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Herndon Police Officer Denise Randles with William Daliz, Sr. and his grandchildren Joshua Fuentes and Elijah Fuentes at the National Night Out event in Herndon. Mr. Daliz works at the Herndon Harbor House retirement community.

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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.



Herndon Police officers Jim Moore and Mike Berg participated in the National Night Out event in Herndon. Officer Berg is taking the position of public information officer for the Town of Herndon Police.



Mary Lou Ferreira and Elanor Benedict, residents of the Herndon Harbor House, welcomed the visit by the Herndon Police on National Night Out. On the right is Herndon Police Chief Maggie A. DeBoard.

National Night Out Held In Herndon

Neighborhoods in Town of Herndon get acquainted with police force.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

Neighborhood block parties were held throughout the town of Herndon on Aug. 5 in celebration of National Night Out. In 1984, National Night Out started as a way to promote crime prevention through neighborhood camaraderie. This was the 15th year the Herndon Police Department and the community participated in the celebration of "America's Night Out Against Crime."

Citizens of the town were encouraged to keep their front door light on to show their support and neighborhood unity. This year the following communities signed up: Herndon Harbor House, Berkdale Apartments, Calhoun Court Community, Crestview Town Homes, Dominion Ridge & Barker Hill Community, Four Seasons Community, Herndon Youth Optimist Club at Haley Smith Park, Oak Trail Court Community, Stuart Woods Apartments, Tralee Community, Village of Herndon Mills, and Worldgate Community.

The event began at Herndon Harbor House at 873 Grace St. From there the police split up into two groups and went to different neighborhoods within Herndon. "We enjoy having the police come by," said Mary Lou Ferreira, a resident of Herndon Harbor House. "They take very good care of us. With all seniors here it is important to feel secure."

HERNDON POLICE CHIEF Maggie A. DeBoard thanked the staff and residents at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Herndon Police Officers pose for a photo with participants of the Herndon Optimist Club cheerleading group at Haley Smith Park.

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Harbor House for the reception. "We have a great relationship with the police here," said Herndon Harbor House resident Elanor Benedict.

"National Night Out is one of the highlights of the year for our department," stated Herndon Police Lieutenant Mike Berg. "We always look forward to the opportunity to interact with the community at this annual event. The communities we had the opportunity to visit seemed to enjoy the event as much as our officers." In August Officer Berg took the position of public information officer for the Herndon Police. The position is a three-year long assignment.

Communities hosted block parties, cookouts and youth activities to celebrate National Night Out. "It was a great night to highlight one of the many perks of living in

the Town, an accessible and engaged police force," stated Herndon Vice Mayor Jennifer Baker. Police officers were welcomed by crowds at the multiple locations. "I thought the National Night Out was a blast," said Herndon town council member Steven Mitchell. "I really enjoyed seeing the Herndon Police Department positively interacting with the community. This is a perfect example of how strong communities are created and sustained."

"This event really allows our police department to meet and interact with everyone in a fun friendly way," stated town of Herndon council member Grace H. Wolf. "The officers and all of us on council really enjoy the opportunity to engage the community and encourage folks to be every day crime fighters, to be safe at all times and to view our police officers as true community

advocates and partners." Six Herndon councilmembers attended the event as well as Del. Tom Rust (R-86) and state Sen. Jennifer Wexton (D-33).

At Haley Smith Park, representatives and sports coaches with the Herndon Optimist Club were on location to provide information about their organization. "This event, like all of our events, is to strengthen family involvement within the community," said Jasmine Faubert, Treasurer of the Herndon Optimist Club. Since 1961, the not-for-profit Herndon Optimist Club has been providing a helping hand to the youth in the greater Herndon community. Sports the Herndon Optimist club sponsors include field hockey, cheerleading, baseball, basketball, football, and lacrosse. Several Herndon police officers volunteer with the Herndon Optimist Club. "The Optimists Club exists to give youths the opportunity to experience sports before high school," said Jim Emery. A resident of Herndon, his children participated in sports groups with the Optimists Club. "It was a great event," said Rebecca Wickline, a volunteer baseball coach for the Herndon Optimist Club. "I had a few people come up to sign their kids onto the baseball group." Later the police held a motorcycle rodeo by the Four Seasons Recreation Association club house.

