Landon Puglisi won prizes for signing in at number 150 at the drone photo event. Read what he won in the headline article to the right.



Bunny time in Poolesville? Thanks to Val! See more pictures in Family Album on page 2



These scouts were honored in a most unusual way. See why in Tidbits on page 7.



Milt Andrews has a powerful swing. See more of the Lions on a special cleanup day on page 13.

## The Monocacy

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## Keeping an Eye on Local News

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## Residents Wave to the Future

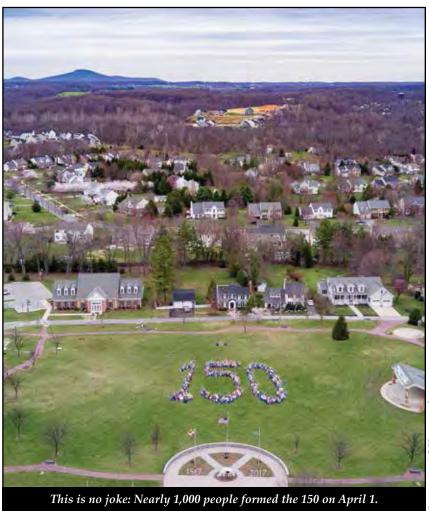
By Rande Davis

With the town government and citizens of Poolesville gearing up for a whole year full of celebrations to mark the town's 150th anniversary, nearly one thousand residents came out to Whalen Commons on April 1 to emulate an iconic town photo from the 1950s.

That 1959 aerial photo of town residents that graced the cover of National Geographic Magazine was presented to graphically reference the amount of increase in United States population occurring every hour at that time. Then, the picture was shot from a helicopter; last Saturday, it was done by a photography drone from Brewer Aerial Photography.

With almost twenty percent of the town population coming together for this sure-to-become-iconic photo event, the festival-like occasion escaped a weekend of rainfall that was delayed just long enough to get everyone enthusiastically waving to those in the future. Potomac Valley Surveys volunteered their time to professionally layout the 150 outline on the park grass so that individuals would know where to stand. Eight hundred and fifty persons signed in with each being assigned to one of the three numerals on the lawn. The estimate of nearly one thousand

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## Poolesville House Fire

On Saturday, March 25, Poolesville's Hayes family was enjoying an afternoon at our local skate park. Mayra Mejia Hayes, a Poolesville class of 2000 graduate, along with her husband, Kyle, and their two sons, Christian, age 7, and Sammy, age 20 months, live within walking distance of the park. While they were out, Mayra's father stopped by and discovered their house was on fire. He immediately called 911. An electrical issue started the fire in the upstairs hallway bathroom. Mayra exclaimed, "We are

very lucky and blessed that we weren't home at the time of the fire." The fire department was able to put out the fire before it spread to other parts of the home; however, the home and most of their personal property have suffered devastating amounts of damage and destruction. Much of that is water damage from extinguishing the fire.

The Hayes family has received an outpouring of love and support from the community. A GoFundMe account has been set up to collect donations for the family to help them replace what was lost. When asked how she and her family are doing after the incident, Mayra answered, "The way the community has come together at a time like this is truly humbling. We are forever grateful and blessed to have such amazing friends and family. Thank you to everyone that reached out and has helped." If you'd like to contribute to help the Hayes family please go to the GoFundMe account at www.GoFundMe.com/MayraHayes.

By Juliana Downey

## Family Album



Bob and Terri Pike usually used their Segways for getaways, but now, happily, have found them useful for getting around town.



Ben Snouffer and Bob Pavlik welcomed the guests to the St Patrick's Day dinner. Okay, guys, next year, we want to see a whole lot more green.



King Lion John Clayton thanked Glenn Wallace of the Monocacy Cemetery Project for his enthralling presentation on his work documenting the upwards of 5,000 people buried there.



Joy McCartin spread her Irish joy to her friends in celebration of the green Saint Patricius.



It you want a St. Pat's pub atmosphere, you had better have an Irish band!



Little girls dancing are not only the luck of the Irish but the joy of the world.



These enthusiastic and adorable Daisies held their most recent meeting at Whalen Commons.



Friends shared the spirit of St. Patrick's Day.



Father Kevin and some of his hard-working and a-bit-tired crew were still able to manage a proper Irish smile at the end of their St. Patrick's Day dinner.

# Town Government Commissioners Review Draft 2018 Budget Proposal

By Link Hoewing

At their April 3 meeting, the commissioners spent most of their time reviewing the draft FY 2018 budget. The proposed budget was first previewed at an open work session in March and must take effect when the new fiscal year begins on July 1.

The first item on the meeting agenda was a public hearing on the proposed 8% hike in water fees the commissioners approved recently. No one asked to testify, and the record regarding the water rate hike was held open until Friday, April, 7 for written comments.

Before the budget discussion, Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski announced that the county had agreed to rename the local public library after Maggie Nightingale who was long involved with the library and passed away last year. A ceremony is planned for April 29 at 2:00 p.m. to formally acknowledge the renaming of the facility.

Commissioner Klobukowski also announced that the Western County Public Pool would formally be renamed in honor of Sarah Auer, a local student and swim instructor who tragically died some years ago in a traffic accident. Ms. Auer was a long-time swimmer for Poolesville High School and taught swimming at the pool. Tentative plans for a ceremony honoring the renaming are in the works, and an event could be held either June 3 or June 10 at the pool.

During the open forum section of the meeting, local citizen Linda Bergofsky rose to ask the commissioners to take action to combat speeding along Hughes Road where she lives. Bergofsky said that she is a relativelynew resident who moved from a morecrowded part of the county to enjoy a quieter existence in Poolesville. She said that the number of cars speeding on Hughes Road is "out of control" and that it is getting so bad that neighbors are even skittish about crossing the street to retrieve the mail in their mailboxes.

