

Rizwan Jaka, board member at the All Dulles Area Muslim Society, says the Muslim community is dedicated to inter-faith peace and understanding, while condemning extremism and terrorism.

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Members of local faith communities gather at the All Dulles Area Muslim Society. ADAMS is host to many interfaith events throughout the year, and in the 10 years since 9/11, has been working harder with their interfaith partners to spread peace and understanding.



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Area Muslims Promote Understanding

Members of All Dulles Area Muslim Society reflect on 10th anniversary of 9/11.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As a community dedicated to interfaith understanding, members of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society hold the days around Sept. 11 in special regard. They host gatherings dedicated to peace and honoring law enforcement and other public safety officials. ADAMS takes this pro-active approach because 9/11 hijackers used their faith to justify the attacks.

"As an American Muslim, I have said this for 10 years since 9/11: We American Muslims condemn terrorism and extremism," said Rizwan Jaka, board member of ADAMS. "On 9/11 our faith was hijacked by terrorists who betrayed their God and the religion they claimed to follow."

Jaka, who also serves as a board member of the Islamic Society of North America and the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, remembers speaking at an interfaith event the night of Sept. 12, 2001.

"It was an interfaith gathering to come together as a community of many faith traditions and backgrounds to remember the victims and their families and to pray for healing and the unity of America," he said. "I remember all the Christian and Jewish communities that offered their help to us after hate crimes were committed against the Muslim community."

Priscilla Martinez, the ADAMS Holistic Families Circle coordinator, says even 10 years later, the images of the planes crashing into buildings still "stir emotions of sadness and disgust that anyone would be capable of such evil."

She says she still remembers the events of the day as they unfolded.

"That morning is still vivid in my mind. I remember calling my Daisy Girl Scout co-leader to talk about plans for our troop that week. She and her husband, our Imam at ADAMS Center, were watching live coverage and when she told me with disbelief what was happening, I immediately turned my TV on," she said. "A few minutes after I turned it on, the second airplane hit. I watched in shock and horror as the events unfolded. Then, in my state of shock, I began to fear for my children, for myself, for my community, for my country."

Awais Sheikh, a board member at ADAMS, recalls a personal experience dealing with the perception and reality of what it means to be a Muslim. He was talking with a co-worker who had watched a sensationalized special about the possibility of Muslim terrorists living in American neighborhoods.

Sheik said his colleague expressed disbelief to his wife when comparing the image on television of a turban-wearing Muslim firing an AK-47 into the air to his co-worker of more than a year.

"I smiled as I heard this and I told him, 'The fact is, almost every Muslim you'd meet in this country is a lot more like me and a lot less like them,'" he said. "I'll never forget what he said next: 'But doesn't it make you mad that they make you all look like that?'"

Sheikh said that while media coverage can be "frustrating," he does not feel anger about the portrayals.

"The above exchange highlights my true feeling, which is that of hope. Hope that in the aftermath of that tragic day, we as Americans can come together and truly learn more about each other," he said. "I

refuse to allow our faith to be held hostage by the criminal actions of a tiny minority acting outside the teachings of both the Quran and the Prophet Muhammad."

MOST PEOPLE who were adults at the time of the

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PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

The Freedom Grove at Browns Chapel Park in Reston will host a 9/11 remembrance ceremony Sunday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m.

Freedom Grove to Host 9/11 Ceremony

Remembrance will honor Restonians lost on 9/11 and those who died while serving in the armed forces.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Freedom Grove in Reston will host a ceremony to recognize Restonians lost in the 9/11 attacks, as well as two Restonians killed while serving in the armed forces. Residents Norma Cruz Khan, 45, and Leonard Taylor, 44, were aboard American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon.

The Freedom Grove is located in Brown's Chapel Park, and was created as a tribute to local victims of the 9/11 attacks. Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) and Reston Association President Kathleen Driscoll McKee will speak at the ceremony.

"Sept. 11 is an important date for every American in a broad sense, but it's also an event most people remember happening," McKee said. "It's important to take steps to make sure people honor those who were lost that day, and those who lost their lives in service of this country."

McKee said the event will offer the community a chance to share in an event that touched so many lives.

"We were all touched by 9/11, members of our community

died, our first responders were on the scene," she said. "It's an opportunity to connect to other people, to see how we all felt watching the same event."

The ceremony will also honor Marine Lance Cpl. Tavon L. Hubbard, 24, and Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, who were killed in the line of duty in Iraq. Hubbard had been in Iraq for two months when he was killed in a helicopter crash in the Anbar province Aug. 11, 2004.

Nyren was killed Dec. 28, 2004 in Baghdad when a civilian vehicle struck his military vehicle.

"Young people have made career choices based on the events of 9/11. Men and women joined the police or fire department, or the military," McKee said. "They literally stopped what they were doing at the moment, took a deep breath and decided to serve."

McKee is no stranger to military life, she grew up the daughter of a Navy pilot, and her son is currently a lieutenant colonel in the Navy.

The ceremony will begin at 1 p.m., and will feature the South Lakes High School color guard. After the ceremony, there will be a musical tribute at the pavilion at Brown's Chapel Park Pavilion.

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WELLBEING

Who Makes Cancer Research Possible?

An invitation to get involved.

BY JEAN CARD
THE CONNECTION

How does a relatively shy person ask friends and family, let alone complete strangers, to donate their hard-earned dollars? We are all asked many times over to give to worthy causes. How do you ask people to make your cause their priority? I'm trying to figure that out right now.

In February, I was diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia (APL). It was quite a ride, but today I am in remission with fantastic prospects for a "normal" future. I am incredibly lucky.

It started with a lot of unexplained bruising ... actually two matching bruises on the back of my hands. A couple of weeks later, my partner Stuart pointed out a massive bruise that covered my entire lower back; so on a Monday morning I went in for a routine blood test.

That evening, I received a phone call from the advice nurse. After what seemed like a million questions, she had me go to the emergency room, with the following admonishments: I was not to drive myself, I was not to use anything sharp and I was under no circumstances to fall down. I had almost no platelets, the type of blood cells that clot, and so was at risk of severe, potentially life-threatening bleeding.

I was sent home that night with an appointment for a bone marrow biopsy in the morning. Everything seemed to go fine with the biopsy; we stopped for some lunch and by the time I got home, I was gushing blood from my biopsy site. While I was in the process of calling to find out what to do, the triage nurse from the oncology practice called to say they were booking a room for me in the hospital for transfusions. My platelets had dropped even more and I had absolutely no immunity to anything (my kind of leukemia features white blood cells that do not mature properly to provide natural protection to infection). I would probably be home that evening, she said, but pack a bag, just in case it ends up being overnight. One day shy of four weeks later, I left the hospital.

