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Participants in the annual Herndon golf tournament at Herndon Centennial Golf Course located on Ferndale Avenue prepare their aim. In addition to the standard 18 holes of golf, challenges were strewn across the course for players to compete in.



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Rich Goldberg with Sigal Construction, former Herndon mayor Mike O'Reilly and restaurant owner Jimmy Cirrito chat on the Herndon Centennial Golf Course.

# Great Turnout For Herndon's Tavern Golf Tournament

Golf event raises money for The Council for the Arts of Herndon.

BY RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

A signature event in Herndon is the annual golf tournament sponsored by Jimmy's Old Town Tavern at Herndon Centennial Golf Course on Ferndale Avenue. "This year's tourney was easily one of the best ever," said Jimmy Cirrito, owner of Jimmy's Old Town Tavern. "The 152 players, many of whom were new, were very generous and all had a great time."

The tournament was held on the final day of July. With the help of Jimmy Cirrito, volunteers and friends of Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, over \$4,000 was raised that day. The money will be used by the Council for the Arts of Herndon to fund scholarships, public art, art programs, other local arts organizations and outreach to schools and senior centers.

"The Golf Tournament turned out quite well," said Signe Friedrichs executive director of the Council for the Arts of Herndon. "We had beautiful weather, 38 foursomes, great sponsors, and a very entertaining course laid out. The whole purpose of the Jimmy's Summer Golf Tournament to benefit the Council for the Arts of Herndon is to raise funds for our scholarships and to have fun while we do it. We met all our objectives, including and especially our financial objectives."

"Many thanks goes to Herndon Centennial, JJ's Deli, Jimmy's Tavern, the sponsors, the donors, the volunteers and especially

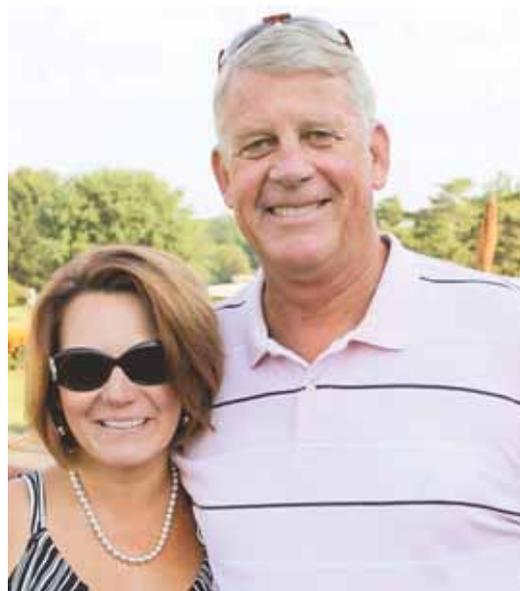


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There were 152 players in the golf tournament held this year sponsored by Jimmy's Old Town Tavern at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course.

Mayor of Herndon Lisa Merkel with former Herndon mayor Mike O'Reilly at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course.

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THE ARTS OF HERNDON



to Signe Friedrichs and her crew at the Council for the Arts," said Jimmy Cirrito. Cirrito will be one of the first business owners in Herndon to take advantage of a new law allowing outdoor bars in the town. The restaurant building on Spring Street is currently undergoing renovations. These will include an outdoor beer garden, a new kitchen, and a new dining area. Fans and sponsors of Jimmy's Old Town Tavern are helping raise money by buying bricks that will be used in the new construction, along with hats and t-shirts.

Participants and volunteers for the golf event included former Herndon mayors Delegate Tom Rust (R-86) and Mike O'Reilly, Herndon town council member Sheila Olem, and current Herndon mayor Lisa Merkel. "Our thanks go out to Jimmy Cirrito, who does so much for our community, and his friends and patrons who have so generously supported our mission," stated Signe Friedrichs. "Mayor Lisa Merkel has been a tireless advocate, sponsor and volunteer for the Arts Council, and we were so grateful to have had her help on the day of the tourney, with her fellow town council member Sheila Olem."