Bergofsky iterated that the issue is a matter of public safety, especially since there are a number of children and older people living in her neighborhood. She urged the town to consider a number of options including traffic-calming devices. Town Manager Wade Yost said that the only reliable means

of helping slow cars along a road like this is speed bumps, but even they are often no obstacle for large pickup trucks with high berths.

The commissioners acknowledged that speeding along Hughes Road is a problem but also noted that it is a problem in many parts of town. They also said that further work on the issue is needed, including working with the county police for more patrols on roads where speeding is a problem. Speed bumps have been installed on some roads in Poolesville where speeding has been a problem, and speed measuring and display machines have also been deployed. A public meeting with the county police is planned for April 24 at town hall at 7:00 p.m., and this issue could certainly be discussed at that time.

Yost next provided an overview of the main elements of the town's draft FY 2018 budget. The town's overall revenue is projected to come in at almost \$3.5 million for 2018, and the cost for overall town operations is projected to be just a little over \$2.4 million. In addition, the town is planning to spend \$684,000 on general capital projects (i.e., construction, road repaving, park maintenance), and \$373,000 on capital projects relating to the sewer and water systems.

The budget is based on maintaining the current tax rate which is set at about 171/2 cents per \$100 in assessed value for each home. Most of the town's revenue streams-including property tax, income tax, revenues from wireless companies who rent space on the water tower, and state grants for roads, for example-will remain constant. There will be "modest" increases in some operational expense accounts, and Yost said that more money will be set aside to help accumulate more funds to invest in various capital needs in the town which he said have not been supported as much as they need to be.

In terms of expenses, the increases in general operating expenses in the budget included a 3.5% employee wage hike (versus 2.7% hike last year and much smaller increases in previous years), adding an employee to the Parks and Streets staff, increases in the community events account (which supports the many events on Whalen Commons such as Fridays on the Commons and the activities planned for the town's 150th anniversary this year), the need to purchase some new equipment (new trucks), and maintaining the parks.

The planned 8% hike in water rates is required to support the salaries of

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## UMCVFD Auxiliary Bingo April 7

Featuring cash and gift cards: 20 games, specials, door prizes, and raffles. Refreshments are available for purchase.

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Located at the firehouse at 19801 Beallsville Road. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; games begin at 7:00 p.m.

## Commentary

## It's a Big World Out There

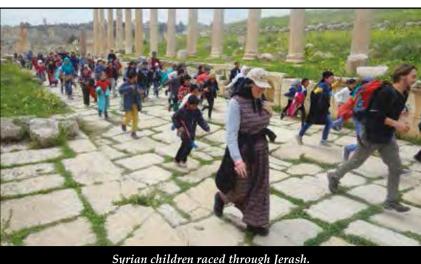
By John Clayton

Recently, I returned from a trip to the Middle East, traveling to Amman, Jordan and using a brother-in-law's apartment (he's a USAID consultant) as a home base and the bother in-law as a tour guide. My two adult daughters joined me, and it was a great trip. We spent a few days in Jerusalem and the rest of the ten-day trip visiting many of the amazing sights of Jordan, including a night spent in the Arabian Desert at Wadi Rum, and, yes, I did ride a camel.

In this age of conflict, terrorism, and Muslim-oriented travel bans, I was curious how it would feel to be in that part of the world. The fact is it felt pretty comfortable. People generally seemed to like foreign tourists including Americans, and the feeling was, for the most part, pretty friendly. Of course, I was in tourist areas almost all

hotel strip and, after an animated exchange of greetings, the policeman told him, in Arabic, "Slower," and we moved on.

We overnighted in a tent camp in Wadi Rum in the desert and shared the camp, the sunset, dinner, an evening in the large common dinner tent, breakfast, and a not-terribly-private bathroom with a group of twenty or so primarily Europeans whom my bother-in-law assumed were expats like him, living in Amman. They apparently came to party in Wadi Rum often enough to have it down to a science, and they were very pleasant and entertaining to be around, although we all kept to ourselves for the most part. What amazed me early on was that I couldn't figure out where they were from because they spoke flawless English to each other. As it turned out they were from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, I think Australia, and almost certainly somewhere else, but they made it easy on themselves with their chosen lingua franca. As one who has spent a lifetime not quite learning to speak French or Spanish, I was impressed and envious.



of the time, on the reservation as it were, so I don't mistake my experience for anything more than that, but impressions were made nevertheless.

We Americans are incredibly spoiled most places we go because the majority of people we encounter speak at least some English. There were plenty of European tourists of all stripes, as well as Chinese, Korean, and other Asian representatives, and as far as I know, they used English to communicate. My brother-in-law has been in Amman for four years and, while he does not speak Arabic, he knows enough polite phrases to establish significant goodwill in our encounters with the locals. I was very impressed when we got pulled over for speeding entering the Dead Sea

Yes, Donald J. Trump was always on my mind. Perhaps I imagined it, but I thought I detected a little coolness to the Americans from this group and perhaps others, but it may not have been more than usual, and I may have imagined it in my own embarrassment over our leader's antics. In the few conversations with Jordanians where this came up, and I was asked what I thought of Trump, I found it sufficient to say that I preferred Obama. I firmly believe we leave our squabbles behind the border when we travel.

On one day, the specter of Trump was quite clear. We were walking along a wide path through the amazing Roman ruins at Jerash when we saw a man sitting in the center of the

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## Rande(m) Thoughts

## Two Biggies in the News I Bet You Missed

By Rande Davis

With so much heavy news going on, you might be surprised which two items caught my eye this past week. The first item, while a long time coming, still caught me unprepared. Cravola announced that one of its classic colors was going to retired. Before you push this off as totally frivolous, I want you to recall something. Can you remember as a child your attachment to those crayons and those amazing colors? Do you recall your favorites? How about the smell of the crayons? Does that aroma still linger in your mind? I, regrettably, can even recall the waxy taste. Hey, it was called orange, after all. When the news broke, I could take a deep breath of relief. Gone was Dandelion. I never needed my yellows to be so nuanced. The announcement was made on National Crayola Day, and I'm pleased to see that they are moving in a better dir ection. The replacement will be in the bluish family, and we all get a chance to name it. Since blue is my favorite color anyway, I like this decision. My

submission for the new name is at the end of this column.

