits.

Montgomery County received a "best in category" 2014 achievement award for its ePermits apply online program by the The National Association of Counties. The award was based on the ePermits program's "exceptional results and unique innovations."

The **Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA)** has established a comprehensive website (roads.maryland.gov) that provides information about the ongoing construction project at the intersection of Cedar Lane

and Rockville Pike. SHA expects to complete the project and reopen Cedar Lane by Aug. 22.

The County Department of Transportation has put out a request for proposals from vendors to install solar panels on 12 county parking garages in Bethesda, Silver Spring and Wheaton. Proposals are due by Sept. 5, and one or more vendors will be picked in early 2015. Construction would begin in the second quarter of that year. Visit montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Parking/Files/SolarRFEP.html for bid forms.

The Montgomery County Planning Department is considering a private proposal to establish a new arts center in Woodmont Triangle, backed by the owner of Union Hardware. A major part of the new arts center would be on Norfolk Avenue between Woodmont and Wisconsin Avenue. Visit <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/> for more.

The Public Technology Institute (PTI) has honored Montgomery County with a 2013-2014 Technology Solutions Award for its bikeshare station site identification and property verification program. Call 240-777-7170 or visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bikeshare/index.html> for more.

Groundbreaking recently took place for a new **North Potomac community recreation center** at 13860 Travilah Road. The center will include a full-size and auxiliary gymnasium, weight and exercise room, social hall, kitchen, senior and community lounge, arts and kiln room, game room and conference room. The center is expected to be completed in winter 2016.

HOME SALES

In June 2014, 68 Potomac homes sold between \$2,500,000-\$419,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,500,000-\$759,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewsletters.com