Winners of the golf tournament included Bart Martin, Andy Sova, Scott Nothern and David Bukovsky.

Proprietors Jimmy, Maureen, and Kelsey Cirrito opened Jimmy's Tavern doors on May 29, 1997. Jimmy's Old Town Tavern has been a sponsor of Friday Night Live on summer Friday evenings in downtown Herndon on the Town Green. The restaurant will have a stand at outdoor music performances for the Herndon JamBrew music concerts on Friday evenings from Aug. 29 to Sept. 27. The Herndon restaurant has won Northern Virginia Magazine's "best wings" award several times. For more information on Jimmy's Old Town Tavern visit [www.jimmystavern.com](http://www.jimmystavern.com).

# NEWS



A spray truck demonstrated its ability to shoot water. Other vehicles at the event included a Fairfax County police car, a fire truck, and a USPS mail truck.



PHOTOS BY RYAN DUNN / THE CONNECTION

More than fifty campers in the Reston Association's children summer camp program attended the Totally Trucks event. The event was free and open to the public.

## Totally Trucks Event Held In Reston

### Event shows vehicles used by Reston Association.

BY RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

**R**eston Association's Central Services Facility at 12250 Sunset Hills Road was open Friday, Aug. 8 for the annual Totally Trucks event. The purpose of the event is to display the trucks and vehicles used by the Reston Association to children and families in the community. Trucks on display included a dump truck, trash truck, back hoe, Bobcat and a moving tractor. Fairfax County Fire and Rescue, Fairfax County Police, and USPS also had vehicles at the event.

"Kids love the event," said Michael Kloosterboer, a resident of Reston and assistant director of the Reston Day Camp. More than 50 campers in the Reston Association's children summer camp program attended event. The event was open to the public, and families throughout northern Virginia stopped by to visit and take photos. "This is our first time attending," said Stephanie Spinapolice, a resident of Fairfax who brought her son Aiden. "It is a nice collection of vehicles."



**Brian Murphy, Reston Association Maintenance Director attended the Totally Trucks event.**

Attending the truck show for a second

time were members of the Kang family. "My son loves everything that has to do with trucks," said Liana Kang, a resident of Reston. Accompanying her was her son Alexander. "We got here early because it gets quite busy towards the end."

This was the 15th annual Totally Trucks event, a signature event for Reston Association. "Our maintenance crew takes a few days to clean the equipment to get ready for the hundreds of children," said Reston Association's Special Events Coordinator Ashleigh Soloff. One popular vehicle was the USPS mail truck, a Grumman LLV. "Kids are really having a great time," said USPS vehicle maintenance worker Lee Spears. Spears works at the Reston post office at 11110 Sunset Hills Rd.

"It is always a hit with the kids," said Brian Murphy, Reston Association maintenance director. Murphy will have been employed with Reston Association for 40 years in Sep-

tember. Some of the vehicles on display assist with seasonal work including plowing snow off pathways. There are 55 miles of paved trails in Reston, and it is the Reston Association that clears the trails after significant snowfalls. The snow plows used by the Reston Association are made by Bombardier, a Canadian company. Three of the plows are from 1979 and one is from 1986.

Another popular vehicle was the spray truck, used to flush parking lots and keep down dusts when road construction is underway. The operator of the truck displayed how far water could stream out using the spray truck. Reston Association is responsible for the care, service and enhancement of the Reston community. One upcoming Reston community event is the Reston Community Yard Sale scheduled Saturday, Sept. 6 (rain date Sept. 7). The Yard Sale will be at 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive and last from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## New RA Board Member Chosen

### Dannielle LaRosa is temp North Point director.

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

**A** longtime Reston resident was chosen to be the temporary North Point director at Reston Association's last board meeting.

The board voted to place Dannielle LaRosa into the position at the July 31 board meeting due to her community involvement and financial expertise.

"We had four very good candidates, so it was a very tough call," said board president Ken Knueven.

LaRosa is replacing Tim Cohn, who left for health reasons. LaRosa's position is effective until the board election in May.