American childhood experiences are so critical to all of us, and they can differ greatly, ranging from a life of abundance to one of near depredation. Somehow, though, I think every American child has held a Crayola crayon at one time or another. If we are looking for ties that bind, perhaps we could start with cravons and which colors were our favorites. Not to be too cynical, but we are so deeply divided as a people right now that maybe this youthful remembrance can restore some of our humanity by recalling a better time. If we must start this "being united" thing all over again, maybe the love of crayons is a kind of starting point.

Choosing your favorite crayon color was one of your earliest lessons in the power of personal choice. You must choose—a first election, if you will. I remember always favoring to color the horses in my coloring-books as palominos. I am not sure why; probably because of the influence of Tonto's two-colored pinto named Scout, and since I have never been a black-and-white kind of guy, I turned it into a brown body with a pale mane.

The other news item is completely unassociated with crayons. President

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## Local News

## For Student Stress at Springtime, There Is Help

By Charlotte Boucher

The poet T. S. Eliot told us that "April is the cruelest month," but for many high school students—and staff—it's May that hits them the hardest. Spring break is over and every end-of-year pressure is in place from major social events (prom, graduation, parties!) to academic requirements (papers, projects, High School Assessments, AP exams) to prepping for summer (lining up that summer job or internship, for example). There's a lot on our kids' plates in May, and it can lead to their feeling sleepless, stressed-out, anxious, and overwhelmed.

The Upcounty Prevention Network (UPN) wants to help, so we are offering free, after-school stress-reduction training for PHS students as we head into May. The two-part training will focus on breathing and mindfulness techniques that anyone can use to reduce stress and build resilience. Both sessions will also include healthy refreshments of water and fresh fruit. Kathy Jankowski, a Poolesville resident and certified breath coach, will lead the trainings. You can check out Kathy's professional profile online at www.linkedin.com/in/kathyjankowski9.

So how can your high schooler take advantage of this opportunity? It's easy: Just come to the PHS cafeteria on April 28 and May 5 after school from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. Although it isn't essential to attend both sessions, they build on each other, so it's recommended. Students under the age of eighteen must bring a signed permission slip. Although some yoga mats will be available, students might want to bring their own mats or towels because for part of the time they'll be lying on their backs on the floor. There's nothing strenuous about the student activities, but wearing comfortable clothes will make it easier to relax. The training will end in plenty of time to catch the late bus.

Many negative behaviors are caused by uncontrolled stress and anxiety. Here's a great way to support our kids and help them learn to manage the pressures they face in constructive ways. Remember:

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### Serendipitous Pet and Animal Pictures\*





Are we there yet?

What're you lookin' at?

Our precious animals at the C&O Canal are threatened by the dangers of human trash. Learn how to help by reading Tidbits on page 7.

Photos by Jon Wolz

\*Do you have an unusual or funny picture of a pet or animal?

Mail or email the picture to editor@monocacymonocle.com

or P.O. Box 372, Barnesville, MD 20838

## Commissioners of Poolesville Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on April 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at 19721 Beall Street, Poolesville, Maryland for the purpose of the Commissioners of Poolesville receiving public comment on Proposed Ordinance 208. Pursuant to Section 82.13 of the Charter of the Town of Poolesville, the Commissioners shall adopt an annual budget that provides a complete financial plan for the budget year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The proposed budget includes a tax rate increase above the Constant Tax Rate. The real property tax rate shall be \$.1756 per \$100.00 of the assessed real property value. Copies of this proposed ordinance is available at Town Hall.

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## Things To Do

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Game Day: Tuesdays. 1:00 p.m. Poolesville Baptist Church.

#### April 7, 8, and 9

#### The Blue Hearth Market Weekend

Great Easter gift and décor ideas. Featuring Dan McCarthy, soloist/acoustic guitar, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, and M.A.D. BBQ on Sunday from noon to sellout. Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Sunday: noon to 5:00 p.m.

#### April 12

#### Jacks Are Wild

Two Jack Russell Terriers, Mario and Bella, will entertain kids of all ages with their fun-filled tricks and antics. Watch these lovable dogs while they roll on a moving barrel, ride a skateboard, do walking handstands, read a book, and much more. *Poolesville Library*. 3:00 p.m.

#### Planning Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

#### April 17

#### Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Public hearing on proposed budget. *Town Hall*. 7:30 p.m.

#### **April 19 to 23**

#### ALOG's Shades of Spring

The Art League of Germantown's annual spring art show and sale: paintings, photography, drawings, jewelry, ceramics, fused glass, sculpture, and more. *BlackRock Center for the Arts*. Wednesday: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday: 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday: noon to 8:00 p.m.; Sunday: noon to 5:00 p.m., artists' wine reception from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

#### April 21

#### **PHS Varsity Home Game**

Tennis. Quince Orchard. 3:30 p.m.

#### April 21, 22, and 23

#### Countryside Artisans' Spring Studio Tour

Seventeen studios and galleries open to the public. Meet the artists, visit their studios. CountrysideArtisans.com. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### April 22

#### **PHS Varsity Home Games**

Boys' Lacrosse. Gaithersburg. 12:00 p.m. Softball. Seneca Valley. 2:30 p.m. Baseball. Seneca Valley. 2:30 p.m.

### April 24

#### **PHS Varsity Home Games**

Tennis. Bethesda-Chevy Chase. 3:30 p.m. Boys' Volleyball. Rockville. 5:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball. Rockville. 7:15 p.m.

#### Special Town of Poolesville Event: Meet Your Police

Town meeting with representatives of the Montgomery County Police Department. Open forum. *Poolesville Town Hall*. 7:00 p.m.

#### April 25

#### **PHS Varsity Home Games**

Baseball. Rockville. 3:45 p.m.