Address	BR.	FB.	HB	...	Postal	City	...	Sold Price	Type	...	Lot AC	Postal	Code	...	Subdivision
10401 STAPLEFORD HALL DR	5	6	3			POTOMAC		\$2,500,000	Detached		2.08	20854			KENTS DALE ESTATES
8816 TWIN CREEK CT	5	4	3			ROCKVILLE		\$2,440,000	Detached		2.00	20854			FALCONHURST
8165 FALLS RD	5	6	3			POTOMAC		\$2,438,000	Detached		0.92	20854			PAWCETT FARMS
11505 LAKE POTOMAC DR	6	6	1			POTOMAC		\$2,338,000	Detached		2.08	20854			LAKE POTOMAC
11210 MARWOOD HILL DR	7	7	1			POTOMAC		\$1,900,000	Detached		0.99	20854			MARWOOD
10519 RIVERS BEND LN	5	4	2			POTOMAC		\$1,700,000	Detached		1.22	20854			MARWOOD
10409 SHEPHERDS CROOK CT	5	4	1			POTOMAC		\$1,670,000	Detached		0.94	20854			POTOMAC OUTSIDE
10635 WILLOWBROOK DR	4	4	1			POTOMAC		\$1,665,000	Detached		0.47	20854			KENTS DALE ESTATES
11712 LAKE POTOMAC DR	7	5	1			POTOMAC		\$1,590,000	Detached		2.00	20854			LAKE POTOMAC
11844 BEEKMAN PL	6	7	2			POTOMAC		\$1,400,000	Detached		0.92	20854			GLEN MILL VILLAGE
9726 MEYER POINT DR	5	3	1			POTOMAC		\$1,390,000	Detached		0.47	20854			AVENEL
9706 CLAGETT FARM DR	5	4	1			POTOMAC		\$1,328,000	Detached		0.20	20854			CLAGETT FARM
9441 TOBIN CIR	5	4	2			POTOMAC		\$1,288,767	Detached		0.52	20854			MCMAULEY PARK
13805 LONGACRES PRESERVE CT	6	4	1			POTOMAC		\$1,281,469	Detached		2.69	20854			DARNESTOWN OUTSIDE
10027 CHARTWELL MANOR CT	5	3	2			POTOMAC		\$1,265,000	Detached		0.48	20854			AVENEL
20 BEMAN WOODS CT	3	4	1			POTOMAC		\$1,247,500	Detached		0.16	20854			AVENEL
10604 CLOVERBROOK DR	5	4	1			POTOMAC		\$1,190,000	Detached		0.44	20854			PINEY GLEN VILLAGE
13612 MAIDSTONE LN	5	4	2			POTOMAC		\$1,172,500	Detached		2.06	20854			RIVERS EDGE
10601 CROSSING CREEK RD	4	4	1			ROCKVILLE		\$1,125,000	Detached		0.33	20854			EAST GATE OF POTOMAC
7810 HIDDEN MEADOW TER	4	3	1			POTOMAC		\$1,112,500	Townhouse		0.11	20854			RIVER FALLS
12409 BEALL SPRING RD	5	5	1			POTOMAC		\$1,100,000	Detached		2.25	20854			BEALLMOUNT
9801 HALL RD	6	4	1			ROCKVILLE		\$1,100,000	Detached		0.47	20854			POTOMAC OUTSIDE
9501 WINDCROFT WAY	4	4	1			POTOMAC		\$1,065,000	Detached		0.37	20854			FALLS REACH
10408 WINDSOR VIEW DR	6	3	2			POTOMAC		\$1,050,000	Detached		0.37	20854			WINDSOR HILLS
9105 CRANFORD DR	4	4	1			POTOMAC		\$999,250	Detached		0.28	20854			PINE KNOLLS
11833 HUNTING RIDGE CT	5	4	1			POTOMAC		\$975,000	Detached		0.40	20854			GLEN OAKS
10012 WEATHERWOOD CT	5	3	1			POTOMAC		\$965,000	Detached		0.36	20854			GLEN OAKS
10912 BELLS RIDGE DR	6	5	1			POTOMAC		\$947,000	Semi-Detached		0.12	20854			BELLS MILL ESTATES
9501 ACCORD DR	6	5	1			POTOMAC		\$932,000	Detached		0.50	20854			POTOMAC OUTSIDE
9512 HUNTER CREEK TRL	5	2	2			POTOMAC		\$917,103	Detached		0.34	20854			FOX HILLS
9328 WINTERSSET DR	4	3	1			POTOMAC		\$910,000	Detached		0.35	20854			WINTERSSET
7 VICTORY CT	5	3	1			ROCKVILLE		\$900,000	Detached		0.76	20854			BEVERLY FARMS
9465 TURNBERRY DR	3	3	1			POTOMAC		\$900,000	Townhouse		0.09	20854			AVENEL
11206 TILDENCREST CT	3	2	2			POTOMAC		\$895,000	Townhouse		0.06	20854			POTOMAC CREST
8809 QUIET STREAM CT	5	3	0			POTOMAC		\$869,000	Detached		0.35	20854			EAST GATE OF POTOMAC
11217 FALL RIVER CT	5	4	1			POTOMAC		\$855,000	Detached		0.32	20854			PINE KNOLLS
9625 TRAILRIDGE TER	4	3	1			POTOMAC		\$830,000	Detached		0.37	20854			ROBERTS GLEN
10820 PEBBLE BROOK LN	5	3	1			POTOMAC		\$805,000	Detached		0.31	20854			FOX HILLS
12005 TRAILRIDGE DR	4	2	1			POTOMAC		\$776,000	Detached		0.25	20854			FALLS REACH
10109 COLEBROOK AVE	4	2	1			POTOMAC		\$775,000	Detached		0.24	20854			BEDFORDSHIRE
12246 SAINT JAMES RD	4	3	1			POTOMAC		\$775,000	Detached		0.36	20854			GLEN PARK
11615 MILBURN DR	4	3	1			POTOMAC		\$775,000	Detached		0.34	20854			REGENCY ESTATES
1407 STRATTON DR	4	3	1			POTOMAC		\$765,000	Detached		0.26	20854			POTOMAC WOODS
10324 DEMOCRACY LN	4	2	1			POTOMAC		\$760,000	Townhouse		0.12	20854			EAST GATE OF POTOMAC
9100 ORCHARD BROOK DR	4	2	1			POTOMAC		\$759,000	Detached		0.30	20854			POTOMAC COMMONS
10 SCOTCH MIST CT	5	3	1			POTOMAC		\$750,000	Detached		0.23	20854			POTOMAC WOODS EAST
1013 SAMPLERS WAY	3	2	1			POTOMAC		\$749,000	Detached		0.26	20854			ORCHARD RIDGE
2 BUNKER CT	4	2	1			ROCKVILLE		\$749,000	Detached		0.29	20854			FALLSMEAD

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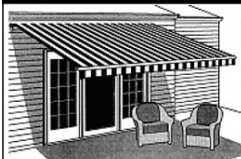
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A Battle— Hopefully Not to the Premature Death

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



One of my ongoing major concerns is the
origin of the miscellaneous symptoms I
irregularly experience. Obviously I don't
want to think they're cancer-related, so
assessing them becomes minding what
potentially matters. Moreover, since I don't
want to believe the cancer is actually harm-
ing me, convincing myself that what I feel
might be important to share with my oncol-
ogist is almost a fool's errand. Though I've
been in this situation going on nearly five and
one half years now, I am still stubborn and
stupid about my reality. And though I further
realize that pretending doesn't work, and
denial is hard to maintain when you receive
chemotherapy every three weeks, still,
accepting the various symptoms as cancer
has been too scary for me to consider; so I
haven't/don't.

