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Ray and Betty Wright in their apartment complex in Greenspring Retirement Village. The Wrights, married 65 years, celebrated their Valentine's Day anniversary with a family party at Greenspring on Feb. 18.

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A Heartfelt Anniversary

Greenspring couple celebrates 65 years of marriage on Valentine's Day.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

At 89, Ray Wright is as quick with a quip as Jack Benny.

❖ "We had three children before we found out what was causing it."

❖ "She hopes I keep my sense of humor. It's the only sense I have left."

❖ "My family thinks my first name should be seldom."

❖ "You wouldn't worry nearly so much what people thought about you if you knew how seldom they do."

"Oh, he makes me mad sometimes, but mostly he makes me laugh," said Betty Wright, a petite woman with a soft Southern accent, who looks decades younger than her 84 years. "That's one of the things I love about him."

Married on Valentine's Day in 1947, the Wrights celebrated 65 years of marriage during a family celebration Feb. 18 at Greenspring Retirement Village in Springfield, where they have lived since 1998. "Yes, he's still my 'Mr. Right.' See I can make a joke too," Betty says, playfully punching Ray's arm on a recent afternoon.

Born in the 1920s, the Wrights grew up in southern Virginia. Ray's family is from Richmond, where the tobacco industry helped the city recover from the Great Depression, and Richmond attracted businesses relocating from other parts of the country as one of the northernmost cities of the right-to-work states. By the end of World War II in 1945, more than 350,000,000 pounds of war supplies were being shipped through Richmond's Defense General Supply Center. In 1946, Richmond was the fastest growing industrial center in the United States.

THE WRIGHTS came of age during the Great Depression, and evince the qualities and values of what anchorman Tom Brokaw christened "The Greatest Generation." Both are patriotic, exceptionally modest, quietly religious and maintain a strong work ethic. They have faced serious health challenges, but neither dwells on them. Ray, whose voice is hoarse from throat surgery, will only apologize that he can't speak as fluidly as he once did.

Betty grew up on a tobacco farm in Prince Edward County. "I was the middle of five children, and my father farmed tobacco. I can remember before we had electricity. One of my duties was to fill all the lamps," she said.

She was best friends with Ray's first cousin, and she was a frequent guest at the Wright home in Richmond. "His cousin used to tell me about him all the time. When I first met him, I thought he was so handsome," she said. Betty eventually lived with Ray's aunt and uncle while she was training to be a nurse with the Cadet Nurse Corps Program, a program instituted by the U.S. Public Health Service to train nurses during World War II, when the demand for nurses increased dramatically, outstripping the supply.

During World War II, Ray served in the South Pacific from 1942 to 1946. "I went to New Guinea at 21 as a platoon commander," Ray said. "I met Betty when she was just finishing up school. I don't think they would have let me back into the family if I hadn't married her. They liked her more than me."

Betty said they had been dating for about six



On Feb. 18, Greenspring couple Ray and Betty Wright (seated) were honored with a 65th anniversary party by their children. The couple married on Valentine's Day 1947. (From left, standing) son Douglas with his wife, Lisa; daughter Vernona Gaston and her husband, Harper Gaston; daughter-in-law Terry Wright and son Duane Wright.

months before they got married. Valentine's Day, she said, was not particularly special to either of them. "We didn't give the fact that it was Valentine's Day much thought. We just thought, why wait," she said.

After a ceremony in Richmond, they lived in married student housing on the sprawling campus of Virginia Tech, where Ray had started his degree in 1940. After the war, Ray finished his engineering degree at Virginia Tech.

"We were all supposed to graduate in 1944, but that little disruption known as Pearl Harbor happened, and we didn't actually graduate until the spring of 1949." Ray showed off his class ring, which is engraved with the Class of '44. "I guess we wanted to make a point with that ring."

Some 7,285 Virginia Tech alumni served in various military branches in World War II; 323 were killed during the war. The school, Betty notes, was dedicated to its motto, *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve).

"Those were difficult times for everyone. We didn't have much, but we did have some of the best years of our married life at Tech," Betty said. "All of the young people had a lot of fun, and we all had a lot in common. We lived in these trailer camps on campus. One was called 'Pregnancy Heights,' and another was called 'Conception Center.'"

AFTER GRADUATION, the couple moved to Alexandria where they lived for 47 years before moving to Greenspring in 1998. Their greatest accomplishment, they agree, is their three children – Verona Gaston, Duane Wright and Douglass Wright. "We have a close-knit family. I think, if we taught them anything, it was good citizenship and the Golden Rule," Betty said. "Church always played an important role in our lives, too." They also have five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Betty said she loves their "life of freedom" at Greenspring, where they play on the Greenspring's Wii Bowling League. "He was a national champion, but he won't tell you that," Betty said.