THE HERNDON POLICE will be offering a citizens police academy beginning Sept. 4. The academy includes classroom presentations and "on-the-street" demonstrations of radar, a tour of the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, and the opportunity to ride along with an officer on patrol. To be eligible participants must be 18 years of age or older and have no prior criminal record. Applicants need not be Herndon residents, however Town of Herndon residents receive first consideration to attend. For more information on the Herndon Police visit www.herndon-va.gov/Content/public_safety/.

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Kathe Barsotti gives her hens their favorite afternoon snack - sunflower seeds.

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Raising Hens in Herndon

More homeowners embracing hens as pets.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Kathe Barsotti throws sunflower seeds in the direction of talkative four hens. They softly cluck in approval as they peck away at their favorite afternoon snack.

"I think they're beautiful," she said. "They're fun to watch and they're actually affectionate."

The Herndon resident is a member of Hens for Herndon, an advocacy group supporting suburban agriculture in the town.

The town council approved homeowners owning up to four hens with a zoning inspection permit. The town previously only allowed one hen per household.

Barsotti admits three of her chickens were flying under the radar as the resolution passed. However, she felt that as flock animals, she could not just have one hen cooped in its pen alone.

TAKING CARE OF THE CHICKENS takes 10 minutes in the morning and 10 at night, which covers feeding them, letting them roam around her yard to peck at bugs in the grass, collecting eggs and throwing down fresh peat moss.

"It helps to keep the flies away and dust down," she said.

As a longtime homeowner in Herndon, she felt that she did not have to leave her home in order to raise chickens.

"I'm kind of a foodie," she said. "I love animals and always have. And I love eating good food."

Every other day, she collects about four different eggs in a variety of colors depending on the hen that laid it. Olive, brown, even light blue eggs are found in the hen coop every week.

When she lets them out of the coop, they roam around the yard, never straying far from one another. They spend their time pecking at the grass while clucking to one another. And when one finds a bug, the rest chase after her to steal it.

"They're like the clowns of the backyard," she said.

However, that does not mean they are unintelligent. She said they are notoriously fast learners and have been used to show dog owners how to train their canines.

Another Hens for Herndon member, Ann Null, keeps two chickens of her own. Her own interest was sparked five years ago when she worked for someone in Marshall, Va. who ordered hatchlings by the



Two freshly laid eggs in Kathe Barsotti's coop.

dozen. About four years ago, she decided she wanted to try to raise one on her own.

"They're so easy, and every day is Easter," she said. "I like that I know what I'm eating."

A long time resident of Herndon like Barsotti, Null did not want to have to leave her home in order to take care of these animals typically seen in the countryside.

"I think Herndon is a small town with real neighborhood feel," she said. "It feels like the kind of place, traditional place, where you can have a dog or other animals," she said.

JUST LIKE BARSOTTI'S HENS, Null's chickens are very social with one another as well as herself. This surprised Null when she first began raising hens.

"They follow me around, and they're fond of me," she said. "I didn't expect to have a relationship with these birds."

Unlike Barsotti, there was a time when hawks and foxes tried to get into the hen's coop for dinner. However, Null said that has changed since the wooded area near her home was bulldozed for a new townhouse development.

She noted that Hens for Herndon is not just an advocacy group for hens - that includes other backyard animals like miniature goats. Barsotti had pushed for it previously, but the motion failed the town council's approval.

"Goats have been bred down to backyard sizes," said Barsotti. "I wanted the miniature goats for milk. I have rheumatoid arthritis, and the only thing that helps me is raw goat milk."

She stressed that for anyone who hopes to raise their own flock of hens to purchase them two at a time for company and rent a coop through local companies to see whether the new chicken owner has the time commitment for them.

"It sounds faddish online, but it's a pet," she said. "It's a commitment."

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Ms. Freedy is a 2001 graduate of Herndon High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Virginia. She received her master's degree from George Mason University in curriculum and instruction and is currently employed as a history teacher at Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, Va. Mr. Taylor completed both his undergraduate and juris doctorate degrees at George Mason University and is an attorney in private practice in Manassas. A November wedding is planned.



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Liana Martine Freedy and John Andrew Taylor.

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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

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-

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.

The vast majority of families in homeless shelters are employed. The challenge is that there is not housing available to them that they can afford.