Softball. Rockville. 3:45 p.m.

Girls' Lacrosse. Quince Orchard. 5:30 p.m.

#### April 27

#### **PHS Varsity Home Games**

Baseball. Einstein. 3:45 p.m. Softball. Einstein. 3:45 p.m.

#### May 6

#### Save the Date:

#### **Montgomery County Green Fest**

Featuring workshops, green vendors, electric car show, kids' activities, food trucks, and live music. *Bohrer Park, Gaithersburg.* 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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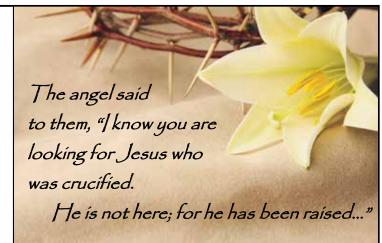
## **Easter Sunday**

April 16, 2017

Holy Eucharist at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 am

## **Holy Week**

April 9—Palm Sunday, 8:00, 10:30 am April 13—Maundy Thursday Liturgy, 7:30 pm April 14—Good Friday Liturgy, 7:30 pm Family Stations of the Cross, 4:00 pm



## **Tidbits**

## Do You Like the Outdoors and Want to Do Good, Too?

The Alice Ferguson Foundation's Trash Free Potomac River Watershed Cleanup Initiative gives you the opportunity to do both. Poolesville's Jon Wolz is heading up a local effort at the Monocacy Aqueduct on April 8 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This day is part of the 9th Annual Potomac River Basin Watershed Cleanup Day, and he welcomes all individuals or groups (scouts, churches, etc.) to join him. You can join like-minded folks any Saturday or Sunday during April. You may email of call Jon for more details or visit fergusonfoundation.org for the details regarding days, times, and locations of the cleanup. Jon's contact information is: Wolzjon@hotmail.com or 240-888-5367.

#### Kindergarten on Your Mind?

Is your child scheduled to start kindergarten this fall? For children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2017 they will need to be enrolled. This is a very big moment in the family's life, and parents often have many questions. For those parents who will be sending their children to Poolesville Elementary School, you will need to contact Mrs. Harney (301-972-7960) to schedule an appointment for an orientation time.

People who live in the Poolesville area can also choose to send their child to Monocacy Elementary School. Parents will need to call Sandy Chittenden at 301-972-7990 to schedule a time for their kindergarten orientation.

#### The Mighty Lions Roared

The grounds of the beloved John Poole House had a very tough winter, and most of the house and yard were overrun with unruly shrubs, fallen branches, and a lot of leaves. The Monocacy Lions came to the rescue on March 25. With strong hands, a determined goal, and a happy heart, these lions made the unattractive jungle into a much more beautiful space. Passersby can see the historic building now from the road.

Maureen O'Connell, president of the Historical Medley District, Inc., was effusive in her appreciation for their hard work in reporting to the *Monocle*, "I would like to extend a very big thank you to the Monocacy Lions Club members for their volunteer service at the John Poole House Arboretum. Weatherwise, it was a perfect day to work in the garden. About twenty men arrived at the house at 9:00 a.m. and worked nonstop until noon. Several of

their spouses pitched in as well and lent a hand, with clippers and some rakes. They were a fantastic crew; I wish I could have them there more often. They weeded, trimmed dead tree limbs, yanked out thick, invasive vines covering many of the beautiful trees, cut down dead trees and shrubs, mulched the garden beds, and took away all the clippings. The arboretum has a great start to the spring season. Their help was greatly appreciated by Historic Medley District, Inc. and helps so much in our guardianship of this important building."

#### The Magic of the Harlem Globetrotters Became Even More Magical for Area Scouts

What a great surprise for area scouts on an outing to see the famed Harlem Globetrotters in action at the Verizon Center. For reasons not explained, a group of scouts chosen to be part of the color guard during opening celebrations either chose not to perform or were not able to, so our local boys were asked to fill in. A great honor and great time was had by all participating.



#### Time for the Spring Countryside Artisans' Tour

Rain or shine, the spring tour to area countryside artisans will take place on April 21, 22, and 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This event is a favorite of those who have lived in the area and for newcomers. The artisans are a selected group of accomplished visual, sculptural, and textile artists working in oil, stone, wood, varn, textiles, tea, hops, and grapes. The twenty artisans open their studios to the public just a few times a year. Hop on the selfguided tour to visit and purchase a grand array of items perfect for your home, office, or as gifts. Eleven of the studios are right in our backvard in Poolesville, Dickerson, and Barnesville.

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#### Two Biggies in the News I Bet You Missed

Trump announced a new White House initiative to combat the crisis in national opioid abuse. According to a draft executive order issued on March 29, he plans to create a new commission to review current practices and potentially recommend changes to federal funding, treatment, and the law. Governor Chris Christie has been selected to head the commission. The opioid crisis is now linked to more than 47,000 deaths annually; compare that to 35,000 vehicular deaths in America in 2015.

Although we don't even agree on our favorite color, and I know that even the mention of the two gentlemen above can trigger anxiety in some, may be this initiative could be a starting point of renewed sense of unity. Okay, maybe that crosses over from being a thought into being a dream.

This leads me to something that I think we can all agree with, though: It is far better to prevent a problem than to battle an existing one. Hopefully, this White House initiative can be successful, but here in Poolesville, a group of residents has not been sitting around hoping for something like this to come along. These concerned citizens have formed a community coalition, the Upcounty Prevention Network (UPN). Meeting monthly for the better part of a year now, the group, guided by Charlotte Boucher, former principal at John Poole Middle School, recognizes that while abuse locally is far below other county jurisdictions', the mission is to keep it that way and, better yet, improve upon our current lower level problems with substance abuse.

UPN's public profile remains somewhat low for the time being as it is going through the arduous process of isolating priorities, focusing its mission, and eventually developing the programs that can keep Poolesville safer from substance abuse than most other communities. Its focus is on our youth. Eventually, a grant to complete the mission may be sought.