"There are so many aspects to North Reston that it is hard to choose just one area to tackle first," said LaRosa. "First would be to ensure that the lines of communication are wide open between residents, cluster associations and RA to make sure that concerns, comments and ideas are responded to in a timely manner."



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH / THE CONNECTION

**Reston Association's board chose Dannielle LaRosa as the temporary North Point director at their July 31 meeting.**

She also wants to address cyclist and pedestrian traffic in the area and "make sure Reston residents are getting the most out of their dues."

She has lived in Reston since 1991 and

has served as Parent-Teacher Association president and treasurer at Aldrin Elementary and a girl scout troop leader, among other community roles.

"Longevity, especially in Reston, is impor-

tant," LaRosa said during her interview with the board. "It shows how long we've received the benefits of living here, and it also shows how long we've seen changes here and what changes we've seen." She also has more than 15 years of experience in finance and accounting.

"This is not an easy position," said South Lakes district board member Richard Chew. "It's frustrating. It's also a great deal of fun if your mindset is right."

Board Vice President Ellen Graves asked how LaRosa plans to improve the board's communication with the community.

LaRosa said she likes the weekly emails the board sends to the community, and suggested a separate North Point newsletter be sent out while she is on the board. She said it would be important to embrace the Internet for communication.

"I feel you guys are a talented board, and I would love to be a member of it and hope my financial background can fit in," she said.

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## NEWS



Children and parents riffle through piles of books provided by Terraset Elementary's book mobile.

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## 'Happy' Books Come to Neighborhood

Terraset Elementary school book mobile gives out free books.

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

Several times this summer, a blue Mazda brimming with books has circled Reston's neighborhoods. Deana Dueno, Terraset Elementary's new librarian, started the school's first book mobile this summer, handing out free novels, short stories and graphic novels to elementary students nearby.

"The school is usually open for one week per summer for students to come in and get books, but it's being renovated right now," said Dueno. "I had all these books. I saw a similar program and thought, 'I can do that. I have hundreds of books.'"

She is also using the opportunity to introduce herself as the new school librarian. She is familiar to the Terraset community, though; she has also taught Kindergarten, first, second and fourth grade.

Thanks to the multiple times she has gone out, the books have dwindled from two cars full to one car full. She is waiting to get another round of donations before heading out again.

"The Reston library is right around the corner, but it's fun to drive around town, like an ice cream truck, and give out books."

Before she heads out, parents are usually sent a mass automated email stating what neighborhoods she will visit and what time to expect her.

And like an ice cream truck, she blasts music from her car and announces her presence via megaphone at her destinations.

"We play the 'Happy song' by Pharrell Williams," she said. "The kids who know me know I love that song. We like to think it's synonymous with Terraset's outlook."

As the music flowed out of the car on sunny Aug. 7, parents and children tumbled into the street. They knew exactly what that song means: free books for fun summer reading.

"Reading is really important to our household," said Reston resident Shawnda Karawa. "We used to read to our children when they were in the womb. They love reading now."

Karawa brought several of her children to the book mobile set up in the parking lot of the first neighbor-



Children and parents riffle through piles of books provided by Terraset Elementary's book mobile.

hood. Each child had a stack of books to take home.

"I got books about things that I'm not experiencing," said Sean Caceres, 10. "I'm more of a science fiction and fantasy reader, but I read everything I can get my hands on."

Karawa said the book mobile gives her some pointers on a possible future business of hers to start her own book mobile.

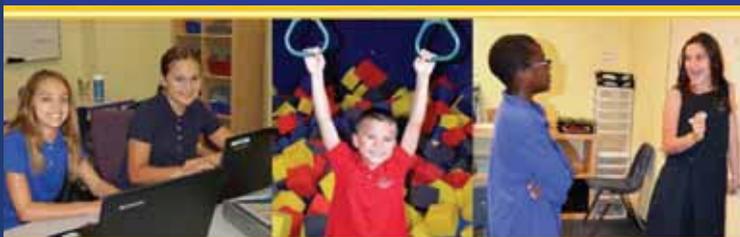
Elijah Johnson, 5, picked out a Little Einsteins book after searching for the perfect read with Kindergarten instructional assistant Jeni Dillon.