Perhaps it's the treatment (I tell myself
constantly), and the cumulative effect on my
body of non-stop chemotherapy every three
weeks for five-plus years, save for a year
when I was able to take a "targeted therapy"
pill, Tarceva, at home every day, that is mani-
festing itself? As I may have joked, being a
cancer patient is all it's cracked up to be. In
one delivery system or another, I have been
receiving treatment for almost 64 months. It
seems only logical that my body would at
some juncture begin to feel the effects from
that kind of long-term exposure, though my
lab work doesn't necessarily reflect it, other
than for the kidney and liver issues with
which you regular readers are familiar. I
would imagine there has to be some wear-
and-tear-type fatigue. I mean, 64 months of
fairly toxic materials swirling around in your
blood system and interacting with all your
organs; not exactly a recipe for normalcy. It
can't be one big happy family in there, if you
know what I mean. There has to be some
disagreements. So far, however, apparently
not; at least as indicated by my labs and
scans, which if certain levels changed would
likely warrant a retreat of some kind.

Perhaps what I feel is simply my age. How
would I know? I've never been this age
before; but certainly it's possible, maybe
even probable. For all I know, this is what age
60 feels like. Maybe all that I feel – and all
that I worry about – is simply the aging proc-
ess, and this allows me to rationalize away
my worst fears. Or, and this is the worst-case
scenario, the age symptoms could be mask-
ing the cancer symptoms, and yours truly
continuing to do nothing about either is way
past pretending and denying; it's almost irre-
sponsible, and disrespectful even, to the
efforts being made – by myself and others, to
keep me alive. After all, keeping a stage IV,
non-small cell lung cancer/terminal patient
alive for as long as I've survived doesn't
exactly happen by accident. Stage IV lung
cancer is a killer, almost always, and one's
amazing good fortune shouldn't be taken for
granted.

Shouldn't I be paying closer attention
here? If I feel something, shouldn't I allow my
oncologist the opportunity to evaluate me?
Who am I, a writer/salesperson, to determine
what is medically significant (cancer-related),
and what is not (age-related)? As I've said a
hundred times in my life, I know about two
things: sports and chocolate, neither of which
has much to do with cancer and its treat-
ment. Concerning science and medicine, I
know very little. Usually at least, I know
enough to follow directions. Therefore, if I've
been told to do something (by my doc-
tor/health care team), maybe it's time I did.
It's likely to be important living forward,
especially considering I've reached an age no
one expected me to be.

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Email community entertainment events to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

Collegiate Baseball League.

Through Saturday, July 26, the Bethesda Big Train plays its season at the Shirley Povich Field in Cabin John Regional Park, 10600 Westlake Drive. The Big Train plays in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, a wooden-bat collegiate league that has sent athletes to Major League Baseball. Visit www.bigtrain.org.

Art Gallery. Through Sunday, July 27 at The Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Exhibition hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday. Closed Monday. "Sweet Indulgence," solo exhibition of oil paintings by Maryland artist Jennifer Kahn Barlow. Free and open to the public. Visit www.strathmore.org/fineartsexhibitions.

Theater. Through July 27. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. A rendition of "The Music Man." Adults: \$22; seniors and students: \$20. Visit <http://rockville.ticketleap.com/the-music-man/> to by tickets.

Art Exhibit. Through Aug. 8. "Botanica 2014: The Art & Science of Plants" at the Brookside Gardens Visitors Center, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Drawings and paintings by students and teachers in the Brookside Gardens School of Botanical Art & Illustration. Exhibit is free, although most works are available for purchase.

Children's Theater. Through Sunday, Aug. 10, Imagination Stage presents "The BFG" at the Lerner Family Theatre, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Best for ages 5-10. Based on Roald Dahl's book about the big friendly giant, this play incorporates puppetry, visuals and storytelling. Tickets start at \$10. Visit www.imaginationstage.org or call 301-280-1660.

Faculty Invitational Exhibition.

Through Aug. 10. Saturdays and Sundays, noon-6 p.m. at the Popcorn Gallery and Stone Tower Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Features works by Glen Echo Park Faculty members. Free. Visit www.glenechopark.org.