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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fit Academics Into the Fun

To the Editor:

Summer fun is well under way with children playing at the pool, catching fireflies, sleeping late and taking family trips, but it shouldn't be all fun and games. Finding ways to fit academics into the fun is imperative to making sure children are prepared for the coming school year which begins in just a few short weeks.

According to the National Summer Learning Association, children from higher-incomes make slight gains over the summer in reading and math skills, returning to school ready to learn and succeed while their lower-income peers who aren't exposed to academic opportunities during the summer lose, on average, two months of reading skills. The average summer learning loss in math amounts to one month per year.

This summer learning loss, also known as the summer slide, is a growing concern for our youth. As children return to school in the fall, those who have made gains

over the summer in reading and math skills continue on the upward trajectory while those falling behind over the summer spend the first couple of months in the new school year relearning the skills from the previous year, sliding further behind their peers.

Over one year, this gap is concerning but compiled over five years, the results are astonishing with low-income students falling up to 3 years behind by 5th grade.

I commend the Fairfax County Public Schools for their robust menu of summer learning and summer enrichment programs. These opportunities for students throughout the county work to curb the summer slide.

But we can't just leave it up to the schools to tackle important issues such as this – it's up to all of us to make a difference in our communities, for our children and their future. At Cox, we teamed up with the Main Street Child Development Center to challenge these programs to incorporate rigorous

learning opportunities into their existing summer programs to ensure their students return to school ready to learn.

This was part of a larger focus by Cox Virginia, in which a total of \$16,000 was donated throughout Cox Virginia communities to support summer learning programs for at-risk children. The partnerships also gave Cox employees the chance to engage with the children. Cox volunteers read to the children and participated in hands-on extension activities to reinforce the concepts in the books.

As businesses, we want to see

our communities grow and flourish, so I challenge you to join the public sector in ensuring that our children have what they need to succeed in school and in life. Make support of year-round youth education initiatives a priority by partnering with one of the many outstanding educational programs that exist in Fairfax County. Whether you're able to provide financial support, supplies or time through volunteerism, it's an investment we must make in our children. We can't afford not to.

J.D. Myers, II
Herndon

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Keeping School Clutter Under Control Staying organized this school year.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When 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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Oakton's Rizzo Committed to South Carolina

Q&A: Infielder led Cougars in batting average as freshman.

Joe Rizzo not only made the Oakton varsity baseball team as a freshman, he was the Cougars' best hitter. Rizzo led Oakton in batting average as a ninth-grader in 2013, earning second-team All-Concorde District honors as a utility player. He helped the Cougars win the district title, finish Northern Region runner-up and win a game at the state tournament. As a sophomore, Rizzo moved from third base to shortstop, where he earned first-team All-Conference 6 honors. He also garnered second-team all-region accolades as a utility player, helping Oakton win a second consecutive district/conference title.

Now a rising junior, Rizzo is committed to play baseball at the University of South Carolina. He recently took part in a Q&A via email with The Connection.

❖Connection: You're committed to the University of South Carolina. What made the Gamecocks the right choice for you?

Rizzo: I was focused on the larger conference (SEC) because of the level of competition, and there was a real fit between my skills and what South Carolina needed. My comfort level was high with South Carolina because the program, the coaching and the university offered the greatest opportunity to grow as a ballplayer and as an individual.

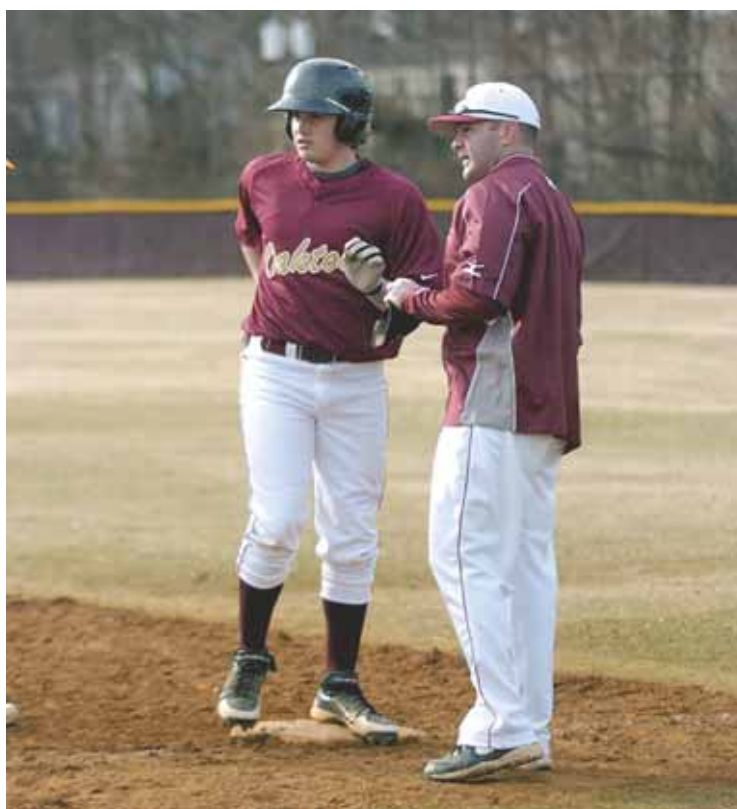
❖Connection: Are you being recruited to play a specific position?