Their advice on staying married so long? "Survive," Ray said, laughing. "Also, I can't imagine having two or three mothers-in-law."

"Oh Ray," Betty said, rolling her eyes. "You loved my mother. Just admit it."

On Nepal, With Love

Recent Nepalese immigrant uses Public Access TV Show to bring about positive change.

BY AMIEE FREEMAN
THE CONNECTION

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, there are more than 9,400 Nepalese living in the U.S. Krishna Sharma of Springfield, founder and CEO of Vision for Nepal, hopes to reach many of these immigrants and others sympathetic to Nepal through his TV program, "American Conversations," which airs on Fairfax Public Access Channel 30 on Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m.

"The main purpose of our program is to facilitate a dialogue between Nepalese and Americans," said Sharma. "The next purpose is to inform the Nepali diaspora how America works and how issues of the diaspora can be addressed."

Sharma is himself a recent immigrant to the U.S., moving to the DC area in 2005. He believes that both Americans and Nepalese have much to profit from engaging with one another. American Conversations went on the air in January 2011 in an effort to start a dialogue between members of the Nepalese diaspora and other Americans.

"What I thought when Nepalese community in the U.S. started growing was that these immigrants should stay connected with Nepal and at the same time learn about American politics and policies. Also, I feel that a forum is needed to connect Americans who were in Nepal for Peace Corps or USAID or for tourism to Nepal," said Sharma.

In recent years, typically peaceful Nepal has seen a great deal of turmoil. Starting in 1996, Maoist insurgents started an uprising to topple the Nepalese monarchy and establish a People's Republic of Nepal. The civil war ended with a comprehensive peace accord signed in 2006, but not before 15,000 were killed and 150,000 displaced. This unrest led to a tremendous increase in Nepalese immigrants in the U.S. and elsewhere around the world.

Many of the show's topics deal with Nepal's unique geopolitical situation and with its recent history. The first show to air was an interview with Lisa Curtis, a senior research fellow with the Heritage Foundation. Recent volatility in South Asia, particularly in Pakistan, makes Nepal's geographic position and political situation strategic. Sharma was interested in talking with Curtis about Heritage Foundation's counter-terrorism research in South Asia.

Another show was with I. William Zartman, an emeritus professor at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and specialist in the field of negotiation theory.

Sharma also has interviewed Assistant Secretary of State Robert Blake, who, on "American Conversations," refuted a claim made at the South Asian Summit that Maoists insurgents were removed from the U.S.'s terrorist watch list.

"American Conversations" is part one of a three-part plan for Vision for Nepal. In the coming month, Sharma plans to travel to Nepal to work with a TV station in Kathmandu to air "American Conversations" there. Already, however, thanks to Internet viewing capabilities Nepalese around the world can view "American Conversations" on Vision for Nepal's website as soon as they are uploaded. Sharma's hope is that through these programs, Americans and Nepali people can come together to brainstorm about issues of importance. The third phase of Sharma's plan is contingent on additional funding; however, he hopes to facilitate learning opportunities for Nepalese in Nepal about good governance and civil society.

"This type of program is needed to address the diaspora and to bring about positive change," said Sharma.

American Conversations can be seen on Channel 30 on Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m. Previously-aired shows and more information about the program can be found on Vision for Nepal's website: www.visionnepal.org.

THE COUNTY LINE

Honoring Grads Who Choose to Serve

Burke moms lobby school board to recognize enlistees.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

When Carolyn Kellam's 17-year-old son, Danny, asked for permission to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps last year, she said "the mom in me was scared to death, but the citizen in me was very proud."

Christine Zinser remembers the exact day her son, Philipp, asked to enlist. It was Valentine's Day, 2011. Instead of flowers or chocolate, her son stunned her by declaring his intent to become a U.S. Marine.

"I thought I would be finalizing college selection and admission paperwork," Zinser said. "At a time when our nation was at war, my son was choosing a military career and because of his age, needed my permission."

Both Burke moms struggled with questions. Would they be sending their sons into harm's way? What would their sons do if they just said no. Their fear eventually gave way to a sense of pride, and they allowed their sons, then seniors at Robinson Secondary School, to enlist.

But another obstacle was around the corner.

"As it was nearing the end of his senior year, and having been the parent of other students who were recognized for their academic or athletic achievements at graduation functions, I just assumed that the young men and women who were making the same decision as my son would receive recognition at their graduation ceremonies," Zinser said.

She was wrong. Frustrated by repeated attempts to get enlistees recognized during Robinson's graduation ceremony, Zinser decided to take action. In three weeks, she organized a separate ceremony with the help of Kellam, Braddock Supervisor John Cook, and an organization called Our Community Salutes. The ceremony for all Robinson military enlistees, held at the Braddock District Hall last June 9, was standing room only.