Artist Talk. Fridays through Aug 17. 7-9 p.m. at Visarts, 155 Gibbs Street, Rockville. Talk with different artists about their exhibits Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/gallery for a list of exhibits.

Kids Night. Wednesdays through Aug. 20. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Rockville Town Square, 30 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Musical performances and magic shows. Free. Visit <http://rockvilletownsquare.com/events/kids-night/> for more.

Movies on the Square. Thursdays through Aug. 21. at sundown (roughly 8:30 p.m.) at Rockville Town Square, 30 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Bring a lawn chair and family and friends for favorite films under the stars. Free. Visit <http://rockvilletownsquare.com/events/movie-night/> for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Aug. 25. Saturdays 1-4 p.m., Sundays 1-8 p.m. at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Mimi Levine: Retrospective. Reception, Aug. 10. 4-6 p.m. Free. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

Family Game Day. Tuesdays, through Aug. 28, 3 p.m. at Potomac Library. Bring the family and enjoy a family

game day. Children 5 and up and their families. Free. Visit montgomerycountymd.gov.

Dance Concert. Through Aug. 29. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at 3 Bethesda Metro Ctr., Bethesda. An outdoor concert with live music. Free. Parking \$2. Visit www.facebook.com/3BethesdaMetroCenterFreeOutdoorDanceConcerts/info for more.

Pinkalicious Show. Through Aug. 31. Most shows on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays at Adventure Theater, 7300 MacArthur Blvd Glen Echo. Pinkalicious can't stop eating pink cupcakes and ends up turning pink. Visit <http://www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org> for more.

Art Walk in the Park. Every second Friday through October, 6-8 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Artist demonstrations, refreshments, open studios and galleries. Free. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Carousel Tours. 10:30 a.m. through Sept. 30; 3:30 p.m., Oct. 1 through April 30. Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. These tours give visitors a closer look at the park's fully-restored 1921 Dentzel carousel. Hear about the civil rights protests and the story of how the town rallied together to save the carousel. Park history tours can be arranged by reservation only. Free. Visit nps.gov/glec.

Weekly Blues Dance. Thursdays 8:15-11:30 p.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Capital Blues presents rotating DJs and instructors with beginner workshop 8:15-9 p.m., no partner necessary. \$8 for all. Visit <http://capitalblues.org> for more.

Weekly Contra Dances. Fridays, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. The Friday Night Dancers present Contra dancing as well as some square dances and waltzes. Contra dance lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m. followed by the called dance to live music from 8:30 to 11:30 pm. Beginners are always welcome. Admission: \$10 / \$5 age 17 and under. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Weekly Swing Dance. Saturdays, 8 p.m.-midnight. The DC Lindy Exchange presents a swing dance with live music in the historic Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Enjoy a beginner swing dance lesson at 8 p.m. (included in admission), followed by dancing until midnight. Admission is \$16-\$18; Aug. 30 admission for age 17 and under \$12. Visit www.glenechopark.org.

Argentine Tango with Lessons. Most Sundays 6:30-11 p.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Tango Brillante DC offers Argentine Tango lessons followed by a Milonga most Sunday evenings. Beginner lesson 6:30-7:30 p.m. and intermediate lesson 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15/lesson and includes the Milonga that follows. For dancers who wish to attend just the Milonga, cost is \$10 and the open dance with DJ runs 8:30-11 p.m. No partner required. Visit www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2222.

Contra and Square Dance. Sundays 7-10:30 p.m. in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents traditional American contra dancing. The evening can include square dances, mixers, waltzes and other couple dances. All Contras and Square dances are taught, no partner is necessary. There is a lesson at 7 p.m., followed by the called dance with live music starting at 7:30. \$13 nonmembers, \$10 PSGW members, \$5 ages 17 and under. Visit

CHILDREN'S THEATER

Tiny Tots. 10 a.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Shows are shorter, the lights stay on, and the doors stay open. The Puppet Co. presents "Tiny Tots @ 10:00," a program designed for our youngest theater patrons (ages 0-4). Running time is 30 minutes. Tickets \$5, everyone (including babes-in-arms). No online fees. Pre-purchases are strongly recommended. Visit www.thepuppetco.org or call 301-634-5380. ♦ Saturday, July 26 — "Mother Goose Caboose" ♦ Sunday, July 27 — "Penguin's Playground" ♦ Wednesday, July 30 — "Merlin's Magic"