"He is obsessed with reading," said his mom, Tabbitha Johnson. "We read to him every single night. If we don't, he cries about it."

Dueno stressed that a lack of reading over the summer can result in summer learning loss - a symptom of carefree summers that could lead to feelings of frustration in the fall.

"I think this helps with lessening learning loss," she said. "During the summer, it's important to do fun things, but it's also important to learn something."

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## COMMENTARY

# Two Ladies Named Alice

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM  
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)



**M**rs. Alice Foltz was my sixth and seventh grade teacher as well as being principal of Grove Hill Elementary School near Shenandoah, Va. She passed away in 2005 at the age of 99. Mrs. Alice, as she was called to prevent confusion with another Mrs. Foltz who was the fourth grade teacher, was a great source of inspiration to me. She along with many other warm and caring teachers inspired me to become a teacher.

The first half to full hour of Mrs. Alice's classroom day was always a study hall during which homework assignments and work sheets could be completed while she did her work as principal. As one who completed his assignments quickly, I could have gotten into real problems had Mrs. Foltz not had the foresight to make me the "cafeteria manager." My duties in this assigned job were to go to the other six classrooms in the school and pick up the lunch orders and payments for the day. I would total up the number of students who had purchased milk only and the number of students who purchased lunch that included milk, check to make sure the monies collected were correct, and tell the cook, Mrs. Rodabush (who incidentally used the government surplus cheese to make the best macaroni and cheese I have ever eaten), the number of lunches she needed to fix. It was a rather simple and routine job, but for me it was the greatest thing that could happen. I was trusted to go throughout the

school on my own and was given a significant duty. I may have learned more from my school job about confidence, trustworthiness, and responsibility as I did in the classroom. Mrs.

Alice knew exactly what I needed! Imagine my surprise when about a decade ago I met another Alice Foltz! This one was in Centreville and was not related to the Alice Foltz of my youth. My new Alice Foltz is the inspiration and leader behind the Centreville Labor Resource Center that provides counseling and assistance to day laborers in the area. At a time when a government-supported worker center was closed in 2007 in a nearby community and a tough anti-immigrant ordinance was passed in the next county, Alice as she is called by anyone who knows her, was able to convene a series of open community dialogues to discuss the impact of immigration in Centreville. The success of the Centreville Immigration Forum led to the establishment of a non-profit, non-government center where immigrants can learn English, acquire job-seeking skills, and be matched with private employers who were seeking day laborers. (http://www.centrevillelrc.org)

Alice is a soft-spoken, persistent and strong leader who has accomplished in her community what government programs could not do and what other communities had unsuccessfully attempted. Too bad political leaders have not learned from her approach.

Alice Foltz has my greatest admiration. I am blessed to have known both of them!

### SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to north@connectionnewspapers.com by Friday.

**Kacey Hirshfeld**, a senior at South Lakes High School, was one of 59 Virginia students awarded scholarships through the Comcast Foundation's annual Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program. The program, one of the Foundation's signature community investment initiatives, recognizes students' leadership skills, academic achievement and commitment to community service. Comcast, joined by Attorney General of Virginia Mark Herring, recognized the students at a special event held Thursday, May 22, at the State Capitol.

**Five Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students** have received national awards for their writing from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Three of the students received Gold Medals, the highest form of recognition.

Aline Dolinh of Oakton High

School received the American Voices Medal, the equivalent of the best of show award, for her poetry, "Accent Marks, Exorcism, Model Minority, Second-generation."

National winners include:

❖ Melissa Halbrook of Woodson High School, Gold Medal for humor, "Kim Jung-Un's New Clothes."

❖ Emma Hastings of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), Gold Medal for short story, "Sight Without Vision, Vision Without Sight;" and Gold Medal for writing portfolio, "I Sing Of."