When I left the hospital, because I was immunocompromised I saw very few people, beyond my family; I saw friends a couple of times when I had confirmed my counts were good and they definitely felt healthy; had to limit what I ate (nothing fresh and uncooked); and avoided a lot of places, especially crowds. I was home from work for almost six months.

I am incredibly lucky. I responded to all treatments as expected and tolerated much of the chemotherapy with relatively mild side effects — at least as far as anything I have to compare it to. But there are many, many families still looking for their luck: the discovery that will make treatment easier, or more effective,

or less scary.

In the case of APL, it turns out a form of super-charged vitamin A is the miracle drug. My mother and I have had more than one conversation about how it's possible for someone to figure that out. Who comes up with an idea like that? Who keeps coming up with the ideas to try this or that, in this or that combo, for this or that duration?

And it seemed like I had the most bizarre, specific chemotherapy treatment (it appears all cancers have their own bizarre, specific treatments ... I didn't know that before). Four days of one medication intravenously, every other day. A month later, four days, in a row, of the same medication, at half the dose; then a month later, three days, in a row, of a different medication. And finally a month later, two days, in a row, of the original medication at the original dose. All the while, still taking my super-charged vitamin A.

And now I have an equally bizarre, specific maintenance routine. For four 90-day cycles I will take nine pills (five in the morning, four in the evening, with food) for the first 15 days. For all 90 days I will take another medication once a day (four pills, on an empty stomach) and once a week I will take another medication (12 pills, because it only comes in a small dosage, also on an empty stomach). Who figures this out so that I can have the best prospects for a leukemia-free future?

I guess I don't really care who, I just care that someone does. I care that they have money to fund research. I care that amazing ideas keep happening. I care that miracles keep coming our way.

So, here I am, asking for your hard-earned dollars: My team, The APL Dumpling Gang (named after a favorite childhood movie), will

be walking in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's annual Light The Night walk at Reston Town Center on Oct. 1.

I hope you'll support my "gang." I know we all get lots of requests for a variety of causes to support ... so no pressure to make this particular one your priority. But, if you are looking for a place to put that \$5, \$10, or \$25 donation, please send it our way.

Or, just as important as finding new miracles, share one you already have at no cost: donate blood or platelets. I always knew it mattered, but until I was watching bag after bag going into my body, helping save my life, I didn't really know. Visit <http://www.redcrossblood.org/gcp> or www.inova.org and click Get Involved and then Blood Donor Services.

Learn more about the event or The APL Dumpling Gang at www.lightthenight.org, click on Donate, and search Jean Card or APL Dumpling Gang.

And if you'd like to know more about my personal adventures with leukemia, e-mail me at jjcard@connectionnewspapers.com.

Jean Card is production manager at Connection Newspapers. She lives in McLean.



PHOTO BY STUART MOLL

Stuart Moll and Jean Card. "Stuart cut his waist-length hair to support me, while I took the opportunity to play around as my hair thinned dramatically during chemotherapy treatment for leukemia. Happily, all the gray went first, and has yet to come back."

Dedicated to Faith and Country

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Sept. 11 attacks were no stranger to tragedies unfolding on television. They had watched coverage of events such as the Kennedy assassination, the Challenger Explosion and the Oklahoma City bombing.

Sahal Tahir, 18, was only 8 when the attacks happened. As part of a post 9/11 Muslim youth generation, Tahir says he and his peers had to learn how to respond to the negativity some associate with their faith.

"The American Muslim youth had to gather knowledge on Islam, explore what we believed and we had to dig deeper into our understanding of our faith in order to respond to the looming speculations," he said. "We learned and explained that Islam holds the human soul in high esteem and considers attacks against innocent humans a sin of the gravest magnitude. Those who commit or abet acts of terror, murder and cruelty in the name of Islam are not only destroying innocent lives, but are also betraying the values of faith they falsely claim to represent."

Tahir says that the process of learning more about their faith helped them grow within their faith, as well as made them better ambassadors.

"Growing and instilling our personal faith helped us answer the questions other youth had for us, initiating interfaith discussions that helped us gain knowledge on beliefs different from our own," he said. "Through this, we have discovered the common threads of peace and respect within all our faiths and created a growing appreciation for the ethnic and religious pluralism that defines our country."

YOUNGER MEMBERS of the community also use organizations to re-affirm their dedication to their faith and their country. Mohammad Ahsanullah of Reston, the unit commissioner for the ADAMS Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Venture Crew, says that after 9/11 he felt there was a perception that Muslims were considered strangers in their own communities.

"By involving our kids in Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs, we are able to be true to our nation and to our religion of peace," he said. "I see the hopes and aspirations in their Scouting activities which contribute to their engagement in service to our community, our nation and our world."

Ahsanullah is one such scout using the organization to promote unity, for his Eagle project he built three flagpoles at the ADAMS Center: the American, Virginia and ADAMS flag.

Jaka says that in the 10 years since 9/11, his community and Muslim communities around the world work every day to reclaim the unity the country felt in the immediate aftermath of the events of 9/11.

"In the many years after that, my family and community continue to work day in and day out with our interfaith partners for interfaith respect, harmony and peace," he said. "We work to counter the terrorist and radical ideology. We work with law enforcement to help protect our nation. We work with our interfaith partners and law enforcement to prevent and counter anti-Muslim bigotry. We work to serve our one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all."

BULLETIN BOARD

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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 7

Spiritual Development and Study Group. 7:30 p.m. Hunan East, 2533 John Milton Drive, Herndon. Every Wednesday. 703-620-3018.

Lupus Support Group. 6:30 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The Lupus Foundation of America DC/MD/VA Chapter offers a free support group for lupus patients and their families the first Wednesday of the month. 1-888-787-5390 or info@lupusdmv.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce Coffee Break. 8:30 a.m. Morton's The Steakhouse, 11956 Market St., Reston. Speed networking at this fast-paced, interactive event gives you the opportunity to discuss your business face-to-face with dozens of members. Members \$10, non-members \$20. Registration required at 703-707-9045.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 9

Herndon Reston FISH Volunteer & Friends Gathering. 4 p.m. Oakbrook Baptist Church, 1700 Reston Parkway, Reston. An open discussion and idea sharing time. Assist in developing the organization so that it can continue to help those in the community who are having difficult times. Light refreshments. FISH@HerndonRestonFISH.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

You and Your Aging Parents and Loved Ones Workshop. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Christian Church, 11400 North Shore Drive, Reston. Recognize signs of early dementia and other stresses, specific suggestions for working with aging parents, services for the elderly and guidelines for service selections. With Dr. Joseph Dancy, Jr., a theologian and gerontologist who has worked for the National Council on Aging, and as Professor/Gerontologist at Norfolk State University. Fairfax County Government's Area on Aging will present information accessing the resources available. 703-471-5690 or jlscott8@cox.net.