The 2014-2015 season of **Imagination Stage's theater for children** begins in late September and runs through August 2015. Shows at Imagination Stage run approximately 90 minutes, including one intermission. Performance times are Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 and 4 p.m., with occasional Saturday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. performances. Dates and titles below subject to change. Subscriptions are available for \$54-90. Flex packs for seven or more can also be purchased. Single tickets, priced \$10-30, go on sale Aug. 11. Call 301-280-1660 or visit www.imaginationstage.org. ♦ "The Night Fairy," Sept. 24-Oct. 26, features a fairy with damaged wings who has to make new friends. Best for ages 4-10. ♦ "101 Dalmatians," Nov. 19-Jan. 11, 2015, tells the story of Dalmatian parents who set off on a rescue after Cruella de Vil kidnaps the puppies. Best for ages 4-10. ♦ "Wiley and the Hairy Man," Feb. 4-March 8, 2015. This traditional tall tale tells of Wiley who lives in fear of the Hairy Man who lurks in the swamp. Best for ages 6-12. ♦ "Sinbad: The Untold Tale," April 8-May 31, 2015. When a mysterious cloud descends upon Baghdad, putting all of the adults to sleep, two children must go on a quest. Best for ages 5-12. ♦ "Double Trouble," June 24-Aug. 9, 2015. Lottie and Lisa are 10-year-old twins being raised separately by their divorced parents. When they meet and switch places, the adventure begins. Best for ages 5-10.

www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2222.

Late Night Comedy. Fridays (open mic night) and Saturdays (established comedians) at Benny's Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Benny's is open 8 a.m.-1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Visit www.BennysBarGrill.com.

Drop in Art Activities. Every Saturday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Candy Corner Studio at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., parents and children can explore a new art form or theme. \$10/child, parent combo. Drop-in only. Visit www.pgip.org for more.

Live Music & Dancing. 7-11 p.m. in Margery's Lounge, Normandie Farm Restaurant 10710 Falls Road, Potomac. Dance to the music of Barry Gurley on Fridays and Saturdays. Call 301-983-8838 or visit popovers.com for more.

Glen Echo Park Films. Saturdays and Sundays. Arcade Building, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Films about the Park's history are shown on rotation in the lobby. Free. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

SilverWorks Studio & Gallery. Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. SilverWorks Studio & Gallery is a working silversmith studio and includes an ongoing exhibition, as well as sales of the work of artist-in-residence Blair Anderson. Free. Visit silverworksglenechopark.org.

Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery. Saturdays and Sundays, noon-5 p.m. The Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery presents free exhibitions of emerging artists' work. Each weekend features the work of a different artist. Most artwork is also for sale. Visit yellowbarnstudio.com for more.

THROUGH SATURDAY/JULY 26

Bethesda Outdoor Movies. 9 p.m. Takes place at corner of Norfolk and Auburn avenues. Free. Visit www.bethesda.org for schedule.

THURSDAY/JULY 24

Tim & The Space Cadets. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Strathmore Backyard Theater for Children, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. The children's musical group Tim and the Space Cadets will perform songs at the Backyard Theater Stage. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.strathmore.org/

education/currentprograms.asp for more.

Outdoor Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues. Texas Chainsaw Horns play classic R&B and soul. Free. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

BEGINS THURSDAY/JULY 24

"Little Red & the Pigs." Through Aug. 31. at The Puppet Co., 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo. The Big Bad Wolf tells his story through rap. The show has lots of audience participation. Visit <http://www.thepuppetco.org> for more.

FRIDAY/JULY 25

Creativity Can Challenge. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Toy Castle, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Cans filled with supplies so children can create anything they want. Visit www.creativitycan.com or www.toycastlepotomac.com for more.

FRIDAY/JULY 25-MONDAY/AUG. 25

Mimi Levine Retrospective. Reception and Gallery Talk: Sunday, Aug. 10, 4-6 p.m. Photoworks Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Photoworks presents a retrospective of the work of Mimi Levine. Free. Visit www.glenechopark.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 26

Grow it, Eat it Open House. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Montgomery County Extension Agriculture Park, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood. Learn about starting or continuing a garden, controlling pests, tool maintenance, and more. Registration required for food preservation class. Free, but donations accepted. Visit <http://extension.umd.edu/growit/montgomery-county-vegetable-gardening-classes-and-events>.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 26-27

Montgomery County Farm Tour and Harvest Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Help celebrate Montgomery County's agricultural heritage and taste local farm fresh foods. Sponsored by the Department of Economic Development. Visit

www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

TUESDAY/JULY 29

Hooray for Hollywood. 2-3:30 p.m. at 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda. Great movie songs of the 1930s and 1940s. \$20. Visit <http://liveandlearnbethesda.org/> for more.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 30

An Introduction to Water Gardening.