"I think it's a great idea," said Cook. "We ought to be recognizing these students for their commitment and sacrifice. I'm glad to see the school board talking about it."

Although their sons completed boot camp after graduation, the lack of formal recognition by FCPS still rankles both moms.

FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS, they have been lobbying members of the Fairfax County School Board to ensure that any student who chooses to serve is recognized during high school graduation ceremonies.

Several school board members said they supported a uniform policy for 2012 graduation ceremonies.

"There is so much to be gained in honoring these students, and nothing to be lost," said school board member Elizabeth Schultz (Springfield). As the daughter of a Navy Captain and mother of four sons, she said she feels strongly that all FCPS graduations

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— School Board member
Elizabeth Schultz



On June 18, 2011, the day after graduating from Robinson Secondary School, Danny Kellam celebrated his 18th birthday with (from left) his mother, Carolyn, sister, Kristen and father, Jim, who is holding a photograph of Danny's older brother, Dennis, who serves with the Virginia Army National Guard and was in Iraq at the time. On June 20, Danny Kellam left for Parris Island.

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PFC Daniel Kellam on graduation day from boot camp on Parris Island, S. C. on Sept. 16. He is standing with his cousin, Heather Gillespie (left) and sister, Kristen Kellam (right).

should include recognizing enlistees by allowing them to wear honor cords at their graduation ceremonies.

"I want it done for this year. I'm not about kicking the can down the road," Schultz said. "I see this as a policy issue that, rather than being left up to the discretion of each individual school principal or cluster, we should do consistently across our student body."

Schultz made sure the issue came up during the school board's forum session on Jan. 26. "Forums," generally held before each regular board meeting, are sessions in which the public can attend and observe but are not invited to speak, and board members determine if any issues merit further discussion during formal meetings.

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The first ceremony was held at Braddock Hall last June, 2011. U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's office helped organize the ceremony along with Braddock Supervisor John Cook and Our Community Salutes, a non-profit created in 2009 to recognize and honor high school seniors who plan to enlist in the military immediately after high school graduation.

Schultz Requests Public Hearing

Majority of school board members support "individualized" graduation ceremonies.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

After a majority (7-5) of Fairfax County School Board members resisted a uniform policy to recognize military enlistees with honor cords during graduation ceremonies at its Feb. 13 work session, Elizabeth Schultz (Springfield) launched a campaign for a public hearing on the issue.

During the all-day work session, Schultz sent an email notifying Carolyn Kellam and Christine Zinser that the board heard from several "hand-picked" FCPS principals "who sought to retain autonomy for highly-individualized graduations," Schultz wrote.

She said she was "grossly disappointed we are even talking about this in terms of 'require' or 'compel' rather than seeing a 'race to embrace' this!"

Instead of a standardized policy, the board crafted the following motion to be presented as "new business" at its Feb. 23 meeting, and an "action item" at its regular board meeting on March 8:

"Direct the superintendent to require high school principals to recognize at commencement exercises those graduating se-

niors who have enlisted in the military; the recognition should be in a manner consistent with the decorum of each individual school's ceremony."

In addition to Schultz, school board members who did support a standardized policy for Honor Cord recognition were: Sandy Evans (Mason); Patty Reed (Providence); Megan McLaughlin (Braddock) and Ted Velkoff (at-large). Those who did not support the initiative: Kathy Smith (Sully); Chairman Jane Strauss (Dranesville); Vice-Chairman Illyong Moon, (at-large); Dan Storck (Mount Vernon); Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee); Pat Hynes, (Hunter Mill); and Ryan McElveen (at-large).

McElveen, who, at 27, is one of the youngest elected officials in Fairfax County, said he initially supported the idea, but changed his mind after hearing from several of the principals who spoke at the work session.

"After hearing the perspective of the principals and drawing on my own experience as someone who organized a graduation ceremony as a class president 'back in the day,' I remem-

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General Assembly Halftime Report

BY DAVE MARSDEN
STATE SENATOR (D-37)



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We are not done yet, and many of these bills will still have to survive the budget process. Even when bills are passed by both the House, and the Senate, if money cannot be found to fund them, they will not be turned into law.

surveyed favored voter identification. The majority of Americans recognize that electoral integrity is important and photo identification helps achieve that goal. The Commonwealth of Virginia carries the unique title of being the "cradle of democracy." The General Assembly honored this distinction by implementing a photo ID law that ensures that the Old Dominion's elections are free and fair and that there is never a shadow of illegitimacy cast over the results because of fraudulent voting."

