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Military
Gala honors
veterans
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Military service members were honored at the military appreciation gala put on by the Concerned Women for America (CWA) at Liberty University this Veteran's Day on Nov. 11, 2011.

The club level of Williams Stadium Tower accommodated over 500 guests, according to Amanda Haas, president of Liberty University's chapter of the CWA. Patrons and military members were dressed to elaborate ball gowns, service uniforms and mix with ties. According to many guests of the event, the yellow rose decor and light classical music playing in the background, however, was slightly thrown off by the high school football game taking place down below.

"As I've got to know service members here at Liberty, I've been really impressed with the students that are involved," Baker said. "And it's a great experience for herself, Baker said, "It's been really getting to know service members here at Liberty. I've been really impressed with the experience all around."
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Liberty University will be offering an assortment of classes in a number of disciplines through its Summer School program, which is designed to help students speed up their education or get a jump start on classes they will need to take. Director of the Liberty Summer School Program Anna Rowiette said that summer school is an important and valuable option for students.

The reduced price of $160 per credit hour allows students to save on loans and decrease their overall education expenses, according to Rowiette.

“Liberty is offering a program in which students can speed up their education and enter the job market, while also keeping the overall cost as low as possible,” Rowiette said.

The tuition rate for undergraduate summer school classes is $160 per credit hour, in comparison to the tuition cost of $496,000 that residential students pay for a semester, according to Rowiette. Classes that attend part-time during the fall or spring semesters have to pay $396 per credit hour, according to a Liberty University special aid website.

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Some people take it too far

Letter to the Editor

The opposition expressed by students such as Britannia Trux to the idea of "The Living Dead" is, I fear, one of my favorite horror films. The original 1988 Reanimator film is anachronistic in its relation in America - with caution. However, not every political struggle is appropriately depicted via images of the living dead.

Case in point: the image of a former President Obama with a bullet through his head recently released by the Loudoun County GOP committee. The controversy began on Oct. 29 when an email was circulated among Loudoun Republican Committeemen in hopes of recruiting votes to pass on county at a local Halloween festival.

A college of images was included within the email, one of which depicted House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi deformed into a monster and a bulging eye.

The Loudoun Republican Party was quick to condemn the image. Virginia Gov. Robert McDonnell, who was simply out of the question.

However, this year promises to shake things up in a whole new way. My best friend and her boyfriend who I am striving to impress, but also need to figure out the size of going over to my grandparents' house and have a huge family dinner. In that respect, I guess that we had some bittersweet memories.
Privacy not always a constitutional right

As students decide what school to go to, looking at the fine print is beneficial

Ashley Bollinger

A common misconception has infiltrated private universities across the nation: the rights to privacy.

Most adults over the age of 18 assume that they possess the right to privacy — no matter whether they are at residence hall or at their home. However, they remain in tact although they have willingly signed away from over 10,000 mailed and with over 5,000 newspapers in the Lynchburg community. 

"All United States citizens over the age of 18 are entitled to their constitutional rights."

Well, ladies and gentlemen, you have just signed away your First and Fourth Amendment rights — to some extent.

The First Amendment is the right to freedom of speech. The Fourth reads, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated."

All societies and organizations have certain standards and expectations that govern them in order to maintain an orderly community; the university is no exception, and this Student Honor Code provides Liberty students with a framework that can enhance the college experience for all.

You, all United States citizens over the age of 18 are entitled to their constitutional rights. However, they are also entitled to make the decision to waive those rights at any given time.

They have done so by choosing to attend a private university. However, there have been cases in which students have alleged violation of their Fourth Amendment rights on private campuses but none at Liberty University.

Such is the case in the State of Connecticut v. David Burroughs. Burroughs alleged a private university, was suspected of drug use, searched his laptop over his objection and alleging that he intent to try him before the supreme court. However, when the case went before the Supreme Court, Burroughs charges were overturned on account of the violation of his Fourth Amendment rights, and an unlawful search outside of university policy, according to the case filed under the Connecticut Law Journal.

Although students may sign their rights away, they are still entitled to basic constitutional rights that must be handled and guaranteed by the university. Guidelines may be in place by the university, however, one's own action does not strategically follow them, you may still hold back for students.

In the end, choosing to attend a private university is a personal decision, and it is your responsibility to understand that one day he said the words no girl ever heard from a distance when you could have stepped up to him. You lost your chance to step up because you never opened your mouth.

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Students who have already gone to college are the only reason some students continue their education, many of the young minds who would otherwise be exposed to arts and have the ability to experiment within the realm of imagination would never be able to express themselves through the arts. "I think art makes students see the world in a completely new and different way," Nazarjick said.

According to Nazarjick, classes centered in art education and development are the only reason some students continued their education at high school. "A lot of these kids only enjoy that one class, and it’s the reason they wake up in the morning," Nazarjick said. In an interview, A1 Coleman, the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for Lynchburg City Schools in Lynchburg, Va., stated that the only time art classes are dropped from the curriculum is when enrollment is too low. “Budget restrictions of 15 to 20 percent have affected elective and exploratory offerings,” Coleman said. Leagh Farmer, the public information officer for Lynchburg City Schools, stated that interest plays a big role in whether or not a class is added to the curriculum. "The student interest, as a result of registration, for these classes determines whether they are actually taught in any given semester," Farmer said.