The *Monocle* has been a part of the group from its beginning and, going forward, you will be reading more and more about their efforts and ways you might be able to help. Their vision is clear and the goal is focused. They do not want the opioid abuse problems here that have already infected so many communities throughout the nation. Their battle cry might be: "Not in our house."

One last thing: My choice of a new name for a bluish color? Happy Blue. Why? Because kids with crayons are never blue. Hey, I think I might win!



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April 14, Good Friday: Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 16, **Easter Sunday**: Easter Cantata: "Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb" at 10:45 a.m.

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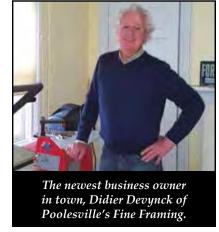
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## Focus on Business

## A New Frame Shop Continues a Poolesville Tradition

By Susan Petro

As Bob Brown, Poolesville's longtime resident and framer, retires, the reins are being passed to Didier Devynck, one of Poolesville's newest residents. The new frame shop, Poolesville Fine Framing, is located just above Crafts-A-Plenty—across the



hallway from the old framing shop on the second floor of the historic Frederick Poole House. Devynck, and his wife, Andrea, are busy adding fresh coats of paint, new carpeting, and finishing touches, and will be opening mid-April. The shop will be open on weekends and by appointment during the week.

Andrea originally found the space for rent in the Poole house when looking for a place to rehab old furniture with Didier as well as a place to practice massage, but as the plans progressed, the couple decided Didier would revive his framing talents and the location would be used solely for that purpose. Devynck once operated a framing business in Baltimore. For a while, he had a mobile aspect in which he brought samples to his customers' homes so that the frames and matting could be matched to the home's décor, a prospect he is considering reviving for Poolesville residents. He called his business: The Frame Peddler. Andrea, who is also a hobby beader, will be making her jewelry in the new shop but has since found a location in Frederick to continue her bodywork practice of twenty-three years while she completes her master's in counseling psychology.

Devynck, a Frenchman by birth, has lived in the U.S. since the mid-eighties, first in the Baltimore area, and then in Silver Spring for sixteen years until last August, when the couple moved to Poolesville. Like many of the town's business owners, his original education and career were far different from what he does now. Devynck earned his Ph.D. in aeronautical engineering in France. He worked as a physicist for the defense industry and came to the U.S. on an exchange program. He enjoyed living in the U.S., and was hired by a U.S. contractor in 1987, returning to the States to work at Aberdeen Proving Ground where he became a full-time government employee as a Research Physicist in 1990.

At the turn of the millennium, the industry and his personal life changed, however, and Devynck switched and diversified careers, becoming a full-time translator and a part-time choir singer and hockey referee in the early 2000s. He continues to translate but also travels to interpret as well. Devynck calls himself a Jack-of-all-trades. His desire to learn framing was an artistic expression, and his decision to train to sing professionally as an adult also sprang from a childhood passion. He sang for ten seasons and two seasons for the Baltimore and Washington Operas, respectively, and thirteen years for a Catholic church in Northern Virginia. Although Devynck has mostly retired from his professional singing, he still sings during the High Holy Days for a synagogue outside Baltimore.

During his youth, Devynck played ice hockey in France. After divorcing in the late nineties, Didier moved to Silver Spring where he raised his son, Michel, as a single dad. When his son decided he wanted to play hockey, Devynck used his time at the rink to serve as a referee. At age sixty-four, Didier still referees games all around the Washington area. Michel was Blair High School's only goalie for all four years until he graduated in 2012. Michel attended the University of Maryland until mid-junior year when he decided to pursue his childhood dream of joining the U.S. Air Force from which he graduated basic training with honors and is now stationed outside of Dallas, Texas.

The couple now lives just outside of the Town of Poolesville in a small old farmhouse Andrea fell in love with at first sight. The couple had come to Poolesville last June specifically to find a place to move their two horses.

Devynck is looking forward to meeting new customers who have framing needs and are looking for expert craftsmanship. He plans to operate much like the Blue Hearth next door: open on weekends throughout the year. Make sure to keep an eye out for his sign on the sidewalk in front of the Frederick Poole House during his business hours. He'll be happy to keep your conversational French up, too, so come in, take a look around, and have a chat with Didier when you get a chance.

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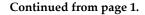
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participants includes those officially signed in along with many who failed do so, those who did not list all members of their family participating separately, and those arriving in the last few minutes.

Landon Puglisi, the son of Matt and Alexis Puglisi, signed in at 150 and was awarded a \$50.00 gift certificate for an area restaurant of his choice. He chose McDonald's. The town also invited his parents to be its guest at the upcoming SpringFest Beer, Blues, and BBQ festival.

Cathy Bupp, Poolesville's Event Coordinator, supervises a hard working group of volunteers putting together the many events centered on honoring this historical anniversary. Those members include: Tom Kettler, Skip Etheridge, Link Hoewing, Butch Zachrel, Maureen O'Connnell, Greg Shores, Suzanne Tallia, and Abbey Clouse-Radigan. March 13 marked the start of the sesquicentennial of the Town of Poolesville's incorporation, and the town celebrated with a party for area dignitaries.

The video of this event can be viewed on the Town of Poolesville's Facebook page.

To benefit the Historic Medley District, Inc., the guardians of our historical sites, the town will be selling pictures taken by the Brewer Aerial Photography drone, and they will be available for purchase at the town hall. Two sizes will be made available,  $8'' \times 10''$  and  $16'' \times 20''$ . Staff will be finalizing the pricing and other details soon. Interested parties may obtain more information by visiting the town website or its Facebook page.



As a mark of respect for the memory of John Glenn, on the day of his interment, April 6, 2017, the flag of the United States was flown at half-staff.