M. David Skiles
Fairfax

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If you haven't been following the General Assembly this year, I thought it would be appropriate to fill you in on the first half of the session. The House and Senate have each heard their own member's bills, and those that survive now take a journey to the other side of the Capitol to test their fate. Eleven of the bills I have introduced have made it out of the Senate, six have been passed by for the year, and three did not make it out of the Senate committees.

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Richmond Report

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voter ID Protects Election Integrity

To the Editor:

There's an old Chicago saying, "Vote Early and vote often." Most of us laugh it off as a comment of a bygone era when city bosses manipulated the democratic process to ensure their favored candidate won. However, history has proven voter fraud is a real and serious issue in American politics. As we prepare for the 2012 elections, Virginia's decision to pass a voter identification bill is a necessary step to ensure free and fair elections that preserve the integrity of the electoral process.

Implementing sensible voter identification requirements will ensure that only eligible voters participate and that their votes are not cancelled by fraudulent votes that can change the outcome of an election. It is imperative that the General Assembly enact a sensible voter identification law that protects the integrity of our elections.

Requiring photo identification at the polls is a common sense solution that would clean up most of the fraud that occurs during an election. For example, by requiring photo identification, election officers could easily detect cases of voter impersonation, whereby

someone poses as a legal voter in order to vote, or that illegal aliens or legal residents without voting rights do not vote.

When a person goes to the bank to open a checking account or cashes a check, boards an airplane, visits a government building (such as the Pentagon or even the Department of Justice to lodge a complaint against the government) he or she is required to show a photo identification. Understandably, verifying who you are is important in each of these situations and it should be the same when you vote. After all, the very essence of our republic is based on the notion that as citizens we choose our elected representatives. Voter fraud casts a shadow of illegitimacy over our elections and can lead to a cynical view by the public that the electoral process is corrupt. Simply put, when fraudulent voting exists it erodes a quintessential American value.

Currently, fifteen states have a photo identification requirement to vote.

Of course rather than letting a good idea become law, some in the General Assembly will whip out the talking points used by the Obama Justice Department when it halted South Carolina's photo identification law. They will undoubtedly argue that photo identification disenfranchises minori-

ties and the poor.

But is there any basis to their argument? Does photo identification really disenfranchise voters? The short answer is: No. Through numerous research reports and by studying election returns in states where photo identification requirements are in effect, the evidence proves that instead of decreasing turnout, these states saw an increase in turnout.

The evidence shows that photo identification is not about disenfranchising voters; it is about good government and ensures the integrity of elections. Despite the attempts to paint photo identification as a return to the days of "poll taxes" and "literacy tests" the vast majority of Americans support the notion. A Rasmussen Poll released in December 2011 showed that over 70 percent of likely voters believe voters should show photo identification before voting. Among minority groups, the support for photo identification was even higher. A recent poll by Resurgent Republic surveyed Hispanic voters in Florida, Colorado and New Mexico regarding voter identification requirements. In Florida, 88 percent of Hispanic voters supported voter ID requirements; in Colorado, 71 percent favored voter identification and in New Mexico 73 percent of those

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PET CONNECTION



PHOTO BY JESSICA MCKAY

Greenspring resident Steve Guback holds Casey, his Dachshund, who turned 14 on Valentine's Day. "Casey's a great companion. More people around here know Casey than know me."



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

From left: Freda Burner holds Itsy while "Aunt" Hazel Cross holds Bitsy, twin Yorkshire Terriers who celebrated their 9th birthday on Dec. 15. Burner started Greenspring's dog therapy program at the retirement center's nursing home. "We have been going there for seven years. Itsy and Bitsy are both very good with people who are ill. They sense it, and Itsy will nestle next to someone. Sometimes we visit the patients three or four times in a week." Burner also organizes Greenspring's Halloween Pet Parade. "Oh, these two have a lot of costumes," she said.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Justin Monaldo of Fairfax Station with Cal, a very alert Weimaraner.



Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) with his rescue greyhound Vera.



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She's got Betty Davis eyes: Jan Madden, president of Greenspring's DOG club (Dog Owners of Greenspring), said Gilbey, her 6-year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, is the "most laid back dog anyone has invented...He's a sweetie."



Kay McCurdy enjoys walking her dog, Kerry, a 9-month-old Havana Silk Terrier, on the grounds of Greenspring in Springfield. "The breed is known as a small dog that's not yappy, which is great when you live in an apartment. She's very affectionate, and she does a great 'roll over.'" McCurdy is the founder of DOG club (Dog Owners of Greenspring).