Meditation Class. 1 p.m. Brown's Chapel, 11450 Baron Cameron Ave., Reston. Vajrayogini Buddhist Center monthly meditation classes, taught by American Buddhist nun, Gen Kelsang Varahi. How to use Buddhist techniques to reduce stress and maintain positive states of mind, guided meditations and more. \$12. www.meditation-dc.org or 202-986-2257.

MONDAY/SEPT. 12

Assistance League of Northern Virginia Chapter Meeting. 9:30 a.m. Total Wine and More, 13055-C Lee Jackson Highway, Chantilly. Pillow Workshop to assemble huggable pillow kits for young victims of assault. Attend to learn more about the League's philanthropic programs. www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org or 703-591-2312.

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OPINION

Remembering Local People Who Died on 9-11

Excerpts from <http://pentagonmemorial.org/learn/911-pentagon>:

“Sept. 11, 2001 was a warm, sunny day in Washington, D.C. That morning, five hijackers passed through security at Dulles International Airport at approximately 7:35 a.m. They boarded American Airlines Flight 77 bound for Los Angeles. At 8:20 a.m., Flight 77 departed Dulles International Airport 10 minutes delayed. When the plane took off, it had 64 people on board: a crew of six plus 58 passengers, including the five hijackers with their weapons.”

“The last routine radio communication with American Airlines Flight 77 occurred at 8:51 a.m. It seems likely that between 8:51 and 8:54

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a.m. over eastern Kentucky, the hijackers made their move and took over the plane.

“Immediately following the takeover, Flight 77 made an unauthorized turn to the south. At 9 a.m., the plane turned eastward from a point near the junction of West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky.

“Tracking Flight 77 would not have been easy, even if controllers had been able to identify which plane to follow. Its transponder, a transmitter that broadcasts the course, speed, and altitude of the airplane, was turned off at 8:56 a.m. For air traffic controllers, the lack of a transponder signal meant they could not find the Boeing 757 until it crossed the path of a ground-based radar.

“At 9:33 a.m., Flight 77 turned south and

headed for the Pentagon. Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport tower passed to the Secret Service Operations Center in Washington, D.C. the alarming word that ‘an aircraft is coming at you and not talking with us.’ A minute later, the plane turned south below Alexandria, circled back to the northeast, and flew toward Washington again.

“At 9:37:46 a.m., American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon.

“The Pentagon’s on-site firehouse responded immediately to the crash. Firefighters from nearby Reagan National Airport and Arlington County Fire Department arrived within minutes.

“One-hundred-and-eighty-four lives were lost at the Pentagon that day.”

Local People Who Died in Sept. 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks

The following list of people who lived in Connection Newspapers coverage area and died in the Sept. 11 2001 terrorist attacks, is compiled from multiple sources, including news reports, and is likely not complete. The Pentagon Memorial website offers photos and biographies of most people who died at the Pentagon. <http://pentagonmemorial.org/explore/biographies>

Spc. Craig Amundson, 28, Fort Belvoir, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Lt. Col. Canfield D. Boone, 54, Clifton, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Charles Burlingame, 51, Herndon, employed by American Airlines, died on AA Flight 77

Rosa Maria Chapa, 64, Springfield, employed by Defense Intelligence Agency, died in Pentagon

Eddie A. Dillard, Alexandria, employed by Philip Morris, died on AA Flight 77

Capt. Robert Edward Dolan, 43, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon

Charles A. Droz III, 52, Springfield, employed by EM Solutions Inc., died on AA Flight 77

Gerald P. Fisher, 57, Potomac, Md., employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon

1st Lt. (Ret.) Richard P. Gabriel Sr., 54,

Great Falls, employed by Stratlin Consulting, died on AA Flight 77

Diane M. Hale-McKinzy, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Stanley R. Hall, 68, Centreville, employed by Raytheon, died on AA Flight 77

Brady K. Howell, 26, Arlington, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon

Lt. Col. Stephen Neil Hyland Jr., 45, Burke, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Bryan C. Jack, 48, Alexandria, employed by Department of Defense, died on AA Flight 77

Steven D. Jacoby, 43, Alexandria, employed by Metrocall, died on AA Flight 77

Ann Judge, 49, Great Falls, employed by National Geographic Society, died on AA Flight 77

Norma Cruz Khan, 45, Reston, Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Assn., died on AA Flight 77

Terence M. Lynch, 49, Alexandria, employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon

Ada L. Mason-Acker, 50, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, 53, Fort Myer, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Mark McGinly, 26, Vienna, employed by

Carr Futures, died in World Trade Center

Patricia E. Mickley, 41, Springfield, employed by Department of Defense, died in Pentagon

Khang Ngoc Nguyen, 41, Fairfax, employed by Navy contractor, died in Pentagon

Barbara K. Olson, 45, Great Falls, attorney, died on AA Flight 77

Maj. Clifford L. Patterson Jr., 33, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Capt. Jack D. Panches, 51, Clifton, retired from U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon

Lisa J. Raines, 42, Great Falls, employed by Genzyme Corp., died on AA Flight 77

Todd H. Reuben, 40, Potomac, Md., attorney, died on AA Flight 77

Charles E. Sabin, 54, Burke, employed by Department of Defense, died in Pentagon

Marjorie C. Salamone, 53, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon

Mark E. Schurmeier, 44, McLean, employed by Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., died in World Trade Center

Janice M. Scott, 46, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Michael L. Selves, 53, Fairfax, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Diane M. Simmons, Great Falls, died on AA Flight 77

George W. Simmons, Great Falls, retired from Xerox, died on AA Flight 77

Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith, 55, Alexandria, retired U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Norma Lang Steuerle, 54, Alexandria, died on AA Flight 77

Lt. Col. Kip P. Taylor, 38, McLean, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Leonard E. Taylor, 44, Reston, employed by XonTech Inc., died on AA Flight 77

Sandra C. Taylor, 50, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Sandra D. Teague, 31, Fairfax, employed by Georgetown University Hospital, died on AA Flight 77

Karl W. Teepe, 57, Centreville, employed by Defense Information Agency, died in Pentagon

Meta L. Waller, 60, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Ernest M. Willcher, 62, North Potomac, Md., employed by Booz-Allen Ha.m.ilton Inc. died in Pentagon

Maj. Dwayne Williams, 40, Lorton, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Vicki C. Yancey, 43, Springfield, employed by Vredenburg Co., died on AA Flight 77.