Rizzo: At USC, if you can hit, you're going to play. So even though many schools have seen me as a third baseman, you just never know what is going to happen. But I know that if I'm performing, then I'll have the opportunity to play.

❖Connection: What made you decide to commit prior to your junior year?

Oakton rising junior Joe Rizzo, left, is committed to South Carolina.

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Rizzo: I've noticed that during the recruiting process, schools are starting to recruit earlier and earlier. So this is not an early commit relative to how the process has been sped up.

❖Connection: At what age did you realize playing college baseball was a possibility for you?

Rizzo: I've always had aspirations of playing collegiate baseball, but until colleges have an interest, you don't know if those aspirations will come true. So it was between my freshman and sophomore years in HS that colleges were taking an interest in me, and that's when I knew.

❖Connection: You bat left-handed and throw with your right. At what age did you start batting from the left side? Was it a difficult transition?

Rizzo: From the moment I first picked up a bat I was hitting from the left side. So I've been swinging lefty since when I can remember.

❖Connection: What was it like playing varsity baseball as a freshman?

Rizzo: It was a tremendous experience. I knew my role was not going to be a team leader, but another piece to the team puzzle, so I was there to support my teammates in achieving our team goal of the district and state championship.

❖Connection: What is your favorite baseball moment from your first two years at Oakton?

Rizzo: My favorite baseball moment was

winning the second district championship, because that meant we won two district championships in a row.

❖Connection: Better feeling: getting a clutch hit, or making a highlight-reel defensive play?

Rizzo: They are completely different feelings. The clutch hit is a team accomplishment, where I can drive in runs toward winning a game. A highlight-reel defensive play is an individual accomplishment, which is a completely different feeling. Both feel great!

❖Connection: What is your favorite food?

Rizzo: Pasta with meatballs and sausage. Can't get enough.

❖Connection: Who is your favorite music artist? Why?

Rizzo: I listen to a variety of artists, from rap to rock to country, and I don't have an individual favorite music artist. However, my parents took me to a Bruce Springsteen concert, and it was the greatest concert I've ever been to.

❖Connection: What is your favorite movie? Why?

Rizzo: I have many favorites such as 'Road to Perdition,' 'Full Metal Jacket' and others, but my favorite is 'Moneyball,' because it involves looking at baseball at a completely different way.

❖Connection: What is your favorite hobby outside of baseball?

Rizzo: I don't know if this is a hobby, but we have barbecues every weekend out in the cul-de-sac with all our neighbors, and that is a great time. We do a whole bunch of things as neighbors: Wiffle Ball, KanJam, and a fire pit.

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

Rizzo: I've been up and down the East Coast, from NYC to Miami, Fla. I hope next year I will be traveling to the West Coast.

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

Rizzo: Baseball: the Nationals and the Yankees; football: the Redskins and the Giants; hockey: the Caps.

— JON ROETMAN

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Reston to Host Charity Tennis Tournament

The 3rd Annual Rally for a Cause tennis tournament dates are set for Sept. 20-21, 2014 at Reston's Lake Newport tennis courts. The charity event will feature brackets for 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 and above players, competing in men's and women's doubles and singles matches. The \$30 entry fee guarantees each player two matches with awards, raffle prizes and participation t-shirts. It is through the generosity of presenting sponsor, Dr. Hani Thariani, and dona-

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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.