Amanda Etro sent us this photo of her and her husband James, with their 6-month old Siberian husky: "His name is Harley and he is now 8 months old and much, much bigger. We got him while living in Alaska and his parents are real sled dogs. When this picture was taken my husband and I were stationed at Ft. Richardson; he is currently deployed in Afghanistan. Harley and I have come back home to Springfield and are eagerly awaiting James's return in October."

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Fairfax County Republican Convention

Saturday, March 24, 2012, 9 am,
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I, Anthony Bedell, Chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee, hereby call for a Fairfax County Republican Convention to be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 9:00 am at West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Rd, Springfield, VA 22152. Delegates from Fairfax County will assemble in convention to elect the Chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee to a two-year term, 2012 county-at-large members to the committee, and delegates and alternates to the 2012 8th, 10th, and 11th, and State Conventions.

Anyone wishing to be a candidate for County Chairman must file a signed statement declaring his or her candidacy with a \$1,000 filing fee at the FCRC headquarters no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, March 9th, 2012. Those wishing to be delegates or alternates to the conventions must file no later than 12:00 noon on Saturday, March 10, 2012 with the appropriate filing fee (\$25 filing fee by personal check or money order for those who wish to participate in the FCRC County Convention). Postmark does not count.

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THE COUNTY LINE

Moms Campaign to Honor Enlistees

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Christine Zinser and Danny Kellam attended the Jan. 26 forum. "I really feel like these kids are a forgotten spoke in the wheel of recognizing our military families," Zinser said after the forum.

"We laud those returning from war, mourn those who have fallen, show unflinching support for the families of active duty military personnel, compassion for those who sustain injuries and immense respect for our veterans," Zinser added. "But the young men and women who choose to serve, especially when our nation is at war, go unrecognized."

BOARD MEMBER Ted Velkoff (At-large) said he supports the idea, but is not certain it needs to be policy.

"We're in information-gathering mode, but I believe there will be consensus around this, whether it's encouragement to students and principals to recognize students with the cords, or implemented through policy," Velkoff said. "I would be astonished if there's any resistance to this."

Pat Hynes, who represents the Hunter Mill district, said in an email to Zinser that she is "hopeful that we can do whatever is necessary to ensure they get the recognition they deserve as they graduate."

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Richard Moniuszko said schools are reluctant to abandon their traditions to a "one-size-fits-all" motion, adding that recognition at graduation should be in line with the decorum at each school.

"There's no real issue with recognition of students who enter the military at graduation," said Moniuszko. "However, each high school has its own traditions and manner of recognizing individual students. Many of our graduations are planned by the students themselves, and individual student recog-

nition occurs at their convocation or Senior Awards night prior to graduation. "

He said types of recognition at commencement is not a level of detail that traditionally warrants a formal policy, but rather a district guideline or regulation.

Schultz said the board asked principals to come to the next school board meeting with ideas on how to implement a policy.

"We don't need to put up administrative hurdles. With a little bit of directed effort, we can make this happen. We need to send the message to these students that we're proud of you, and we acknowledge you," she said.

Kellam said she would like to see recognition given to every graduating Fairfax County senior who is enlisting in the military right after graduation.

"I feel that these courageous young men and women deserve some recognition and feel that a red, white and blue cord worn at graduation is a fitting tribute of their dedication to our county," Kellam said.

A Fairfax County 9-1-1 operator, Kellam said only one percent of graduating seniors volunteer to enlist in the military. "That one percent needs to be acknowledged."

"They want to fight for our country. It's awful and wonderful at the same time. My son is being deployed in April. It's hard for me to talk about without crying," Kellam said. "Knowing that the community appreciates their service is a huge deal mentally when they are deployed."

"Wearing the cord to the graduation ceremony embodies the mission of FCPS which is to inspire, enable, and empower students to meet high academic standards, lead ethical lives, and demonstrate responsible citizenship," Zinser said. "If enlisting in our armed services isn't one of the highest examples of responsible citizenship, I fail to see what is."

Public Hearing Requested

FROM PAGE 4

bered how students took pride in planning their ceremonies and that every school's ceremony has a different flavor," McElveen said.

Current policy is vague: Fairfax County high schools maintain individualized graduation ceremonies while following system guidelines.

McElveen said this essentially means that each high school determines its own graduation regalia, and cords take on different meaning at each school. Some schools don't use them at all, he pointed out.

McElveen said he supported Dan Storck's proposal that called for all schools to recognize enlistees at graduation ceremonies, but left it up to the students in each community to determine how enlistees would be recognized.

"It provides a great learning ex-

perience for those students to reflect on the importance of enlisting in the armed services, much more than would another centrally-mandated ceremonial requirement," McElveen said.

"Our job is to keep students at the center, and Dan's proposal did just that."

But Schultz said anything short of a standardized graduation policy was disappointing.