VIEWPOINTS



Cindy Stewart, Vienna

“I am more anxious about big crowds and using mass transportation. However, I find myself more conscious of the preciousness of life — of the ordinary and soothing routines that comprise each day. I also value in a deeper way the connection to family and friends and the blessings bestowed upon me.”

How has your world changed since 9/11?

— DONNA MANZ



Diane Abel, Vienna

“I was in New York watching the finals at the U.S. Open on Sept. 10 with a good friend. We took the train home on Sept. 10. The next day I was cleaning, watching TV, and saw the plane going into the Twin Towers. I went back to the U.S. Open again last year but I just can’t go this year, it being the 10th anniversary of 9/11. I wouldn’t say it’s scary but it’s a feeling.”



Brian Cramp, Vienna-raised

“September 11th affected me on a very personal level. I lost my long-time friend Mark Ryan McGinly. Mark was on the 92nd floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center. What I’ve learned since Sept. 11 is to not take life for granted. Each and every day I tell my family and friends how much I love and miss them.”



Ingrid Knowlton, Reston

“The security, all the security, everywhere. For me, it’s being prepared for an attack the best you can, and stressing the importance of it to your children without frightening them. You have to be prepared the best you can but you can’t stop living your life.”

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PEOPLE



Phillip Michael Archey and Hannah Rebekah Rohlfs

Wedding in November

Hannah Rebekah Rohlfs and Phillip Michael Archey of Reston have announced their plans for a November 2011 wedding.

Hannah is the daughter of Cmdr. H. Warren, Jr. and Reginann E. Rohlfs of Oak Hill. She is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School of Science and Technology, an alumna

of Carnegie Mellon University and a Project Manager at Ebix Inc. in Herndon.

Phillip is the son of Michael and Vicki Archey of Cresson, Pa. He is a graduate of Penn Cambria High School, an alumnus of Penn State University and an A/V Programmer at Karcher Group Inc. in Chantilly.



Ashley Morse (left) with Susan Alger, Volunteer Manager for Embry Rucker Community Shelter in Reston.

Going for Gold

Ashley Morse of Herndon is going for the Girl Scouts Gold Award. It's the highest award a Girl Scout, ages 14-18, can earn and sets the foundation for a lifetime of active citizenship. She chose Embry Rucker Community Shelter in Reston to volunteer her time and books towards a reading program for children at the shelter. Ashley also entertained

her audience by making ice cream in a bag and newspaper pirate hats that coordinated with the story books. Anyone who would like to do volunteer hours at the shelter are welcomed to contact Susan Alger, Volunteer Manager for Embry Rucker Community Shelter (Reston Interfaith) at 571-323-1383 or at Susan.Alger@Restoninterfaith.org.



Dranesville Elementary Teachers Tour the Community

Dranesville Elementary teachers rode the school bus through the Dranesville community to shake hands with students and hand out pencils to invite them to the 2011-2012 open house. In pictures, top to bottom: Stella Ferguson runs to teacher Ilba Green; teacher Katy Wright meets Abrar Khan; and Taylor and Madison Yim hug teacher Lisa Comeau.



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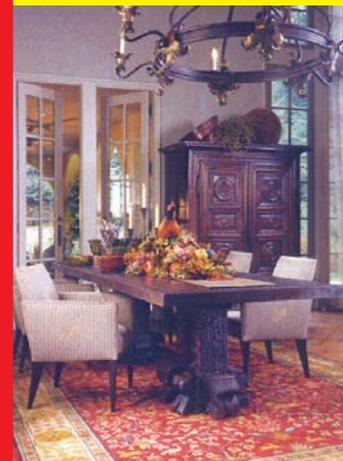
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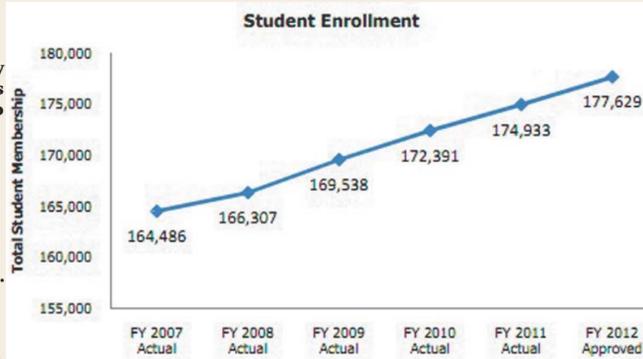
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Fairfax County Public Schools is projected to have 177,629 students this year, a 2,696 increase over last year, which will require 629.9 new positions.



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Fairfax County Heads Back to School

New year brings employee raise, full day kindergarten, but issues still remain.

By ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As the 2011-12 school year begins, 177,629 students are projected to attend the 194 Fairfax County Public Schools. This represents an increase of 2,696 from Fiscal Year 2011, leading to a requirement of 629.9 new positions. FCPS is the largest school system in Virginia and the 11th largest in the country.

According to a Feb. 26 Fairfax County School Board report, Virginia ranks seventh in the country in per capita income, but 38th in state support for K-12 education. Since Fiscal Year 2009, state support has been reduced by almost \$1 billion, from \$5.6 billion to \$4.8 in Fiscal Year 2012.

Despite these numbers, Superintendent Dr. Jack Dale says this year FCPS was able to give employees a 1 percent cost-of-living salary increase after a two-year salary freeze.

The county's Capital Improvement Program for FY2012-2016 kicks off this year, and the new plan calls for acceleration of their renovation schedule, because of the closing of Pimmit Hills Alternative High School and Clifton Elementary schools, as well as lower construction costs. According to FCPS, they have saved \$31 million in capital improvements over the past three years, and Dale said he expects that trend to continue.

"We're fortunate we got the votes from the Board of Supervisors to continue with the CIP," he said. "With the economy down, we've gotten some very low bid prices which allows us to do more projects."

THIS YEAR is the first school year where all 138 elementary schools will be offering full day kindergarten. Before this year there were 36 schools, mostly in the Dranesville district that did not offer full day kindergarten.