Registration is now open. For more information or to sign up, email rally4acause@restontennis.org or visit

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The 2014 NVSO will be held Sept. 13-24 with more than 50 events taking place at 19 venues throughout Northern Virginia. Events include 10K and 20K cycling, with each event entering its fifth year.

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Registration fee is \$12 which covers multiple events.

There is no onsite registration for any event. Information is available at nvso1982@gmail.com.

Participants must be 50 years of age by Dec. 31, 2014 and live in a sponsoring jurisdiction.

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CALENDAR

Send announcements to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. The deadline is the Friday prior to the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13-SATURDAY/OCT. 11

"Signs of Summer." Parkridge 5 Building, 10780 Parkridge Blvd., Reston. This League of Reston Artists' show includes original painting, mixed media, two-dimensional hangable art and photography. www.leagueofrestonartists.org

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13-FRIDAY/AUG. 29

"Open Concepts" Exhibit. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Reston Corners Two, 12001 and 12005 Sunrise Valley Dr., Reston. Dream-like artwork on display created by Argentinian-born artist Cristina Abbate Jacobson. www.leagueofrestonartists.org

THURSDAY/AUG. 14-SUNDAY/AUG. 24

Riches from RAGS Exhibit. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Fine art by the 11 artists of Reston Art Gallery & Studios (RAGS). www.artspace.org.

FRIDAY/AUG. 15

High School Musical Theatre Showcase. 8 p.m. NextStop Theatre Company, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. You won't believe the voices of some of these area high school musical theatre stars. Catch them before they take the world by storm. \$20/25. nextstoptheatre.org or 866-811-4111.

3rd Annual Charity Golf Clinic and Play with the Pro. 6-9 p.m. Herndon Centennial Golf Course, 909 Ferndale Ave, Herndon. Funds raised help Cindy's Legacy continue our vital mission of helping cancer patients and their families with financial aid, chemo care packages and administrative assistance. \$15-\$35. www.cindyslegacy.org.

Friday Night Live! Almost Journey + The Fuzz. 6:30-10:30 p.m. Town Green, Herndon, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Almost Journey, a tribute band, performs Journeys greatest hits. 703-481-6133

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SATURDAY/AUG. 16

Series Finale: Jim Van Slyke. 8 p.m. NextStop Theatre Company, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Having lived and worked in our community for over twenty years this Grammy nominated Singer/Songwriter and recording artist closes our series with his critically acclaimed Sedaka Show. \$25/30. nextstoptheatre.org or 866-811-4111.

SUNDAY/AUG. 17

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MONDAY/AUG. 18

A Mixed Media Approach to Creative Expression! 5:30-8:30 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Explore your artists voice as you learn different



Cristina Abbate Jacobson's chromatic stylings include the acrylic painting "Ponte Vecchio" at her solo show at Reston Corner Two, on display until Aug. 29.

techniques for drawing, painting, collage and mixed media on a variety of surfaces. \$30. To register email Melanie Zucker Stanely at ridingfree2@gmail.com or call at 703-471-6766.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 20

Rocknocoeros (Songs)- Hunter Mill Melodies. 10-11 p.m. Visitor Center at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Family friendly environment with live music, a farmers market, amusement rides and farm animals. 703-437-9101.

Hot Dog! Dog Tales for the Dog Days of Summer. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Hear dog stories. Bring pictures and stories of your dogs to share. Age 6-12. 703-437-8855.

SATURDAY/AUG. 23

Top Parisian Hits of 1500: Songs of the Renaissance. 7:30 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Experience a French Renaissance street festival and hear top Parisian hits from the 1500s. 703-956-6590 or visit www.ArtSpaceHerndon.org. Tax district residents who wish to speak during the "Citizen Comment" are asked to call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to be placed on the agenda.

Top Parisian Hits of 1500: Songs of the Renaissance. 8:30 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Music Director Timothy Kendall will lead the Collegium Cantorum and the audience back to a time when a cultural movement changed the course of history. 703-956-6590 or www.artspaceherndon.org

MONDAY/AUG. 25

A Mixed Media Approach to Creative Expression! 5:30-8:30 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Explore your artists voice as you learn different techniques for drawing, painting, collage and mixed media on a variety of surfaces. \$30. To register email Melanie Zucker Stanely at

ridingfree2@gmail.com or call at 703-471-6766.