"I am very sad that we didn't vote for Honor Cords for our enlistees today," she said. "Seven of my fellow school board members do not value the enlistment and service of our graduates into military service for their behalf enough to seek a singular form of recognition, but at least we got agreement that schools must include some measure of outward, meaningful recognition at the actual graduation, not just Senior Awards."

Schultz said she has requested "transparency," by giving the public an opportunity to address the issue prior to the school board making a final determination on March 8. "I have asked that it be placed on new business and we conduct our vote publicly after constituents have been heard."

Residents may sign up online to speak at a regular board meeting about a specific presentation, a new business item, or an action item. Residents may also mail written comments to the school board office, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Suite 5400, Falls Church, VA 22042, or email the school board members at SchoolBoardMembers@fcps.edu.

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Pictured from left: Frank McCarthy, General Manager, Sheehy Ford; Sina Mohabat, General Manager, Sheehy Nissan/Subaru; Jill Parker Landsman, Board of Director Chair for Housing and Community Services of Northern Virginia; Melanie Doon, Development Officer for HCSNV; and Jose Paiz, Board of Directors Member for HCSNV.

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The Contest will be held outside the store on Saturday, March 24, from noon to 3 p.m. For a \$10 entry fee (all goes to charity), customers can get their dog photographed, and enter to win Whole Foods Market gift cards. The dogs get "doggie bags" too. Team members will vote for the winners.

Donating Used Books

The Robert E. Lee High School Library is accepting donations of used books for its annual book sale through March 30. Fiction and nonfiction books in good condition, including children's books, cookbooks, college textbooks and many others are welcome. All proceeds will help the library buy new books and materials for student use. For further information or to make a delivery, please contact the library at 703-924-8370.

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SATURDAY/FEB. 25

Youth Mental Wellness Fair. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road Springfield. This event will inform families and caregivers about available youth mental wellness resources and services, and how to access them. www.fairfaxyouth.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 3

Theater Workshop. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. For 1-6 grade students. Presented by South County theater teachers and students. Theater games,

TUESDAY/MARCH 6

South County Federation Meeting. 7:30 p.m. South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Fairfax. Southcountyfederation.Com.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 14

NARFE Springfield Chapter Meeting. 1 p.m. American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave, Springfield. With a presentation on the policies and programs affecting older adults in Fairfax County by Tanya Erway, Fairfax Area Agency on Aging. Free. Guests welcome. 703 313-9387 or jkadelg@yahoo.com.

CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

FRIDAY/FEB. 24

Cox Communications, in partnership with Fairfax County, invites the public to attend a free program honoring African American women in celebration of Black History Month. 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center Auditorium. A free reception will be available starting at 6 p.m.

"Don't Drink The Water" by Woody Allen. 7:30 p.m. South County High School Theatre, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. An American Ambassador must leave the Embassy for business, and places his incompetent son in charge. \$10 adults, \$8 students. www.southcountytheatre.org.

Preschool Storytime. 11 a.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-971-0010.

SATURDAY/FEB. 25

The Sixth Generation. 7 p.m. Empire, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. The opening of "The Generation is Back Tour" with fight the bear, Elephant Pistol, Luke Mitchem and more. \$9. www.thesixthgeneration.com.

Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra presents Buddy, Woody, and Stan. 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Celebrating the music of Buddy Rich, Woody Herman and

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Fifth Annual Monopoly Game Tournament to Benefit Habitat for Humanity.

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Two preliminary rounds of the game will be played to determine the six finalists, then a final round will decide the three tournament winners to receive \$500 for first place, \$250 for second, and \$100 for third. Breakfast, lunch and door prizes are included. Entry fee \$25. Register at 1-888-495-6207 ext. 3 or www.lortonmonopoly.com.

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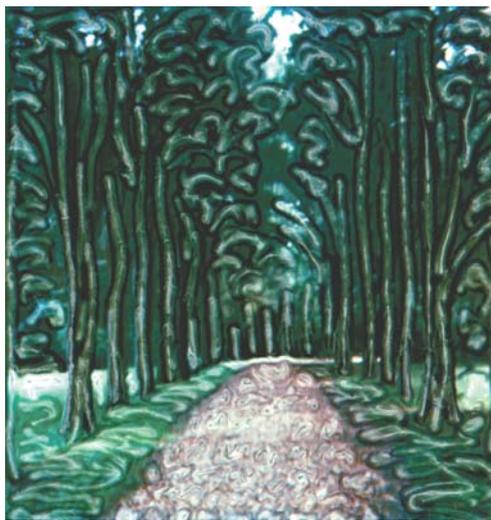
9 a.m. Springfield Elementary School, 7602 Heming Court, Springfield. Single competition 9 a.m.-12 p.m., parent and child competition 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Awards presented 12:30 p.m. Stack equipment and refreshments available for purchase. \$3. 703-658-5563 or semetz@fcps.edu.