The arts and extracurricular classes offered at Lynchburg City Schools, according to their Program of Studies catalogue, include classes such as music, drama, newspaper, yearbook and athletic training. In 2010, roughly 82.3 percent of students in the Lynchburg, Va. area as a whole graduated on time, according to the Virginia Department of Education. Jefferson Forest High School had the best graduation rate at 94 percent. Classes at this high school included an advanced placement (AP) course in music theory, theater, art and band. "We are very proud of the success our students have demonstrated in the arts," Coleman said. The economic crisis in the US paired with the lack of enrollment currently being seen in school systems does not affect only the students when it comes to courses being offered. Teachers of these courses outside the core curriculum are being laid off due to budget restrictions many schools face. "Enrollment affects budget decisions related to any cuts in any area... these can have resulted in slightly higher teacher-student ratios in core classes," Coleman said. On Sept. 29, the United States House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations released the Draft Fiscal Year 2012 Labor, Health and Human Services funding bill. The bill includes information regarding future plans to fund programs within the Department of Education and other related agencies. The bill includes plans to raise funding for several education programs already in place in the public school.
Wounded Army veteran runs to raise support for OASIS Adaptive Sports and Vacations for Veterans

Omar Adams

November 15, 2011

Cpl. Sean Edmunds: Giving back

SOLDIERING ON — Liberty University student Cpl. Sean Edmunds has spent his life serving others. The Wales, U.K. native met his wife Donna — a New Yorker — while working with the London City Mission in 2000. Following their marriage in 2002, the couple moved to New York where Sean Edmunds enlisted in the Army.

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After his run next year, Edmunds plans to follow his bachelor's degree in Religion with a master's degree in Chaplaincy, so he can continue serving others in a chaplain with the military or Veteran Affairs. For more information on either charity organization, see oasissports.org or vacationsforveterans.org.

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about if they don't remo|e to mark their places.
Because the university has implemented the new attendance policy as of the beginning of last academic year, students being late and absent could possibly hurt their grades, according to Liberty's 2011 attendance policy.

"One problem for me is that while the parking situation is real, I don't have any way to know if students are telling me the truth or using parking as a lame excuse," Reavers said.

"It is a popular excuse, and some of it may be legitimate, some of it not." However, the mindset is hurting students overall.

"In two of my classes, the teachers are very strict about tardiness," Elhain said. "I have an hour early, and I get there 45 minutes in advance and can't find parking. My class grade has dropped a letter because it can't be proven that my reason for being tardy is because I can't find a parking space."

Another concern for both professors, the Reavers and the administration is poor planning on behalf of students. "I would say that giving yourself enough time to get to class is a pretty standard expectation for students and employees of any college," Martin said.

Even with the addition of new parking lots and a revised plan, students will still need to plan to have a few minutes to find open spots. Jerry Falwell Jr. said.

"Students may not leave their homes early enough to search for parking. Many times they give themselves just enough time to get to class assuming that everything works out perfectly. Traffic on the main tracks and in the parking lot," Reavers said. "Students may have schedules with work and classes, but they plan blindly, too."

The administration, however, is offering students assistance in understanding time management.

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In addition to construction zones, senior Levi Washburn said that going downhill also can increase your speed without you realizing it and is a problem that students need to be conscious of. In his opinion, before the driver becomes aware of this on his own, a police car is coming in. Traveling to Maine for the holidays, he has been given the code pink ticket.

"I was driving up U.S. Highway 79, and I got pulled over going downhill in Alternate Country," he said. "I was being passed by a tractor trailer. I hit 50 mph.

Washburn's trip to Maine has allowed him to notice other speed traps that police can use to catch speeding vehicles.

"Construction bridges," he said. "There are always cops."

For those heading south for the holiday breaks, U.S. Highway 29 South and the Davieville Expressway are usually necessary routes to North Carolina and other southern states. Senior Jennifer Palmer has received two tickets in nearly the same location of Pittsylvania County.

The speed limit changes force a driver to be constantly aware of his or her speed, and any lapse can cause frustration and a hefty fine.

"As you travel down 29 South, about an hour from Liberty, the speed limit for a while is 65," Palmer said. "Then the speed limit decreases as you near the town of Chatham and before you think, you're pulled over."

"My argument is that the town comes up so fast," she continued. "And when you're going 70, and you're all of the sudden expected to slow down to 55 for two sections, according to Falwell. The commuter students are only voting to enact one section.

The administration has already begun moving forward with a portion of the new plan, according to Falwell.

In the spring semester, the administration is proposing the addition of 600 new parking spaces, according to Liberty's Corporate Engineers in Planning and Construction Maggie Coonan.

There will also be 600 intra-campus vehicles moved into perimeter lots, creating an additional 1,270 spaces for commuters to park in.

