

# Stealing their hearts



Members of Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus sponsored a spaghetti supper to benefit the Old Fella Burke County Animal Rescue. Pictured are volunteers from Sacred Heart and the rescue group, along with foster dogs Buddy, Dodger, Jake, KC, Shelby and Walter, as well as Old Fella for whom the group was named. Old Fella is a non-profit organization that relies on donations for most of its operating costs. The group has placed more than 80 dogs and cats in adoptive homes as far away as Washington. Recently, three volunteers transported eight "Dixie Dogs" to shelters in Massachusetts where strict spay and neuter laws prevent the type of animal overpopulation problem found in Burke County, organizers said, adding that future trips of

this type are on tap because the number of available adoptive homes in this area is far less than the number of unwanted pets. Old Fella's rescued dogs receive socialization through foster homes and obedience training classes provided by a member who is a professional dog handler. Anyone interested in learning more can go to [www.olfella.org](http://www.olfella.org). The group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Burke County Library auditorium. The public is invited