Blake Shelton: Well Lit & Amplified.

8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. With Justin Moore and "The Voice" finalist Dia Frampton. Tickets \$33.75-\$58.75. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

VITA Tax Assistance. 10 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Tax help. IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers who earned up to \$50K. Adults. 703-451-8055.

"Don't Drink The Water" by Woody Allen. 7:30 p.m. South County High School Theatre, 8501



The Artists' Undertaking Gallery, 309 Mill St. in Historic Occoquan, presents "Nothing But Trees", an exhibit of hammered copper by Anne Jordan of Fairfax and photography and digital painting by David and Jane Ernst of Springfield. The exhibit runs March 6-April 2, with an artists' reception on Saturday, March 10, from 1-5 p.m. The gallery is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. 703-494-0584 or theartistsundertaking.com.

Silverbrook Road, Lorton. An American Ambassador must leave the Embassy for business, and places his incompetent son in charge. \$10 adults, \$8 students. www.southcountytheatre.org.

Collector's Showcase. 7:30 p.m.

Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. An artwork lottery for ticket holders, a fundraising event with over 100 pieces made by Workhouse Artists. www.workhousearts.org.

SUNDAY/FEB. 26

Queen Elizabeth: A Day in the Life. 1 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. \$27. Enjoy a glimpse into the daily life of the queen and more. Reserve at 703-941-7987.

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MONDAY/FEB. 27

Heart to Heart. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Sweet stories. Age 12-23 months with adult. 703-339-4610.

Read to the Dog. 4:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria.

Read aloud to a trained therapy dog. Sign up for a 15-minute session. Age 6-12. 703-339-4610.

Hidden Pond Monday: Nocturnal Animals. 2:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Learn what goes on

outside while we sleep. By Hidden Pond Nature Center. Age 6-12. 703-451-8055.

TUESDAY/FEB. 28

Eclectic Readers. 1 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis. Adults. 703-249-1520.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Practice and improve your English. Adults. 703-451-8055.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 29

Learning English. 10:15 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.

THURSDAY/MARCH 1

Frank Lloyd Wright Lecture. 7 p.m. Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Two homeowners discuss the experience of living in Wright-designed houses. Sponsored by Woodlawn/Pope Leighey, Historic Sites of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. popeleighey1940.org.

Deicide. 6 p.m. Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$22-\$25. www.jaxxroxx.com.

FRIDAY/MARCH 2

Zumbathon. 7-9 p.m. West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Middle School attendees must be accompanied by adult 18 or older. Admission \$5. Proceeds benefit the class of 2012 All Night Grad Party. 703-371-7323.

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Miller Leads West Springfield to District Title

Senior scores 21 points in championship game, named tournament MVP.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The West Springfield girls' basketball team defeated T.C. Williams twice by a combined four points during the regular season, with each contest decided in the final seconds. When it came time to determine the 2012 Patriot District champion, senior guard Jordan Miller and the Spartans showed no desire for another dramatic finish.

Miller scored a team-high 21 points as West Springfield captured its third consecutive district championship with a 78-63 victory against TC in the district tournament final on Feb. 17 at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Miller helped the Spartans maintain a comfortable lead with 14 second-half points on her way to tournament MVP honors.

"It feels amazing," Miller said. "It's the first step in where we want to go."



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WEST SPRINGFIELD outscored TC 17-3 in the second quarter and built a 43-16 half-time lead. Early in the third quarter, however, Duquesne-bound point guard April Robinson was called for her third foul and Georgetown-bound forward Logan Battle was whistled for her third and fourth fouls. With Battle on the bench, the Titans started to chip away at the Spartans' lead, but Miller would hold things together for West Springfield. The sharpshooter scored 12 points in the quarter, including a 3-pointer and a pair of jumpers.

"That was big," West Springfield head coach Bill Gibson said. "Jordan's done that

West Springfield senior Jordan Miller, seen during a Jan. 6 contest against T.C. Williams, earned 2012 Patriot District tournament MVP honors.

in the past. In tournaments, we'd come down and need buckets [or] we'd be in droughts and she comes down and finds a way to hit a couple shots and it changes the whole momentum for us."

TC pulled to within nine early in the fourth quarter, when a three-point play by Gaby Moss cut the West Springfield lead to 60-51. Miller would answer again, knock-



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

West Springfield senior Logan Battle cuts off a piece of the net after the Spartans won the 2012 Patriot District girls' basketball championship on Feb. 17 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

ing down a jump shot that sparked an 8-0 run.