❖ Jean Jeon of Herndon High School, Silver Medal for novel writing, "Strain."

❖ Sara Warrington of TJHSST, Silver Medal for Journalism, "Overcoming Intolerance."

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, a 91-year old program of the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, will honor the winners at a special ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Friday, June 6.

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## Homelessness: Source of Trauma for Children

Nearly 700 children live in emergency homeless shelters in Fairfax County at some point during the year.

BY DEAN KLEIN



Dean Klein

nity non-profits to support these children, they are not enough. Permanent housing is a critical and basic need of everyone and research has consistently shown that unless children's most basic needs are met in a safe and consistent

manner, their social, emotional, physical and cognitive development is often delayed.

Believe it or not, in a county where the median household income is in excess of \$100,000, housing costs are prohibitive for many. There is often a misconception about homeless families and it is not uncommon to hear, "they need to work like the rest of us."

The truth is they do. The vast majority of families in homeless shelters are employed and they are doing everything they can to move themselves to self-sufficiency and support their families. The problem is not with their motivation to support themselves. The challenge is that there is not housing available to them that they can afford.

While the median household income may be in the six figures, for many it is much lower. Using the accepted formula of spending one third of gross income on housing, a rent of \$1,200/month requires an approximate annual income of \$44,000. That equates to about \$21 an hour. People who work in the service industry and the stores and businesses we rely on each and every day earn much less than that.

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As stated in the Ten Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness adopted by our community in 2008, we need to have affordable housing that is accessible to all its hardworking members. While it is also imperative that we as a community continue to ensure that children have school supplies, access to good nutrition at school, clothing etc., without a home to call their own, they will continue to live in a perpetual state of fear and stress. If we genuinely want them to succeed, that is too heavy a load for the youngest and most vulnerable in our community.

If you would like to be a part of helping these families, please contact one of our non-profit partners working so hard to find and provide housing for them or the Fairfax County Public Schools Homeless Liaison Office working diligently to make sure these children receive the services they are entitled to and need. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/partnerupdate/community-partners.htm> and <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/ips/homelessinfo/HomelessBrochure.pdf> for more.

Dean Klein is director of the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness.

Summer vacation is wrapping up; kids everywhere are gearing up for the return to school. Stores are filled with school supplies; back-to-school advertising fills our TVs, radio and mailboxes. Many families are hustling from store to store getting supplies, backpacks, clothes and haircuts. As children, while we hated to see summer end, we fondly remember the yearly ritual and the excitement and anticipation of getting all those new things.

### GUEST EDITORIAL

Unfortunately, not all families and children in Fairfax County experience the new school year this way. It may be hard to imagine that in a county as wealthy as Fairfax there are hundreds of children that do not have a home to call their own. In 2013, almost 700 children resided in emergency homeless shelters at some point during the year. This uncertain existence is a constant source of trauma for children.

While Fairfax County does have strong programs and initiatives provided by its local government, its public school system and commu-

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A Thank-you Note

To the Editor:

My name is Ruka and I live in Reston now! I have been wanting to send this letter since a long time ago, and if you can print this letter in all the Connection papers in Northern Virginia, I truly, truly appreciate and thank you from my heart.

Back in February, the night before Super Bowl, I was driving on Beulah Road coming from Giant on Maple Avenue (in Vienna) after a big grocery shopping. Right before the intersection where Beulah, Trap Road and Old Courthouse Road meet, my front left tire flattened (yes, busted). I was feeling the front of my car being low, and when it blasted with that sound of explosion, I gasped and was a little panicked. (Yes, always hoping this would never happen before it really happened.) All I could do was turn on the emergency light and I pulled my car to the side of the road (thank goodness there was a space to do so). I

tried to call my friend who lives in Vienna just a few minutes from the site, but perhaps from a despair and panic I didn't seem to manage myself to locate my friend's number, which is the easiest to find of all.

It was around 8 p.m. at night, pitch dark, cold ... just lucky it was not snowing. Many things went in my mind and all I had left was sadness, and within several seconds, a man driving beside me pulled down the window and asked, "What happened?"