1-2:30 p.m. at Visitors Center Adult Classroom at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Brookside Gardens is holding a course on water gardening with step by step instructions and local resources. Fee: \$6, FOBG: \$5. Course #270601. Registration required at www.ParkPASS.org. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

Live music. 7 p.m. Gudelsky Concert Pavilion, the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. The Chuck Brown All Star Go-Go Band plays funk and soul as part of the Strathmore Free Summer Outdoor Concert Series. Visit www.strathmore.org for more info.

THURSDAY/JULY 31

Asanga Domask/Serendib Dance in Rhythm of Lanka. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Strathmore Backyard Theater, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. The Strathmore Backyard Theater for Children presents a performance by a new dance company dedicated to Sri Lankan traditional and folk dance. \$8. Visit www.strathmore.org/education/currentprograms.asp.

WEDNESDAYS-SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

Great Falls Tavern, Mule-Drawn Canal Boat Rides. 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. Boat rides along the historic C&O Canal. Visit www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/great-falls-canal-boat-rides.htm

SATURDAYS-SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

Glen Echo Park's 1921 Dentzel Carousel 12-6 p.m. Rides on the historic carousel at Glen Echo Park. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 2

Riley's Rumble Half-Marathon. A half marathon through rural Montgomery County for experienced runners. Visit www.mccrc.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 3

Waltz Dance. 2:45-6 p.m. Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Waltz Time presents a beginning waltz lesson from 2:45-3:30 p.m., followed by an afternoon of waltzes and other couples dances to live music. No partner required. Admission \$10. Visit www.glenechopark.org.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 6

Live music. 7 p.m. at the Gudelsky Concert Pavilion, the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Vocalist and guitarist Cathy Ponton King performs as part of the Strathmore. Free Summer Outdoor Concert Series. Visit www.strathmore.org.

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Furry Friends

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A gathering of furry — and human — friends: Louie, a Wire Hair Fox Terrier; Caspar, a West Highland Terrier; Biscuit, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel; and Fin, a Border Terrier. The humans, sisters Angela Corio and Diana Cunningham, are holding the menagerie of dogs at October's Blessing of the Animals, Feast of St. Francis near his statue at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Rockville.

Animal Services and MCPAW Working To Make a Difference

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'We Just Have To Be Dedicated and Focused'

County Animal Services and MCPAW work on making a difference in the area.

BY KARA COLEMAN
THE ALMANAC

Allan Cohen has a lofty goal. Cohen, chairman of Montgomery County Partners for Animals Wellbeing (MCPAW), said that his organization would ultimately like to provide free spay and neuter services to every pet in Montgomery County. "Right now we're in the process of tackling the feral cat population," Cohen said. "The number of feral cats is huge. This is a big problem all over, but especially in Montgomery County."

MCPAW was created as a partner with the county to promote and supplement funding for the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center, which opened March 1. While the center is funded primarily by the county, MCPAW works to help meet the shelter's other financial needs and provide animal education and resources to the community.

The center is the only open admission shelter in Montgomery County now, according to center representative Katherine Zenzano. That means the shelter accepts any type of animal that is dropped off at the shelter or that officers get called out to pick up.

"We have dogs and cats, but we also have ferrets, chickens, and even sugar gilders," Zenzano said.

The Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center took over the contract that was previously held by the Montgomery County Humane Society and is operated by the county Department of Police, Ani-



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The Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center opened its new facility in March.



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During an adoption event earlier this month, Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center and MCPAW placed 16 dogs in homes.



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The Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center's facilities include a barn for farm animals.

mal Services Division. The group has animal control officers on call 24 hours a day. Zenzano said that the officers respond to wildlife calls on a daily basis, and that they sometimes send animals to the Second Chance Wildlife Reserve in Gaithersburg.

The facility contains plenty of room for animals though.

"We're one big facility, so we kind of break it down in two ways," Zenzano said. "We have animal services on the left side of the building, and the adoption center on the right side. In the back, we have a barn, and a walking trail that volunteers can use for walking dogs."

Zenzano said that because the shelter is so new, an exact number of current volunteers is unavailable, but Cohen said that there are upwards of 300 people who have filled out volunteer application forms. There is currently a hold on new volunteer applications until all the received applications have been reviewed and volunteers have been trained.

"It's great to see them come in and want

to work with the animals," Cohen said.