Dale called the countywide full day kindergarten "a great accomplishment that will benefit the entire system."

Since students aren't being split over morning and afternoon kindergarten, new staff was hired at many of the schools, 152.2 positions overall. According to FCPS's FY2012 budget, the total cost for implementation is \$8.2 million. But the implementation also saved around \$900,000 with the elimination of the no-longer-needed kindergarten School Age Child Care program as well as the sav-

ings of eliminating half-day bus runs.

Ann Malekzadeh, whose daughters attend Colvin Run Elementary School in Great Falls, was a vocal proponent of full day kindergarten.

"We're very excited the school board found a way to make sure we all have full day kindergarten," she said. "A lot of kids are excited they'll be able to be in school with their older siblings all day long, and my daughter is excited about being able to actually eat in the cafeteria, which kindergartners couldn't do when they were split."

Several community groups still have issues to work on in future years, and many of them say those issues will be key in this November's school board elections.

FAIRGRADE, part of the Fairfax Education Coalition (FEC), is still working to fight the phasing out of upper-level, high school honors courses for English and Social Studies. This year, FCPS will give high schoolers a chance to take World Studies and English classes online. These courses are called honors courses.

"We're offering these classes as a scaled-back option for students, so they don't have to take an AP exam or attend classroom courses," Dale said. "For those who take it, the online courses will allow them to customize their opportunities."

Catherine Lorenze of the FEC and FAIRGRADE, says these new online options do not solve the problem.

"I think it's a very last-minute solution that had zero input from the school board," she said. "We're asking for honors versions of these classes, not AP Light."

Start Later for Excellence in Education Proposal (SLEEP) hopes to make school start times later, saying that early start times are causing high school students to suffer from sleep deprivation. Phyllis Payne of SLEEP says that early hours are interrupting natural sleep patterns and school with earlier start times show higher car crash rates for 16-18 year olds than ones with later times.

"I don't think the school board will truly address this problem this year, but hope administrators do something immediately to help the students who literally can't function with the status quo," she said. "Some students who are dropping out, frequently tardy or absent and/or suffering from depression or other illnesses need relief sooner rather than later."

BACK TO SCHOOL

School on Cutting Edge

Named best public school in the country for the past four years, Thomas Jefferson offers students chance to expand their boundaries.

By ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

A silver sculpture featuring two circles and two triangles bisecting each other is a familiar sight about a half-mile south from the intersection of Braddock Road and Little River Turnpike. It's the logo for Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. While the sculpture itself might catch drivers' eyes, it's the work being done in the school that has the attention of educators from around the country.

Thomas Jefferson has been named the best public school in the nation for the past four years by U.S. News and World Report. Founded in 1985, the school's population is made up of six local jurisdictions. Eighty percent of the school's approximately 1,850 students come from Fairfax County, with Loudoun, Fauquier, Arlington and Prince William counties and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church making up the remainder.

"We offer a unique curriculum tailored to emphasize science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)," said Principal Evan Glazer. "We pull in students from across the region because we offer a curriculum no other school can."

Say there are two students in Herndon who are interested in robotics. They wouldn't have a place to study that locally, but here we can take them in with other students from around the area who also might be interested."

THE SCHOOL has 13 different labs within its walls, with applications as diverse as the students' interests. One lab could easily be mistaken for an auto body shop, with car parts strewn about. It's the school's Energy Systems lab.

Just down the hall, the Oceanography and Geophysical Systems lab is abuzz with aquariums and terrariums containing a host of animals and plants to study. Further down, in the Biotechnology and Life Sciences lab, thousands of dollars of genetic imaging equipment is there to satisfy students with questions about the building blocks of life.

"The mindset we have here isn't just to help students pass their tests, but to get them excited about the joy of investigation and discovery, the critical aspects of learning," Glazer said.

In addition to normal sources of funding, the Thomas Jefferson Partnership Fund helps fund programs at the school through donations, corporate partnerships and capital campaigns.

Other technology organizations and companies have taken notice of the aptitude of Thomas Jefferson students. The Siemens Foundation, a nonprofit which provides STEM education grants and scholarship, named two members of TJ's Class of 2011 with their annual Advanced Placement Award, and not for the first time.

"Thomas Jefferson is an example of a school that is really working and educating its students, we almost always have an [Advanced Placement award] winner from there every year," said Jennifer Harper-Taylor, president of the Siemens Foundation. "It's a phenomenal platform for moving students forward and immersing them in partnerships with top research labs and organizations."

While the school's name features the term "science and technology," the humanities also have a place



Students from Thomas Jefferson High School of Science and Technology perform an experiment during a Fairfax County Public School summer course on Biotechnology.

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at Thomas Jefferson. For example, freshmen spend their early time at TJ in a Biology, English and Technology course that helps them form a multidisciplinary approach.

"With Biology, they learn how to do the research, the Technology teaches them about the instrumentation needed to collect and analyze information. The English part teaches them to communicate what they find, to the right audience, in a coherent way," Glazer said. "And it's great socially, these freshmen who are coming from all over get to spend three-eighths of their schedule with the same 70 to 80 person group."

This combining of the disciplines has proven successful for many of TJ's alumni. A.J. Smith, who graduated in 2009, is currently

studying Computer Science and Music Composition/Film Score at New York University.

"At Thomas Jefferson, I was able to really create a connection between music and technology, two things I love," he said. "I also learned to love the theater while at TJ, learning to step outside myself and take over somebody else's mind for a bit."

Smith is well on his way, he recently won a talent competition using a blend of computer-programmed music and his own singing and playing.

GLAZER SAYS the school is also dedicated to working with other Fairfax County Public Schools with their outreach efforts, and students constantly travel off-campus to

work with other schools, such as Dogwood Elementary School in Reston, Centre Ridge Elementary School in Centreville, Garfield Elementary School in Springfield and more.

"As a regional school, we're not only educating the 1,850 students who attend school here, we want to provide outreach that inspires the community," Glazer said. "People don't come to Thomas Jefferson as a destination, but to inspire the communities they come from with a love of STEM."

Every year the school has a "One Question" that students, faculty and staff try to answer with their work throughout the year. This year's question, "How can we, the TJ community, take action to help prepare students to confront difficult moral and ethical decisions, both now and in the future?" was submitted by senior Andrew Martin.

"I'm inspired every single day by the students and the teachers here, they're constantly on the cutting edge of whatever they're working on," Glazer said.