## Youth Sports

## Experienced PHS Coed Volleyball Team Rolls To 4-0

By Jeff Stuart

In an anticipated early season matchup between two undefeated teams, the Poolesville High School coed volleyball team (4-0) beat Quince Orchard in a very spirited match decided by the fifth set tiebreaker. The Falcons trailed by seven or eight points in each of the first two games of the match but rallied to win both games by a score of 25-23. Senior Christina Zhang served out the last six points of the first game. A late service run by senior setter Alexis Pak brought the Falcons close in the second game, and Praneeth Thota served the game winner, but the Cougars did not go quietly, winning a tight contest in the third set and decisively in game four to force the tiebreaker. Senior Cal Pringle showed up in time for the tiebreaker and his hits from the middle contributed greatly to a 15-9 win. This time the Falcons did not have to rally from behind. They led by as many as eight points. It was a fun match for spectators to watch. Quince Orchard, a county finalist last season, had won all three previous matches in straight sets. The Falcons beat Whitman and Walter

Johnson in straight sets and defeated Bethesda-Chevy Chase, 3-1.

"This year is exciting," said Falcons coach Megan Kenneweg. "We have an experienced team. Many athletes have played volleyball before. We have returners from last year. That is nice. It makes a big difference when the season first begins.

"Senior Alexis Pak is our returning setter. Seniors Cal Pringle and Eamon Chen and sophomore Kyle Stevens-Donati will be key players. Eamon is a great libero with a keen ball sense. He played for the boys' team the last three years. Cal and Kyle both play club. They will be big hitters. Cal had a broken thumb for most of the last season until the playoffs. Daven Raman is a solid player returning that can play anywhere. He has great energy!"

"This year we actually have a lot more experienced players on the team than we did in previous years," said Pak, at practice before the Quince Orchard match. "We have had a hodgepodge of players, but this year we have a number of players that have played club. The guys are usually a lot better at blocking and hitting, so I am really excited to see the newbies get really good...The more I understand the game the more passionate I get about it."

"This is my fifth year playing volleyball and my second year in coed," said Stevens-Donati. "I have played club volleyball. I think we are going to do pretty well this year and

go pretty far...Serving is the strength of our team. I want to go against Northwest because I know a few people on that team and they are pretty good."

"Our team is a little rusty right now," said senior Keila Alfaro, "but we are getting back into motion. I think we are going to get a lot better throughout the season. The strength of our team would be our coach. Megan has been pushing us hard, telling us what to do. She has been great as a teacher and a coach. Praneeth has surprised me with his hitting. I didn't expect that. He has gotten a lot better."

"I did track for the past two years," said senior Kahlil Greene, "but this is my first year in volleyball of any type. It has been a lot of fun. We have good team members. We all help each other. I am learning a lot from my coach and other team members. It is a learning process, but it has been enjoyable."

"This year we have a lot of really talented people," said senior middle hitter Raman. "Last year, every single guy on the team was new to volleyball. This year, there are only a couple that are new, so we are going to be a lot more competitive. Coach is pushing us a lot harder to do better...As for people that have surprised me, I would say my friend Jordan Tisaranni. She has come out for the team three or four times, and it always came down to her and one other girl. She was the one who got cut—but she finally made it. I am really proud of her. She has



Falcons Alexis Pak, Daven Raman, Cal Pringle, Kyle Stevens-Donati.

already proven herself to be a valuable contributor."

Amirah Paksima, Anthony Sheehi, and Robert Queen are juniors. Lauren Penn is a freshman.

The Falcons play Watkins Mill at home on April 24 at 7:00 p.m.

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## GOOD FRIDAY April 14

6:30 pm Fellowship 7:00 pm Worship Candlelight service

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## April 13

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## **Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

Palm Sunday, April 9

Saturday 5:00 pm / Sunday 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am

Monday, April 10 to Wednesday, April 12

9:00 am - Mass

### Holy Thursday, April 13

9:00 am - Morning Prayer 7:30 pm - Mass & Procession 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm - Adoration at the Repository

#### Good Friday, April 14

9:00 am - Morning Prayer Noon - Confession 3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### Holy Saturday, April 15

Noon - Blessing of Easter food, come by and have food for your Easter meal blessed 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

## Easter Sunday, April 16

**6:30** am Sunrise Mass outside, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt - following 9:30 am Mass



## Mystery History

## Fun Facts about John Poole, Jr.

By Rande Davis

John Poole, Jr. was born in England in 1769 in Goochland County. He married his wife Priscilla Woodward Sprigg in 1799 when he was thirty, she nineteen. The trading post he built in 1793 stands behind the Old Town Hall and Bank Museum in Poolesville in the center of town. He was a most respected and upstanding resident of the area as can be demonstrated by his role at St. Peter's Church as a registrar, reader of lessons, and as a vestry member. On Sunday afternoons, he was reported to have taken the time to personally share the Book of Common Prayer with his servants. His original signature can be seen at the town hall in the display of historical artifacts in the lobby where it is listed in the 1799 St. Peter's Church's register (glass display, top shelf left).

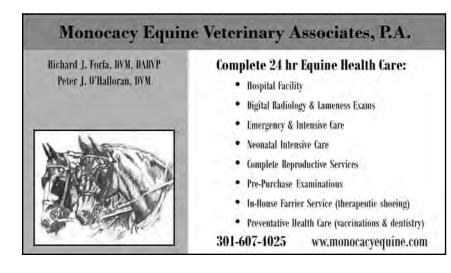
John Poole, Jr. held the title of Factor. A factor can best be described as an economic judge in that he would be trusted by others to establish, or factor, the proper price for goods either for sale or in trade with persons in the community. All the items on display in the store were selected as representative of things he listed in his scrupulously-maintained inventory record books. In the immediate Colonial Period, tobacco was a major cash crop.

In 1804, the store became a post office, and the area was referred to as Poole's Store. Letters were not delivered daily in the earliest of days, and mail would be picked up outgoing by residents who planned to travel to Rockville. They would bring back letters upon their return which would then be placed above the fireplace in strapping on its wall. Facebook fans might be intrigued that the first reference to a communication wall was not that of Facebook.