Volunteers at the facility work in all different areas, including working at the store that MCPAW operates at the facility, walking dogs, playing with cats, photographing the animals, assisting trainers, greeting visitors to the center, and helping with the adoption process.

Zenzano said that earlier this month, the shelter placed 16 dogs with families during an adoption event.

MCPAW offers an Explorer Post and Exploring Club, a division of the Boy Scouts of America, to boys and girls who are interested in veterinary science and working with animals. The Explorer Club is for students in grades six through eight, and the Explorer Post is for students between the age of 14 and 20. The program runs throughout the school year, according to Cohen, and participants can receive community service hours for participating.

MCPAW is also working on finalizing plans for Purple Care, a program to help place senior animals in homes and to help

senior citizens adopt and care for animals.

But the number one focus for the group right now is spaying and neutering.

"From what I understand, a minimum of 70 percent of kittens in the shelter right now are from feral colonies," said Ellie Truman, who is spearheading MCPAW's efforts to spay and neuter feral cats. "The problem is solvable, but it takes money, resources, and people dedicated to it."

Truman said that a trap-neuter-release program is prohibited under Montgomery County regulations, so MCPAW is working with Bethesda-based Alley Cat Allies to come up with a solution. Truman said the group has selected a feral colony to spay and neuter as part of a pilot program, and the cats in that colony will be placed in foster homes until they are ready to be adopted out to families.

"We've proceeded cautiously, because we want to be sure we're in the perimeters," Truman said. "We can make a real difference. We just have to be dedicated and focused."

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From left: Jill Phillips with Patagonian cavy, Joe Moore with Tinkerbell, Tyler Phillips with two chickens, Grant Phillips with dwarf horse, Raquel Phillips with baby bunny, Chelsea Phillips with Carmela the goat, John Phillips with Buffy the teacup piggy and Marlena with chicken; River the labradoodle, Sneakers the Aussie whippet mix.

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Fun and Education with Animals

Squeals on Wheels: A family-run business.

BY ABBY ALDRIDGE
THE ALMANAC

For the last eight years,™ Squeals on Wheels, a mobile miniature petting zoo and pony rides business, has brought joy and animal education to people of all ages. Started by Jill and John Phillips, with the help of their five children, Squeals on Wheels has become a Washington D.C. Metro Area award-winning business. Through its many events, such as birthday parties, festivals and child education programs, people are able to interact with animals ranging from chickens and bunnies to exotic animals such as the Patagonian cavy — a relatively large rodent indigenous to Argentina — or the very rare miniature llama.

But to the Phillips, the zoo is more than a business, it is a part of the family. All five of the Phillips children have been impacted by Squeals on Wheels. Tyler Phillips and Chelsea Phillips have followed in their parent's footsteps by starting their own animal education businesses.

After working on the administrative side of Squeals on Wheels, Tyler Phillips started Rent-A-Coop with girlfriend Diana Samata in April of 2012. It provides a hands-on educational experience for people of all ages interested in taking care of their own chickens or interested in watching chicks hatch through the "Hatch Your Own Chicks" program. When asked how he came up with Rent-A-Coop, Phillips said, "It was my mom's idea. I was making chicken coops and selling them on Craigslist when we realized it could be turned into a business." Currently Phillips keeps his chickens and coops on his parents' land, but is look-

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Remodeling with Pets in Mind

Keep pets safe during construction projects created for man's best friend.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

Home remodeling projects often come after considerable planning and expense. One factor that can be overlooked is the family pet. While the end result of a remodel is often a new, updated or enlarged living space, the road to that improvement is often filled with dust, debris and inconvenience — which can be upsetting and even dangerous to dogs and cats.

Homeowners should be aware of the added traffic that comes with a construction project. “The biggest risk during a construction project could be that the pet could escape because workers might not be aware of doors or gates or windows being left open,” said Carol Petit, hospital manager at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital in Alexandria.

“There are more cars and trucks going back and forth,” said Josh Baker, founder and co-chairman, BOWA in McLean. “The driveway should be off limits to pets.”

Actually, the entire construction zone should be off limits. “Pets, especially dogs, will eat anything,” said Petit. “There are construction materials. They could eat leftover food from construction workers, which could be toxic or contribute to weight issues, depending on the pet.”



PHOTO BY MORGAN HOWARTH

Architect George R. Bott of Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc. was able to create a nook for the dog's food and water bowls, as well as storage space for his supplies and accessories in an Arlington home.

