

Acing the Day at Oak Marr Golf Center

What started out as a typical day of smack talking on the first tee, turned into a day 13-year-old James Singley would be talking about for a lifetime. With his dad, baseball buddies and golf staff looking on, he hit the ultimate shot, a hole-in-one!

"I hit it and thought wow, this is a great shot, best ever, it just kept rolling and went in," Singley recalled vividly.

James is an avid baseball and basketball player. However, over the last few years, he took his love of mini golf to the golf course and began to see a different side of the game.

"Golf is fun. When I was younger, I thought it was boring, but going with friends is a good way to connect," he noted.



He had some encouraging advice for future and new golfers as well, "Go to the driving range and start out there. A lot of people have played mini golf, so they know how to putt. Work on your swing."

Even though James accomplished what most golfers only dream of, he kept it humble, when asked if he thought he'd ever be able to hit a repeat, he smiled and said, "Not sure, maybe in 50 years. I think I got a lucky roll."

To learn more about Junior Golf Fairfax visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/junior.

AIM HIGHER WITH ARCHERY

There's more to archery than sharp arrows and a bullseye in the middle of a target. It's a fixture of history and literature. Namely, Robin Hood has been a popular hero for centuries, and although he might be a character of legends and myths, the immense skill and practiced precision of shooting a bow and arrow can be very real. Jake Beighle was 14 years old when he arrived at his first archery class at Burke Lake Park with instructor Richard Renner.

Since then, Beighle has continued to competitive archery. He's earned eight Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) pins and is currently pursuing his advanced level Olympian bronze pin. Beighle is

certainly showing us that through dedication and persistence, anyone can achieve the greatness of legends.

Find out about archery in the parks at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake, or call 703-324-8671.