This year's \$252.7 million school bond referendum that will be on the ballots for the Nov. 8 election includes \$84.6 million for a renovation of Thomas Jefferson.

"Our building is way past due for improvements and our community is very excited and grateful at the prospect of being able to attend classes and work in a school that is up-to-date and designed for our unique needs," said Denise Bunting, president of the Thomas Jefferson PTSA.

More information on Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology can be found at www.tjhsst.edu.

Closing the 'Achievement Gap'

Area high school principals discuss priorities, challenges of the new school year.



William L. Bates, Principal, Herndon High School

"The most important priority at Herndon High School is closing the achievement gap and helping all students achieve academic success. One of the greatest challenges we face today as educators is incorporating technology into our everyday instructional practices, in a manner that is meaningful and motivating to students. We live in the

'instant' information age where students have unlimited information at their fingertips. Students use technology to communicate, socialize and learn. As educators, if we do not have a deep understanding of technology and how to teach with it then we will experience challenges with reaching our young people."



Bruce Butler, Principal, South Lakes High School

"No new challenges, just continuing on our mission of ensuring a challenging and engaging academic program for every student. We have grown to over 2,250 students, which has allowed us to increase the academic options available to our students. This year for example we have added a state of the art Geospatial Imaging

course, which is very exciting. The IB program continues to grow as more and more students step into these incredibly rich and reflective learning opportunities."



Dr. John Banbury, Principal, Oakton High School

"This school year, Oakton High School will emphasize real-world and interdisciplinary connections to foster a greater sense of purpose for our students. This goal will require a cultural shift for the entire community of Oakton High School: we must focus on the ultimate goal of learning rather than grades as ends in themselves.

On the evenings of March 20-22, we will host an Exhibition of Learning wherein students will showcase their work to our community. We invite you to join us for this open house in support of our focus on relevant, twenty-first century education. Look for more details to come."

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Stranger than Fiction: The Secret Lives of Freshwater Mussels. 7 p.m. USGS, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Over 200 species of freshwater mussels live in North American rivers, streams, and lakes. To metamorphose from larvae to adult, they must pass through a parasitic phase on the gills of freshwater fish. Bill Lellis and Heather Galbraith will explore their reproductive biology and ecological role. Free. Federal facility, photo Id required. 703-648-4748 or www.usgs.gov/public_lecture_series.

The Brothers Cazimero with Brother Noland. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Hawaiian chants, dances, and songs. Accompanied by the men of Halau Na Kamalei and the ladies of the Royal Dance Company performing hula dances. \$38 in-house, \$22 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

Before Reston: The Town of Wiehle. 7 p.m. Reston Community Center, Lake Anne, 1609A Washington Plaza, Reston. Historical researcher Audrey Haugan with an overview of development by Dr. Max Wiehle on land that is now Reston. www.restonmuseum.org.

Judy Collins with Shawn Mullins. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Traditional and contemporary folk, cabaret, show tunes and more. \$40 in-house, \$22 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

Toddler Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Stories, songs and fingerplays. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-689-2700.

Book Discussion Group. 7:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins. Ask for a copy at the circulation desk. Adults. 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 9

Eddie from Ohio with Martin Sexton. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. From folk to alternative to 1940s jazz. \$35 in-house, \$25 lawn, www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Artist Reception and Gallery Talk. 7:30 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon Post Gallery, 750 Center St., Herndon. Lori Simmerman Goll's exhibit "Peace & Quiet." 703-956-6590 or www.artspaceherndon.org.

Community Yard Sale. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Reston Association, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Rain date Sunday, Sept. 11. www.reston.org.

Lake Fairfax Park Walk. 1:30 p.m. Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza at Lake Anne, Reston. Meet at Reston Museum to carpool to the Uplands Tennis Courts on Ring Road for a 2-mile walk over the new footbridge connecting Buttermilk Trail to Lake Fairfax Park, part of the stream restoration project being undertaken with Wetland Studies and Solutions on 29 miles of Reston streams. 703-709-7700 or restonmuseum@gmail.com.

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"November Repose" by Lori Goll. There will be an Artist Reception and Gallery Talk on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon Post Gallery, 750 Center St. in Herndon, for Lori Simmerman Goll's exhibit "Peace & Quiet." 703-956-6590 or www.artspaceherndon.org.

title. Tickets \$35-\$500, available at www.ticketmaster.com and 703-573-SEAT.

Sing-A-Long Sound of Music. 7 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. A screening of the classic Julie Andrews musical, complete with subtitles so that the audience can sing along. Tickets from \$15-\$38. www.wolftrap.org.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Cosponsored by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. 703-242-4020.

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ABBA—The Concert. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Performed by tribute group ABBA—The Music. \$38 in-house, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

MONDAY/SEPT. 12

English Conversation. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. Adults. 703-242-4020.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 13

Craig Werth. 7:15 p.m. Reston Herndon Folk Club, The Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden St., Herndon. Voice, guitars, bouzouki, ukulele, banjo and more. \$10-\$11. 703-435-2402 or www.restonherndonfolkclub.com.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 2 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Call for an appointment. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Money Matters. 7:15 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Explore the importance of money and the economy at every stage of life. Monthly group discussion focuses on personal finance and investing. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Great Decisions Roundtable Discussion. 2 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Lively discussion of U.S. and international issues. The subject for September is Sanctions and Nonproliferation. Reading material is available at the information desk. Adults. 703-689-2700.

Read to the Dog. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog. Bring your own book or choose a book from the library. Call or sign up online for a 15-minute session. Age 6-12. 703-689-2700.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 14

Toddler Storytime. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Stories, songs and activities for two and three year-olds. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-437-8855.

Toddler Tales. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Stories and activities for you and your toddler. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-242-4020.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Keeping a Promise of Excellence

School Board Chair, her opponent list school system priorities and challenges in a new school year.

As the new school year begins, The Connection asked the current Fairfax County School Board Chair Jane K. Strauss and her challenger in November elections as Dranesville District representative on the School Board — Louise Epstein — to respond to the same five questions regarding the county schools in 2011-12. Here are the questions and their responses.

Q: How is the FCPS system doing? What could be done better?

STRAUSS: Student achievement, the most important measure of the success of FCPS, is at an all-time high. The Washington Post ranks all our schools in the top 6 percent nationally. Ed Week calculates that our graduation rate is 14 percent higher than would be expected given our student demographics. Overall student achievement continues to rise, as measured by SAT and SOL scores, AP/IB enrollment and pass rates and student earned industry certifications. The minority student achievement gap is narrowing and has closed in some schools. As for improvements, we need to place less emphasis

on high-stakes, fact-based standardized tests that tend to narrow the curriculum and stifle higher-level thinking skills.