His father, John Poole, Sr., and his uncle, Joseph, both came to Poolesville from Anne Arundel County. Joseph later returned to England. John Poole, Sr., bought 160 acres of the 498-acre tract called Elizabeth's Delight (now known as a subdivision in Poolesville) owned by Charles Hoskinson (he of Hoskinson Road fame in Poolesville.) John Poole, Jr. got ninety acres that he registered as Poole's Right while his brother Joseph named his tract Poole's Hazard.

The original John Poole House had only the dry goods store on the first level and a bedroom directly above. Shortly after he married in 1799, he and his wife moved to Barnesville to take over the family farm Priscilla had inherited. Later, the back room was added, and then in 1866, the white section of the house was added. The building was rented up until 1974, and some of those renters are still area residents.

Legend tells about the Money family who once lived in the building and a tale about a time when Mr. Money accidentally cut off his finger while working. To avoid not going to the afterlife without it, he enclosed it and buried in on the grounds with instructions to place it in his casket upon burial. Alas, no one could find the missing digit at the time of his death. There is no report which finger was missing, but, hopefully, St. Peter was not offended when Mr. Money showed up at the Pearly Gates with his hand missing a finger.









## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

#### **Present Crime**

**Theft from vehicle:** 19700 block of Martinsburg Road.

**Theft:** 23700 block of Old Hundred Road.

#### **Past Crime**

April 10, 1910 After Governor Crothers signed the new vagrancy bill into law, the deputies of Montgomery County were in action enforcing the law. It was hoped that those persons referred to as "Knights of the Road," would give Montgomery County a wide berth. The law stated that persons leading an idle and immoral life and having no property to claim as theirs should be prohibited to lounge or loiter on the streets. It also included those who loitered at train stations attempting to barter or sell stolen property or intoxicating liquors. Included were prostitutes, their male companions, and those who could provide no explanation for their presence or show any visible means of support. Students at educational institutes were exempt from the new law.

April 11, 1910 In an attempt to control the speed of automobiles and motorcycles, the sheriff and his deputies were out in force. Allan Lard of Washington was taken before Judge Reading on a charge that he was operating his motorcycle without a Maryland license tag. Lard testified that it must have fallen off on his journey to Rockville. Reading fined him one dollar. Deputy Romey attempted to halt six motorcyclists who were speeding through Rockville, and all ignored his signals to halt. J. F. Watty came too close to Romey's machine, so Romey reached over and dragged Watty off the motorcycle. Watty crashed, causing minor injuries and damage to his machine. After a lecture, Watty was released. In the meantime, Sheriff Viett was in Silver Spring near the boundary with Washington and stopped many motorists who were planning on driving into Maryland without the required Maryland tag.

**April 12, 1917** Spectators at a trial in the Rockville courthouse were stunned to see a well-known county attorney fall to the floor of the courtroom and

die. It was said that Alexander Kilgour had just delivered an impassioned address to the jury and was returning to his seat when he clutched his chest and fell to the floor. Bailiffs and spectators rushed to his aid, but it was too late. Doctor Linthicum, who happened to be in the building on business, examined Kilgour and said that death was instantaneous and the cause was apoplexy.

April 21, 1917 The little town of Spencerville would have gone up in flames had it not been for the efforts of the men of the town. A fire was discovered in the barn of Harry Black, and it soon spread to nearby buildings. It was later determined that a five-year-old boy, who had been playing with matches, had started the fire.

April 22, 1912 There was great excitement in Bethesda after the news spread about the ordeal of Miss Margaret Oliphant, the granddaughter of the late General R. C. Drum. Miss Oliphant was asleep in her bedroom when she awoke to find a burglar touching her arm. The man said, "Don't scream or I will shoot you." Her screams awakened others in the house. The male relatives chased the intruder

down the stairs and found an open window where the burglar had apparently entered. They also found boot marks on the floor. Strangely, a dog was found loitering on the front lawn. The sheriff of Montgomery County announced that the key to the case was tracing the dog to its owner. Within an hour, Thomas Carter had been arrested by Deputy Johnson.

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## Remembrances

## Linda Sue Waldron Harris

Linda Sue Waldron Harris, 63, of Buckeystown, passed away peacefully at home on March 23, 2017. A graduate of Bladensburg High School, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, traveling, and helping others. Linda was formerly a hairdresser, an events coordinator for the N.F.L.P.A., and a tech transfer admin



at N.I.H. Linda was a breast cancer survivor. After retirement, she volunteered with local nonprofit organizations.

Linda was survived by her only son, Jason Robert Harris; three grandchildren, Ryan J. Harris, Kaleb D. Harris, and Jason C. Harris; a brother, Lawrence Waldron and his wife Salli Burke; a sister, Cathlene Sinsel; nieces, Mandy Waldron, Kriss Pross, and Jennifer Sinsel. She was also survived by her favorite nephew, Lawrence Waldron and wife Kara Waldron; along with their beautiful daughters, Sydney, April Lin, and Raelyn.

Linda was preceded in death by her daughter, April Lin.

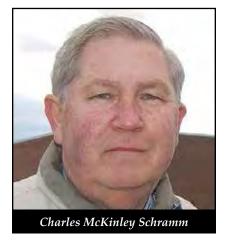
In lieu of flowers, the family asks that monetary donations be given to help with funeral costs.

## Charles McKinley Schramm

Charles McKinley Schramm, 71, of Poolesville, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on April 1, 2017.

Born on March 31, 1946 in Lonaconing, Maryland, he was the son of the late William and Alta Schramm. Known by his friends and family as "Sonny," he was the loving husband of Jean L. Schramm (Fleischhauer) for forty-seven years.

Sonny grew up in Lonaconing, Maryland, graduating from Valley



High School in 1964. In 1968, Sonny earned his bachelor's degree at Frostburg State College, where he met the love of his life, Jean. After their June 1969 wedding, Jean and Sonny relocated to Montgomery County. In 1974, they planted their permanent roots in Poolesville. Sonny retired from the Federal Government in 2006 after thirty-eight years of dedicated service, most of which were with the Food and Drug Administration as a Systems Analyst.