Additionally, “dust can affect eyes and lungs just as it can in humans,” said Petit. “Home improvement project materials like

paint and glue can be toxic. It can be the fumes, or if the dog or cat licks paint, it could be lethal.”

“If any pet owners feel that their pet is acting oddly or like they might have consumed something that they shouldn't have, the best solution is to take them to the vet to make sure that everything is OK,” she said.

Petit added that pets could become fearful because strangers are in the home. That fright, she said, could either increase separation anxiety or trigger a pet's basic protection instinct, leading him to become aggressive.

“There are a lot of things to consider,” said Baker. “It's not unlike thinking about small children.”

AND WHILE THINKING about pets, some builders incorporate features into a home project designed specifically for a pet.

One set of clients “wanted to be able to cordon off the tiled area off the side entrance, to contain the dog when he comes in wet or dirty,” said Danielle Frye of Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc. in Cabin John, Md., referring to a recent kitchen and mudroom renovation. “It also provides a dedicated place where he can eat without damaging the new hardwood floors in the kitchen.”

Architect George R. Bott was able to create a nook for the dog's food and water



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During a construction project, homeowners should keep pets away from the construction site.

bowls, as well as storage space for his supplies and accessories. In fact, say builders, pet feeding stations can incorporate modern conveniences and high-end materials.

“We can add custom cabinetry,” said Baker. “We can bring in a waterline to supply instead of having to refill the water bowl in the kitchen. There is also potential automation where the bowl is kept full.”

Mudrooms and garages can be designed to include pet bathing spaces as well. “In terms of showers, they're custom built with a hand held sprayer so you can control the temperature,” said Baker. “We can also choose a height so you can reach it without hurting your back while you're bathing the dog.”

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ing for his own farm as his business continues to expand. Currently his business has reached as far as Hartford, Conn. When asked about possible plans for the future Phillips says he is looking into expanding further, down to the south and hopefully over to California.

Chelsea Phillips landed back in the family business unexpectedly. After studying political science at the University of Texas, Phillips did not get the idea to start her own mobile petting zoo until her parents came down to her home in Austin for a visit. Phillips said her parents received numerous calls from Austin locals who had seen the Squeals on Wheels advertisement on their car. From this, her business “Tiny Tails to You” was created.

“My parents have definitely helped a lot with the business. It wouldn't have been a concept without them. My mom's expertise helped a lot, definitely with questions about the animals and their health,” she said.

The business grew so much that Phillips' husband Joe Moore quit his job as an elementary school teacher to help out. “I was pretty excited to be self employed. Running my own business with my wife sounded appealing,” he said.

Daughter Marlena Phillips currently works at the Duke Medical Center as a reg-

istered nurse, but still works petting zoos and helps take care of the animals when she is in town. Son Grant Phillips lives in Chevy Chase and works for Royal Bank of Canada. On the weekends he helps out with the zoos by working events. Youngest daughter Raquel Phillips is a rising senior at University of Maryland, College Park and has worked events for Squeals on Wheels throughout her college experience. As a public health major, working with the animals is a hobby rather than a career path, but she said, “I would be in a lot of debt if it were not for this petting zoo. Paying for my rent and my school was very dependent on petting zoo money.” Working at Squeals on Wheels provided all of the Phillips children with a way to pay for college.

Whether Squeals on Wheels has been a career path or a hobby, each member of the Phillips family has benefited in their own way from the family business.

Raquel Phillips said, “It was nice when my parents went from having a 9-5 to having their own schedules. They were always around and available to talk. Instead of having to wait for dinnertime to tell them something, I could tell them right away.”

John Phillips recalls that his favorite memory in running Squeals on Wheels for the past 8 years was the types of animals he shared his master bathroom with: a baby wild turkey, baby geese and now a baby



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Jill Phillips bottle feeding their new one month old Patagonian cavy.

Patagonian cavy.

For more information on how to become involved in Tyler Phillip's “Rent-A-Coop” visit <http://www.rentacoop.com>. For more information on Chelsea Phillip's “Tiny Tails to You” in Austin, Texas visit www.tinytailstoyou.com. To set up events or parties with Squeals on Wheels, visit <http://www.squealsonwheels.us>.



Louie is a 2-year-old Wire Fox Terrier and recently has shown his special talent riding a bike. Louie lives in Potomac in a neighborhood filled with his best furry friends. He also likes to “borrow” youngsters' tricycles.

— ANGELA CORIO, POTOMAC



Meghan Little, son Brayden (4) and daughter Avery (2) of Potomac are socializing a 3-week-old Golden Retriever puppy.

— LINDA DAVIES, POTOMAC