EPSTEIN: FCPS has an excellent reputation. To be a world-class system, however, FCPS must provide better academic instruction to all students. Too many FCPS parents feel compelled to seek remedial tutoring and/or more advanced instruction outside of school. This makes it difficult for our children to enjoy activities like sports and music, to spend time with their family, or to get enough sleep.

Q: What is the impact of budget reductions on the quality of education?

STRAUSS: Proportionately, more budget cuts were made in nonschool-based areas, such as central offices, maintenance and transportation. The central offices are at the lowest level in 10 years. Going forward, maintenance, equipment and bus replacement will eventually need more funding. Also the pay freeze must end if we are to keep quality in the classroom. Our teachers and staff will get a much-deserved raise this year.

EPSTEIN: Budget reductions affect schools differently. In some schools in Fairfax County, most classes have 17 to 25 students. However, our area has the largest classes

in the county. In some of our schools, classes routinely have 25 to 35 students. This inequity is due to FCPS-designed staffing formulas that my opponent supports, which divert FCPS budget resources away from our area.

Over time, FCPS has increased spending on equipment and initiatives called “instructional support,” while reducing funds spent on classroom instruction. FCPS did not have to increase class sizes, freeze teacher salaries, or charge high school athletes fees to survive the recession. We would be better situated if FCPS listened to teachers’ suggestions to reduce the use of eCART SOL-prep and other FCPS headquarters initiatives.



The Langley High School Class of 2011 applauds before taking their seats for the graduation ceremony at DAR Constitution Hall on Thursday, June 16, 2011.

Bio Note

Jane K. Strauss

I have served 18 years on the School Board, am currently the Chairman and have been Budget Chair many times. I hold a master's degree in teaching from Harvard and am a former classroom teacher, school PTA president and county PTA president. I am the mother of four FCPS graduates whose needs spanned special education, general education and advanced academics. I have 35 years of educational experience and advocacy in Pre K-12.



Louise Epstein

is an experienced advocate who co-founded two bipartisan groups, FAIRGRADE and Fairfax Education Coalition, and is endorsed by Fairfax Zero Tolerance Reform. Epstein also served as a PTSA and Booster president at TJHSST, PTSA budget chair at McLean HS, PTA vice president at Longfellow MS, Cluster 1 representative on the FCCPTA, and president of FCAG. Epstein graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School and lives in McLean with her husband and daughters.



Q: What do you think is the single most important challenge for the school system at the beginning of the new school year?

STRAUSS: The logistics of a smooth opening of the school year are critical. Our classrooms are fully staffed, equipped and ready, including the new 36 full-day kindergarten programs. Over 1,300 new teachers have been hired and trained out of an applicant pool of 30,000. Bus routes are established

and practiced and schools have held open houses. All is ready.

EPSTEIN: The biggest challenge is to make all students feel as comfortable as possible with their new teacher(s) and classmates.

Q: What do you think of the recent controversy over the disciplinary policies in the county's public schools? How did the School Board handle the public's concerns?

STRAUSS: After listening carefully to the community, we have made thoughtful changes to the disciplinary process. Parents will be called immediately if it is suspected that their child is involved in serious misbehavior. For the 1 percent of students who do go through the discipline process, immediate academic and social/emotional support will be provided, the entire process will be shortened and fewer transfers from neighborhood schools will be made. Parents who are going through the hearing process will be surveyed to gauge how the changes are working.

EPSTEIN: I am the only Dranesville School Board candidate endorsed by Fairfax Zero Tolerance Reform. After student suicides resulted in adverse press, School Board members initially denied that FCPS had a zero tolerance process and claimed that state law mandated FCPS' punitive rules. When those assertions were discredited, FCPS fixed some problems. However, the School Board fell short on a critical reform — parental notification. My opponent voted no and I will fix this. If schools can call a parent when a child is ill, they should be required to call when a student may be suspended.

Q: You are both running for the School Board in upcoming elections: What would be your top priorities if elected?

STRAUSS: Class sizes need to be reduced by reversing the one-student increase in the staffing formula made early in the recession. Regular summer school must be restored and the remaining portion of the athletic fee eliminated. Over time, we must increase the use of online learning in order to maximize the high-value teacher/student face-to-face class time. A better mix of online and traditional courses would also give students more flexible use of their own schedules.

reaucrats — know best about what works and what doesn't. Often, valuable improvements need not increase costs. For example, adopting FAIRGRADE's proposals to bring back upper-level, high school honors courses in English and social studies should cost nothing.

I also will improve transparency and accountability. Information used to make decisions should be published without a Freedom of Information Act request. FCPS should also restructure its Audit Committee and internal audit and program evaluation programs, to ensure independent and objective evaluations of FCPS management.

EPSTEIN: My top priority will be to improve instruction by working closely with our classroom teachers. Teachers — not bu-

With Heavy Hearts, Seahawks Begin New Football Season

Coach Wooten, in difficult head coaching debut week, suffers the loss of his mother.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

This year has seen numerous blessings flood Marvin Wooten's life. The 27-year-old physical education teacher at South Lakes High School recently became engaged with Safiya, his new fiancé, and a wedding date is set for Oct. 8 in Washington, D.C. Career-wise, Wooten was named the new South Lakes football coach this past May following the departure of former Seahawks' coach Andy Hill.

But these glorious times for Wooten, a South Lakes High graduate himself, were cast in a different light when he learned last Tuesday morning, Aug. 30 of the death of his mother, Carol, as a result of a car accident in Loudoun County outside of Leesburg.

"He's as good as one could expect," said South Lakes Principal Bruce Butler, of Wooten. "The [South Lakes] football community has been very supportive. We're all very sad."

Four days following the accident, Marvin, with a heavy heart, stood on the home team sidelines as his South Lakes squad opened its brand new season — and first with Wooten as head coach — with a home game versus Westfield High.

WOOTEN, who earlier that afternoon/evening had attended his mother's viewing in Herndon, had made his way from the viewing to South Lakes to be a part of his team's opening game. He arrived in low-key fashion just prior to kickoff with few others, outside of school administrators, assistant coaches, and the players themselves, aware he was there. He was not introduced during pre-game introductions. Instead, associate head coach Galvin Morris was announced as that evening's head coach of the team.

Earlier, Wooten and school administrators had agreed that he would attend the game if he could.

