



# Tree Talk



## Pride and Professionalism

By Mike Kelly



*Maybe the greatest challenge now is to find a way to keep independence while also committing ourselves to the ties that bind people, families, and ultimately societies together.*

[Jane O'Reilly](#)

Independence: What does it really mean to you? In this day and age I think people take for granted what many people have died for. Think about it for a moment. How many of you knew someone who died fighting for our freedoms.

I grew up in the Vietnam error when I think every neighborhood had at least one guy that died in combat. Not so long ago, I had the opportunity to visit Washington DC. I traveled to all the monuments listening to the children jump and play with the normal commotion that one would find in an amusement park. The most amazing thing happened when I approached the Vietnam Memorial. It was complete silence.

It was probably one of the most emotional sights I have seen in a long time. To see a wall of that magnitude with so many names was, well I just don't have the words. To think that every name was someone that gave his or her life so that I could awake free everyday.

Today we have the same situation. Many of our young men and women have been called to duty to protect us yet again. Let's not forget, We were attacked on 9/11. We did not go out looking for someone to pick a fight with. They came to our country and killed.

Each night as I watch the news I see different opinions from both sides as to what we should be doing. Not saying one or the other is right, but one things for sure. Without our freedoms, they would not be allowed to even express their views.

We live in a country that was founded on struggle. Our fathers fought so that you and I could say and do the things we do.

This Fourth of July enjoy your freedom and thank God every night for those who have fought to keep it.

**Happy Independence Day**

### *Lane Tree Wiz Twins*

Over the last 6 months the Hannant Family and business Psychological Mobile Services (offices in Clayton and Wilson) have been fortunate enough to benefit from the excellent computer skills of Killian and Nikki Lane. If you are around Lane Tree you have probably crossed paths with these young adults who tend to stick together while working at the Golf Club. We have had the great opportunity to get to know both Killian and Nikki and utilize their outstanding computer skills. We have hired them both to provide computer science lessons (e.g., coding) to our children and manage our office's computers and home systems. They have helped our offices by providing software updates, routine maintenance, and backup services. At our home they have worked on our network, maintenance and upgrades, and personal electronics (iPads, etc). Killian and Nikki have been awesome to work with at an affordable price and our offices and children have greatly benefitted. If you ever need computer help, just ask Killian and Nikki Lane.

### **LaneTree Kids Golf**

Spring 2016 update & Memorial Day Magic at Lane Tree.

Memorial Day was a Kids versus Parents Scramble and the Kids defeated mom and dad in a convincing manner. Holes 4 and 6 were magical for 6-year-old Ella June who hit the playing drive then holed out on both holes for Eagles scoring 2's on these Par 4's. Hole 4 was from 63 yards with the PW and hole 6 was from 70 yards with a 9 iron. The

kids finished with an incredible score of 31 (5 under on 9 holes).

10 year old Karsyn won the US Kids Golf Spring Wilmington Tour defeating the number one 11 year old on tour with her personal best score of 40 (10-11 age division). Karsyn also won her 1<sup>st</sup> summer tour event on the difficult Pinehurst #5.

6 year old Ella won the US Kids Golf Spring Wilmington Tour and started the summer tour at Pinehurst with an impressive 35 (9 holes and 1 under) on the difficult Pinehurst #5 course shooting the tournament low score for all ages.

Ella has been putting excellent using a Scotty Cameron Golo3 and wrote to Scotty Cameron to say thank you. Remarkably, Scotty Cameron responded with a wonderful picture and personal note to Ella (see picture).

Thank you LaneTree staff and members for all the support!



**LANE TREE KIDS CAMP  
STARTS JULY 6 MONDAYS &  
WEDNESDAYS THRU AUGUST 4**