TUESDAY/AUG. 26-SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

Each Other's Dreams: Konko Village Through Image and Word. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. In this exhibit the story of the Village of Konko in Ghana, West Africa is told through photographs, carvings and writings. 703-956-6590 or www.artspaceherndon.org.

FRIDAY/AUG. 29-FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

JamBrew. 6-10 p.m. Town Green Herndon, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Recurring weekly on Friday. 703-674-0589.

FRIDAY/AUG. 29

JamBrew. 6-10 p.m. 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Weekly summer concert series featuring local bands and local brews. 703-674-0589. www.jambrew.com

SATURDAY/AUG. 30

Wine Tasting, Wine Dinner, and Cooking Class at Il Fornaio. 12 p.m. Il Fornaio, 11900 Market St, Reston. Cooking demo and 3-course lunch with wine. \$45. 703-437-5544.

Reston Concerts on the Town Series - David Akers & the American Soul Shakers. 7:30-10 p.m. Reston Town Center Pavillion, 11900 Market Street, Reston. Motown, rhythm and blues. 703-579-6720.

Lake Anne Plaza - 8th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival. 2-8 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza (Waterfront), 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. This free, family friendly, all-day event will showcase a variety of talented regional and national jazz & blues performers. www.lakeanneplaza.com.

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EUGENE TERRY NEELY



Of Reston, VA, passed away on July 20 at Inova Fairfax Hospital after sustaining a head injury from a fall in late June. Terry was an innovator and entrepreneur in the electronic access control industry. He held three patents for products that are used in airports, banks and other facilities worldwide to provide secure access and identity management.

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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ESL for Advanced Students. 10 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Conversational group. Adults. 703-689-2700.

ESL Pronunciation and Speaking for Intermediate Students. 1 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Adults. 703-689-2700.

Red Cross Blood Donation. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The Hallmark Building, 13873 Park Center Road, Herndon. The American Red Cross encourages all eligible blood donors to make an appointment to donate blood soon to help prevent a shortage. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

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Red Cross Blood Donation. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. URS Corporation, 13825 Sunrise Valley Drive, Herndon. The American Red Cross encourages all eligible blood donors to make an appointment to donate blood soon to help prevent a shortage. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

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Let's Talk - ESL for Intermediate Students. 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Conversational group. Adults. 703-689-2700.

MONDAY/AUG. 18

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TUESDAY/AUG. 19

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ESL for Advanced Students. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Conversational group. Adults. 703-689-2700.

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 20

American Red Cross Blood Drive. 4-8 p.m. St Thomas A Becket Rcc, 1421 Wiehle Avenue, Reston. To learn more and make an appointment to donate blood, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

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6 11591 Cedar Chase Road, Herndon — \$1,199,000

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1 2604 HANNAH FARM CT	6	5	2	OAKTON	\$1,875,000	Detached	2.01	22124	HANNAH HILLS	06/26/14
2 2005 CARRHILL RD	5	6	1	VIENNA	\$1,835,000	Detached	0.58	22181	WENDOVER	06/09/14
3 1904 BALLYCOR DR	7	6	2	VIENNA	\$1,700,000	Detached	0.87	22182	SADDLEBROOK FARMS	06/12/14
4 11623 VERNA DR	4	4	1	OAKTON	\$1,675,000	Detached	0.90	22124	THE RESERVE AT WAPLES MILL	06/13/14
5 2020 UPPER LAKE DR	3	3	1	RESTON	\$1,251,000	Detached	0.41	20191	RESTON	06/27/14
6 11591 CEDAR CHASE RD	6	5	2	HERNDON	\$1,225,000	Detached	0.52	20170	CEDAR CHASE	06/16/14
7 1158 RESTON AVE	5	4	1	HERNDON	\$1,199,000	Detached	1.36	20170	RESTON AVENUE	06/06/14
8 11580 CEDAR CHASE RD	5	7	0	HERNDON	\$1,185,000	Detached	0.67	20170	CEDAR CHASE	06/12/14
9 1298 STAMFORD WAY	6	4	1	RESTON	\$1,131,000	Detached	0.45	20194	NEW BEDFORD	06/13/14
10 1596 NORTH VILLAGE RD	4	4	1	RESTON	\$1,125,000	Detached	0.89	20194	RESTON	06/09/14
11 3220 NAVY DR	4	4	1	OAK HILL	\$1,075,000	Detached	1.04	20171	DARTMOOR WOODS	06/06/14

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