"We didn't really want to make a big deal out of it," said Linda Jones, South Lakes' director of student activities, of Wooten's arrival. "If he showed up, he showed up. People just gave him hugs and stuff [when he arrived]. He's a strong individual."

"He's extremely dedicated to the kids and felt it would be better for the team for him to be there and press on," said Butler.

Wooten, with his mother's memory heavily on his mind and in his heart, had indeed wanted to be there for his team on this special night when his Seahawks would take the field for the first time in 2012.

"Honestly, it was tough," said Wooten, of



South Lakes quarterback Rashaan Jones (7), in a surprise game-ending play, caught a touchdown pass from backup QB Calvin Vaughn.

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Ray Terry (24) of South Lakes carries the football during the Seahawks' season opener game against Westfield Sept. 2 in Reston.

keeping his emotions in check during the game. "I'm not going to lie — it was a real tough situation. But I love these kids so much. It was peaceful [in my heart] at first. But it was on my mind. I didn't have the focus."

The game was far from being a good one for South Lakes' faithful as the Seahawks lost by a lopsided score of 52-6. But what stood out in the game from a South Lakes perspective was the team's grit and determination to continue playing hard even as the scoreboard spiraled well out of control. Even throughout the second half, when a running clock was implemented as a result of a lopsided 45-0 score, Seahawk players played all-out and with enthusiasm. There were few, if any, displays of out-of-control

frustration episodes on the sidelines and the team seemed to take the approach that the second half was a new start. In fact, South Lakes was outscored just 7-6 in the latter half.

"The kids are holding up and playing hard," said Butler, of the Seahawks' perseverance and hard play. "In the end, they're sticking together, playing hard and working together. Those things are more important than a win."

Wooten was proud of his team's determination to play hard all 48 minutes of the football game.

"At halftime in the locker room we talked to the kids and told them we'd get better," said Wooten. "It was good to see the kids excited [in the second half]."

THE GAME'S HIGHLIGHT, bringing cheers from both the home fans as well as the visiting Westfield fandom on the far side stadium bleachers, came in a remarkable final play of the game when the Seahawks scored their lone touchdown.

Two plays earlier, South Lakes quarterback Rashaan Jones, a junior, had been shaken up on a pass play and had to leave the game. Backup quarterback Calvin Vaughn took his place for the next play and threw an incomplete pass. With one play remaining before the clock would run out ending the game, Jones came trotting back onto the field. But instead of lining up at quarterback, Jones flanked out to a wide receiver position.

On the snap, Vaughn, with the Seahawks at their own 41 yard line, dropped back, looked right, and threw the ball as far as he could down the right sideline. The ball soared high in the air before making its descent. Jones, who had been jetting down the sideline on a pass route, caught the ball in stride with a Westfield defender behind him, and carried the ball on into the end zone. The home fans roared at the extraordinary scoring strike, which came with no time showing on the clock. An excited Vaughn ran towards the South Lakes sideline and leapt into coach Wooten's arms.

Somehow, that touchdown, South Lakes' first points of the game and the season, served as a bright ray of hope for the Seahawks. It meant nothing as far as the game outcome was concerned, but everything for a team looking to take something positive away from the night.

"The touchdown at the end had no impact on the outcome but to see the kids happy [was great]," said Wooten. "Calvin

ran to the sideline and gave me a big hug."

Wooten, a former football player at Howard University and the youngest current head coach in the Northern Region, was set to attend his mother's funeral the following day, on Saturday. An only child, Wooten said he had some family in town to support him and that he would take things day by day. It was only a year ago in which his father died. Now, his other parent was gone as well.

"I'm sure he's still in shock over what's happened," said Jones, of Wooten's dealing with his mom's death. "But he's getting a lot of support."

South Lakes will be home again this Friday night at 7:30 for their annual rival game versus Herndon.

2, 4, 6, 8; Who Do I Appreciate?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

My parents. Why? Aside from all the obvious reasons; the trigger, most recently, was the television coverage of the Little League World Series on ESPN in August and seeing the parents in the grandstands watching their children play baseball. Not that any of the teams I played on ever made it to a Regional-type Championship, but I had my share of success – as a poised, right-handed, non-power pitcher. I made All-Star teams and pitched for City Championships on and off throughout my “wonder years.” And my parents accommodated that pursuit: planning meals early or late, depending; being driven to and from (and/or making the necessary pick-up, delivery and return-home arrangements); providing the required hardware (bats, balls, gloves, spikes, hats, uniforms, etc.) and most importantly, having a father who, whenever possible, was happiest being my primary practice partner: playing catch by the side of the house or hitting me grounders and fly balls while I stood up against the backstop at my Junior High School.

My father loved to watch me play baseball. (My mother was “too nervous about watching me,” she always said, and rarely attended – which I certainly understood.) My father more than made up for her absence, however. Whenever his work schedule allowed, there he was, front and center in the grandstands, encouraging me from a distance when I was pitching, and up close and personal between innings when I wasn’t, when he would come over to the team’s bench to talk with me – and offer more encouragement. Everybody knew Barry Lourie: the coaches, my teammates, even some of my opponents, and maybe a few of the umpires. (However, he never crossed the line; he wasn’t one of “those” parents.) If I was pitching, my father was sitting in the stands. I could always count on him being there.

Watching the Little League World Series these past few weeks evoked memories of a well-spent youth, centered around baseball. There was success and failure, the pursuit of a common goal, the melding together and camaraderie of a team, and most importantly, the involvement of my parents, especially my father. And 45 years later, baseball remains one of the most important aspects of my life. Throw in a cancer diagnosis and deceased parents – for a little context, and you see the past and your present priorities clearer than you ever have.

The “Baseball, Ray ...” speech by Terrance Mann (James Earl Jones) spoken in the movie, “Field of Dreams” sums up the emotion and connection of baseball between the generations far better than I ever could. Suffice is to say: It mattered to my father, it matters to me (if I had children, no doubt it would matter to them), and the longer I survive a terminal diagnosis/prognosis (stage IV lung cancer), the more I remember – and savor – the moments that matter to me. A significant portion of these moments included baseball and/or my father, all of which came rushing back to me while watching the kids – and parents, at the 2011 Little League World Series.

If I saw my father sitting/standing on the grandstands watching me pitch once, I must have seen him there 100 times – literally, from my age nine through 18; every spring beginning with Little League, through High School and during the summers as well on miscellaneous Babe Ruth League teams.

I was there. He was there. We were there. No wonder I miss him.

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