I said, "I have a flat tire."

He saw me trying to contact someone, perhaps being a little jittery. He gently came out of his car and went over to see the left front of my car.

He goes, "Do you have the tools to repair a flat tire?"

Completely embarrassed and with the total submission of my incompetence, I opened the trunk and showed what I had: a small spare tire and a tool that I can't

pronounce. Needless to say, it was a cold night, and my trunk was retaining water (from snow mostly), because the cover of the trunk wasn't lit. (I didn't know about the water until the next morning.) The man gently picked up the tire and the tool and started to change the flattened tire. He asked me to direct oncoming cars to pass by us smoothly, because he needed to work at the front-left of my car where cars passed by him very closely.

I was swinging a small flash light to direct oncoming cars to pass us by, standing over where he was working, praying things go well. In seven or eight minutes, the man was finished changing to a small, temporary tire and said to me, "This should be okay for a little while, just drive very slowly."

I didn't know what phrase or words would be appropriate to thank him, and I said, "Could you write your name and address or phone number?" extending a ma-

nila envelope I happened to have that time.

The man, who'd rather go home quickly and had said goodbye to me already, wrote down and handed the envelope back. He was kind enough to follow me down on Beulah until I made a turn on Lozano Drive. I tried waving him for "thank you," but I don't know if he could see.

Later, I pulled out the envelope I had asked the man to write his name, address ... to find only "Mike Knoeckel." Mr. Knoeckel, I'm sorry it has taken four months, but I thank you so much for everything you did and directed me the night before the Super Bowl ... yes, I was rooting for the "Broncos." I had never watched a football game before, but this February I did and was cheering for Colorado, and I'm sure they'll come back.

Ruka Kato  
Reston



## Keeping School Clutter Under Control Staying organized this school year.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen summer comes to a grinding halt in a few weeks, a new school year will begin. From alarm clocks and school bells to piles of homework assignments and sports schedules, maintaining a coordinated household can be difficult, however. Local organizers are offering simple suggestions to help make the transition from summer to the start of the school year seamless.

"If you've had a lazy summer and your home is an organizational mess, take a day off from work or at least set aside several hours to spend whipping it back into shape before the first day of school," said Faye English, an organizer from Fairfax. "The school year will be much easier if you get organized from the beginning."

Set aside time for tackling such projects as cleaning out bedroom and coat closets and mudrooms. "Take all of the clothes, jackets, shoes and sports equipment that your kids have outgrown and give them away," said English. "Once you've discarded everything you no longer need, start setting up new storage systems and make sure



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**Designating a place in one's home for papers and homework supplies is one way to stay organized during the school year.**

everything has a place." One of the most noticeable changes that many families experience after returning to school is an increase in the paper that accumulates at home. "You have to plan the increase in paper work," said Alexandria-based organizer Laura Dando. "Give each child a file folder or a bulletin board where they can keep their important papers, permission slips and homework assignments. To control clutter, clean it out once a week."

Create a space to store or display artwork. "Children enjoy seeing their artwork hanging at home," said Dando. "At the end of the school year you can store some of the artwork in a keepsake box."

Take inventory of each child's school supplies and determine what needs to be purchased and what can be reused. "Once the school sends the list of supplies your child will need, figure out what you already have so you don't feel compelled to blindly buy everything on the list," said English. "If your child [has] a backpack or lunchbox that's in perfectly good condition, consider reusing it."

**SET ASIDE A SPACE** where children will do homework and make sure each child has a bin with the supplies he or she will need

for completing their assignments, said Arlington-based organizer Michelle Stanbury. "The homework space should be quiet, free of distractions and have good lighting," she said. Keep a large family calendar that includes each child's events. "It can even be a dry erase board," said Stanbury. "But it should include sports schedules, club meetings, field trip dates and other events. Use a different color marker for each child. This way everyone in the family knows everyone else's schedule." Encourage children to begin choosing their outfits for school before going to bed at night. "This will save a lot of time and fights when children are getting ready for school in the morning," said Dando. "With younger children, it also helps if, when you're school shopping, you buy clothes that all coordinate together and match. This is especially useful for children who like to pick out their own outfits for school." Designate a place in your home where children hang up and store their coats and backpacks. "As parents, sometimes it feels easier to hang up our children's clothes for them," said English. "But if kids are trained to hang up their coats, backpacks and lunchboxes as soon as they come in the door from school, it will be less stressful for everyone."