Sonny was a kind, quiet, and caring man, with a wry sense of humor. He was a supportive husband, father, and grandfather who loved spending time with his family. Sonny enjoyed collecting model trains, watching birds from his backyard gazebo, and taking family vacations. He was a longtime member of Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church and participated in many community activities over the years.

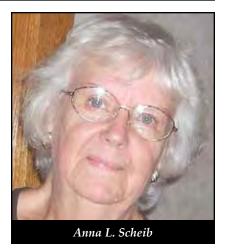
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church.

### Anna L. Scheib

Anna Scheib passed away on March 30, 2017 at 84 years old. She was born in Darnestown and lived in the area her entire life.

Anna worked for Montgomery County Public Schools and had twenty-six years of dedicated service at NIH. Anna liked to play the organ, enjoyed family gatherings, and traveling in her travel trailer.

Anna loved her family and had three children: Terry Wilson, Randy Scheib (Lorraine), and Kathy Church (Matt). Anna leaves behind seven grandchildren: Austin Wilson, Kristin



Wilson, Evan Wilson, Patrick Church, Kimberly Church, Cory Church, and Jason Scheib.

Anna was preceded in death by her husband, Allen Scheib, and leaves behind her dear friend Wesley Foster.

Donations can be made in her memory to the Arthritis Foundation (arthritis.org).

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#### Commissioners Review Draft 2018 Budget Proposal

the employees, who maintain the sewer and water systems, increased costs for electricity and chemicals to treat sewage at the plant, and increased regulatory requirements imposed by the state for the monitoring of sewage plant operations.

Revenue for town operations, Yost pointed out, comes from a variety of sources but primarily from property taxes (41% of total revenues) and income taxes (39% of total revenues). Expenditures are predominantly related to general operations (including salaries for staff and day-to-day operations), capital spending (including rebuilding or repairing roads and parks), and capital spending on the sewer and water plant. Staff salaries and the contract for trash pickup make up the bulk of all general operations spending (about 61% of the total).

A number of capital projects are planned for this year or are going to get needed seed funding for future years. Included in capital projects are: the purchase of a ¾-ton pickup truck this year and the replacement of a backhoe and skid loader in future years, replacing the paving at Whalen Commons that is chipping and cracking, and replacing the wall at the front of Whalen Commons that is suffering from cracking and deterioration.

A number of projects are planned to refurbish or improve operations in the waste water treatment and water systems. These include repainting the exterior of the water tower (planned for 2021, but some funds are being put in this year's budget to help save for this expenditure), replacing faulty water valves, expanding the monitoring system for the sewage pumping system so that all pumps can report remotely when there are problems, and continuing the program to reduce leaks and cracks in the sewer pipes in town to reduce the load on the sewer plant.

With all of this, the town maintains a rainy day fund set at 17.5% of the budget and has unrestricted cash reserves of just over \$700,000 that could be used to keep the town operating in the event of an emergency. A public hearing on the proposed budget is set for April 17.

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#### It's a Big World Out There

walkway with a camera. Ahead of him was a large group of children. He warned us, "Watch out, they're going to run." Then dozens of small children and a few adults came running and laughing past him and us as he took pictures, and we stepped aside for safety. Afterwards, he said they were from the Alliance Church. The children were Syrian refugees, and "This was their big outing of the year." It may have been a few dozen children, but it's a small drop in the bucket of the 4.8 million or so people (we call them "refugees") who have fled the war. Jordan has accepted almost a million such people, although with a common border over two

hundred miles long, they didn't have a lot of choice. It is still shocking to me that the United States of America has grudgingly accepted about ten thousand people. Trump pilloried Clinton for suggesting we take in fifty-five thousand, a considerable number but still tiny compared to the scale of the problem.

We weren't always like this. We took in so many people after World War II, and from Vietnam, from Ethiopia, from Cuba, and from so many other places with strife, like Bosnia, Rwanda, and Somalia. We wear this moral compassion with pride like so many merit badges next to our flag pins, but what's different now? Is it because our president was heavily-elected by people who don't like foreigners, who fear Muslims, and who want to shut them out? Many people who don't feel that way also voted for Trump but, make no mistake about it, that was part of the package. Is this what you voted for?

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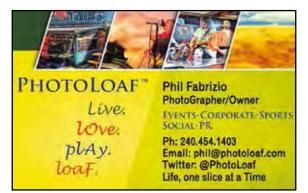
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  - a. Cognitive dysfunction (the primary reason for abnormal vocalization)
  - b. Outside activity from wild or feral animals
  - c. Need for love and attention (more food please)
- 2. Reduced hearing acuity
- 3. Osteoarthritis, making it difficult for the cat to perform activities it was previously accustomed to doing.
  - a. Jumping on the bed
  - b. Climbing the stairs
  - c. Getting into the cat tree
  - d. Getting away from other animals or children
- 4. Any condition causing pain other than osteoarthritis;
  - a. Ear diseases
  - b. Eye disease
  - c. Organ disease
  - d. Oral pain
  - e. Constipation
- 5. Conditions causing excessive drinking and need to urinate such as;
  - a. Kidney disease
  - b. Lower urinary tract disease
  - c. Diabetes mellitus
- 6. Endocrine disorders;
  - a. Hyperthyroidism (very common in older cats)
  - b. Hyperaldosteronism
  - c. Primary Pituitary condition
- 7. Central nervous system disorder;
  - a. Atrophy of the brain
  - b. Tumor in the brainc. Infection in the brain
  - It is very important to discuss with your veterinarian any behavior changes during the evening hours for your senior, or any age feline friend. This slight change to their response to the environment may be the earliest indication of a problem. If caught early can be improved or recovered. There are many new and current treatments. So don't hesitate to call your veterinary doctor. Silent night peaceful night to you and your feline buddy.



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