"The difference was Jordan Miller," T.C. Williams junior guard Christian Roberts said. "She was on this game. The game we played them [earlier this season], she was off — she wasn't hitting anything. She made every single shot [in the district final], so that's what made the difference."

Sophomore guard Amy Berglund also had a big night for West Springfield, finishing

with 20 points. Battle scored 11 points and Robinson finished with nine. The trio, along with Miller, made the all-tournament team.

"Amy and Jordan played amazing," Robinson said. "We just looked for them and we tried breaking [the Titans'] press."

West Springfield produced its second-highest point total of the season to date and appeared ready to enter the Northern Region tournament at full strength. Berglund missed the first seven games of the season with a knee injury and Robinson sat out for more than a month with an injured ankle, but the Spartans now have all weapons at their disposal.

"It's been a bit different of a year in that we haven't been together," Gibson said. "Amy was out the first part of the year, then April went out, so now we finally get everybody healthy and I think we're starting to play well, and that's when you want to play well."

West Springfield defeated Marshall, the No. 4 seed from the Liberty District, 58-29 on Feb. 20 during the opening round of the regional tournament. The Spartans hosted Chantilly, the No. 2 seed from the Concorde District, on Feb. 22. Results were not available prior to The Connection's deadline.

THE REGIONAL SEMIFINALS are scheduled for Friday, Feb. 24 at Robinson Secondary School.

In 2010, West Springfield finished region runner-up and ended its season in the state semifinals. Last year, the Spartans won the region but once again lost in the state semifinals.

"We know what it feels like," Robinson said of the Spartans' postseason experience. "We also know what it feels like to lose and we don't like the feeling of that, so we're just going to come out as hard as we can."

Good Showing by Northern Region at State Wrestling

Westfield's Donahue earns state title; Dooley of Madison and Forrest of South Lakes earn second place medals.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Three Northern Region teams - Robinson, Annandale, and Westfield High Schools - finished among the top 10 team finishers at last weekend's Virginia State AAA Wrestling Championships, held Feb. 17-18 (Friday and Saturday) at Robinson Secondary.

Colonial Forge (Stafford) of the Northwest Region was the team champion with 152.5 points, well ahead of second place and defending state champion Robinson (87). Matoaca High (67.5) of Chesterfield finished third ahead of fourth place

Annandale (65.5) and fifth place Forest Park (63) of Woodbridge. Westfield High, this year's Northern Region champion, finished in eighth place with 57 points behind sixth place Ocean Lakes (59) of Virginia Beach and seventh place Kellam (58.5), also of Virginia Beach. Rounding out the top 10 behind Westfield were ninth place Hanover (54.5) of Mechanicsville and 10th place Salem High (50).

Thirty-nine teams were represented at states. Other teams from the Northern Region included South County (17th place), Madison (23rd place), South Lakes (28th place), Lake Braddock (29th), Wakefield (31st), Marshall (32nd), Hayfield (33rd),

Centreville (34th), Yorktown (36th), and Stone Bridge (38th).

FIVE NORTHERN REGION wrestlers won individual state titles: Ali Musa (220 weight class) of Annandale; Beau Donahue (152) of Westfield; Brooks Martino (145) of Robinson; Santiago Valdez (138) of Robinson; and Dane Harlow (126) of Annandale.

Second place finishers from the Northern Region were: Jake Pinkston (heavyweight) of Robinson; Ryan Forrest (160) of South Lakes; Henry Majano (132) of Wakefield; and Robert Dooley (120) of Madison.

Third place finishers from the Northern Region were: Matt Crawford (heavyweight) of Marshall; Brett Stein (160) of South County; Jonathan Faul (152) of Stone Bridge; Sahid Kargbo (138) of Hayfield; and Hunter Manley (106) of South County.

A fourth place finisher from the North-

ern Region was Charlie Whelden (heavyweight) of Yorktown.

Fifth place finishers were: Bryan Jefferson (heavyweight) of Annandale; Ryan Sepulveda (170) of Centreville; Jonathan Simmons (160) of Robinson; Rori Renzi (145) of Lake Braddock; Leland Jenkins (126) of Langley; and Brett Campbell (120) of Westfield.

Sixth place finishers were: David Chenevey (195) of Centreville; Dusty Floyd (170) of Mount Vernon; Stephen Aiello (145) of Westfield; and Ibrahim Bunduka (113) of T.C. Williams.

Seventh place finishers were: Tyler Morson (170) of Westfield; Derek Arnold (138) of Westfield; Sean Haskett (132) of Lake Braddock; and Austin Riggs (120) of Robinson.

Eighth place finishers were: Gil Enav (170) of Lake Braddock; Brock Jacobsen (132) of Edison; and James Cusack (113) of Marshall.

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