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# SPORTS

## Taylor to Use Up-Tempo Offense at South Lakes

First-year Seahawks coach spent last season at South County.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**A**fter head-coaching stops at Woodson and Robinson, Trey Taylor spent the 2013 season as defensive coordinator for the South County football team.

During practice, Taylor faced the challenge of trying to stop the Stallions' up-tempo offense. South County used little time between plays and averaged more than 40 points per game.

**"We are going to be moving as fast as we can possibly move."**

— South Lakes football coach Trey Taylor

"Defending it in practice every day, it took us a lot of effort to figure out ways to deal with the speed at which the next play was being run," Taylor said. "When I was [at South County], I said if I'm ever running an offense again, I've got to incorporate that into

what I'm doing because it is a bad thing to have to defend."

One year later, Taylor has returned to the head-coaching ranks and he intends to capitalize on what he learned with the Stallions.

Taylor enters his first season as head coach of the South Lakes football team. He takes over a program that finished 5-6 in 2013, including a first-round playoff loss to eventual state champion Centreville. The Seahawks



First-year South Lakes football coach Trey Taylor talks to the Seahawks after a recent practice.



The South Lakes football team went 5-6 last season, including a first-round playoff loss to Centreville.

return some promising skill-position players, but need to improve their overall team strength, Taylor said.

**OFFENSIVELY**, South Lakes will feature a no-huddle, spread attack intended to capitalize on tempo and athleticism.

"The two things we could tell early were

we have some really good athletes — as good as any of the kids in the county — and we're also really weak compared to where I've been," Taylor said. "That's to me the biggest hurdle we face right now. We've got some huge linemen but, strength-wise, we're not where we want to be a year from now. We worked hard in the summer and

we put some muscle mass on them, but we're still not where we want to be with that yet.

"That's my biggest concern right now, the physical side of things: how can we match up with the Stone Bridges and the Langleys?"

Taylor said he would like the South Lakes offense to include a power running game, but until team strength is at an adequate level, the Seahawks will focus on a fast-paced attack. While formations will differ from what the Stallions used — South Lakes will operate primarily out of the shotgun while South County ran many plays from under center — Taylor hopes the up-tempo approach will have a similar positive effect.

"We are going to be moving," Taylor said, "as fast as we can possibly move."

Senior quarterback Tavarius Lee returns for South Lakes. His top receiving threats include senior Darius Hawkins.

"Just in terms of athleticism," Taylor said, "I've never seen a kid jump as high as [Hawkins] can and go up and get a ball."

Hawkins said the Seahawks are improving under Taylor.

"It was a hard transition at first," Hawkins said about adjusting to a new coach, "but after a few days everybody understood what we were doing and things just started moving smoothly."

Kevin Damper and Eric Kirlew will also see time at receiver. Sam Arpee and Todd Turner will see time at running back.

Defensively, senior end Trey Montague is the leader of the front four.

"He's just a physical beast out there," Taylor said. "He's one of the strongest kids on the team."

Free safety Hawkins, defensive back/linebacker Turner, safety Isaac Mensah and lineman Josh Hairston will likely be defensive difference-makers for the Seahawks.

**SOUTH LAKES** opens the season at home against Madison at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 29.

"We want to win a playoff game," Taylor said. "We don't want to just get to the playoffs, we want to get to the playoffs and win."

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

#### Reston to Host Charity Tennis Tournament

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All proceeds will go to the charity organization of each participant's choice: USTA Serves Foundation/Wounded Warriors Program Curriculum, supporting rehabilitation through tennis for wounded, ill and injured military service members and veterans or Cornerstones/Laurel Learning Center, providing comprehensive family services and developmental childcare programs.

Last year's event hosted 65 players and raised \$3,100 for charity organizations.

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Registration forms are also available at senior centers, community centers, senior residences or by calling 703-228-4721.

Registration fee is \$12 which covers multiple events. There is no onsite registration for any event. Information is available at [nvso1982@gmail.com](mailto:nvso1982@gmail.com).

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At the time of his death, Terry was the senior vice president of emerging technology at the Canadian corporation Avigilon. Prior to this, he was the founder, president and chief technology officer at RedCloud Security, which was acquired by Avigilon in 2013. For six years, Terry served as vice president of engineering at Honeywell Access Systems. He also held management positions at Management Information Consulting.

As a leader in the electronic access control industry, Terry helped make the world more secure. He had the ability to find solutions to intractable engineering problems. He made others laugh with his quick wit, and he inspired them with his intellectual drive and dedication to his work. The world is a better place because of the 52 years he spent in it, and those who knew him will sorely miss him.

Terry was born on May 17, 1962, in Opelika, AL. He is survived by his wife, Gretchen Nedzi; his three children, Alexander (17), Bridget (12) and Brendan (10); his mother, Glenda Shurbet; his father, Eugene G. Neely III; his brother, Tim Neely; and his sister, Michelle Rubis. He will also be greatly missed by Gretchen's entire family: her parents, four siblings and spouses, and five nieces and nephew.

A service for Terry will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 16, at St. John Neumann Catholic Community, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston, VA 20191. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial gifts be made to the nonprofit organization Parent Encouragement Program (PEP). Contributions may be made online at www.PEPparent.org.

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## Write Now, I Just Don't Know



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The biggest writing problem that I have, other than the ones you regular readers generally know about, is writing a current column on the weekend immediately preceding the next Wednesday's publication date, when I am still waiting on results from my most recent CT Scan. This isn't like putting the cart before the horse, this is more like putting the horse in the cart and pulling it. Aside from not knowing definitively about this most recent look into my lungs, and thus not wanting to discuss it - premature annunciation you might call it - assimilating the ever-present anxiety and worry about any and all things cancer-related never gets easy. Moreover, the not-knowing corrupts my brain and stifles my creative juices. How can I think about anything other than what information I don't have? And considering the circumstances and the context: my life being at stake; anything, everything, all the things, pale in comparison and nothing feels worth writing about - so that's what I'm writing about.

Let me attempt to clarify a bit. This feeling isn't about waiting for results per se. It's not about the interval of time between my scan and my next face-to-face meeting with my oncologist when Team Lourie will be updated; it's not about wondering if any symptoms I've had (I haven't had any) are indicative of potential trouble; it's not about my insurance coverage or money running out and in turn there being some gap in my coverage; nor is this, generally speaking, about business or pleasure. No, this is about living my day-to-day life when the elephant is not only in the room, it's on your shoulders, in your head, and everywhere else it can possibly be.

Not that I'm totally blocked and unable to function; hardly. I am still in control of most of my bodily functions and almost all of my activities of daily living, and when I get dressed, I am still able to put my pants on one leg at a time like everybody else with very little difficulty. In short, my life appears to be relatively normal. No one could tell by looking at me that I'm living on the edge, maybe the cusp, hopefully not precipice, of potentially life-changing information. The reality of this upcoming Friday's appointment/reality so dominates my brain that it's practically impossible for me to mind anything but my own business, and what seems to suffer most is creative pursuits, and unfortunately that is reflected in this week's column: a meandering (though not necessarily intended to be) testament to cancer's insidious effect, emotionally. Cancer may occasionally work in mysterious ways, but in one way it's effect is perfectly clear: your thinking is not what is used to be, pre-cancer.

Nevertheless, I can manage. It's no problem, really. After five and one half years, I know what to expect. It's just time that thankfully I still have. I'll know soon enough though. It's already Monday. Besides, good things come to those who wait, right?

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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