"The parking plan of any large organization like Liberty is heavily dependent on campus-wide adherence to policy," Martin said. "Students and employers that park in any area where they are not supposed to, even for a quick 5-minute run, creates a domino effect that cannot be adequately addressed by simply adding parking spaces."

Vehicles parked illegally is a large part of the parking problem, according to the Champion research. At any given time there are 5-10 illegally parked cars in commuter lots on campus.

According to Martin, even if the commuters do not come to vote on the section of the plan proposing gates on each lot, there should be enough additional parking added that every commuter will be able to find a parking spot if they leave themselves adequate time to find a space before walking to class.

"We need every commuter to vote for the parking plan they prefer. A strong response from commuters will tell us what needs to be done to address the parking issue," Falwell said. "A weak response will force us to make the decision for commuters. Either way, faculty will be less likely to receive tardy and absent students next semester. Now is the time for commuters to make their wishes known."

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Lady Flames volleyball team claim top seed in Big South

Kyle Harvey

Sports Editor

"It was in our game plan to win both."

The Lady Flames volleyball team has managed to hit on all cylinders this season, including a 3-2 win over Texas A&M in their first game of the season. The win has helped put the Flames in contention for a top seed in the Big South.

The Flames have seen a lot of success this season, with a record of 11-1 in conference play and a national ranking of No. 35. They have also managed to stay strong on the road, with a record of 2-1 away from home.

With a few straight Big South regular season titles in a row, the Lady Flames have been one of the strongest teams in the conference. They have been able to maintain their momentum throughout the season, leading to their victory against Texas A&M.

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Brown in driver’s seat for playoffs

Justin Jones
Georgetown Herald-Examiner

If a championship has not been reached.
Neither has his team.
The Liberty women’s basketball team plans to take those goals to the court. While those goals are achievable or not will be up to the four seniors who have been teammates for three years, and now the career will come to a close in playing days at Liberty. If anyone is looking for the leader of this basketball team, offensive coordinator Brandon Stiever has no reservations telling Brown with the title.

"There’s no doubt," he said. "This is his third year in a row where he’s been a leader ever since he’s been here." One of the ways Brown shows his leadership is the leading on the field. His awards and honors list covers nearly every year he has been here. The 2009 Big South offensive player of the year, the 2011 Most Valuable Player to name two places.

But, where did the future Liberty Hall of Famer begin playing the sport he would pursue? "First," he said. "Basketball, football, and baseball." Brown’s journey to Liberty was not on the same track as others like William & Mary and Notre Dame. Brown has been behind in Brown, but he did not fall at home door. Although Liberty is distinctive in its tradition, world view, it did not draw Brown into coming to the Hill City. "It didn’t have anything to do with coming to Liberty actually," he said. "I really came here just to play football. But since I’ve been here, I’ve really been surprised by how much I think I’ve been the best thing for me." As much as Brown has seen changes in himself, Liberty football has seen big changes since Stiever took over the special type of athlete to put up numbers the Browns have through his three years at Liberty. He says that getting personal goals keeps him focused.

"I’m a pretty self-motivated person," Brown said. "I have goals, and I set small goals each week. Just changing after those goals my mind is in the right place.

Stiever works with Brown in their weekly quarterbacks meeting. Stiever can tell that summatires of Brown immediately respected him and looked up to him, despite being a freshman. "People respect it, and it’s with hard work," he said. "He has to prove to the guys that he’s going to work harder than them, and I think that did when he first came to me.

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Brown has won the regular season title with a score of 23-22, and Asheville won two sets and two tied at 25-21 and 25-20, respectively.

As it had been all year long, the fifth set looked to be lost for the Flames. Time in many matches, Liberty needed a win in their sets, winning the fifth set against their rival.

"Friday night, we faced a bit of a wall," Brown said at Gardner-Webb. We had our backs against the wall tonight. I’m proud of the team and their coaches. At coach, I’m proud that we talked about our team’s character being shown tonight. We responded, and pulled out a five-set win at Asheville," Stiever said. "We won the Big South title for the fifth season in a row, something that the Liberty players had never done. I’m proud of the program being able to put together what kind of consistency over a sustained period of time." Brown did not want to focus too much on the way they could be happy for the seniors and leaders on the team.

Winning the regular season would be a sign to the Liberty No. 1 seed in the Big South playoffs. That game will be begin Thursday at Charlotte Southern University in Charlotte, N.C. Ironically the team will be playing in front of their fans, Liberty off their perch at Five Star, PLL. The Lady Flames victory over UNC Asheville Saturday gives them a share of the regular season Big South regular season championship. BROWN is the sports reporter.

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The University Police officer

van Sophia gives a report during the Sandusky case. The Sandusky case would make him one of the most famous news stories of all time. But, according to the grand jury’s report, "Although Shults held the Sandusky case as part of his position, he never re- vised the 2002 affidavit, never was surprised by the police report on the 1998 insinuation/rape charge, and never had the child in the shower in 2002." During this time, Sandusky should have been locked up right then and there. But, the district attorney concluded, "there would be no crimi- nal changes," according to the grand jury report.

Grand jury attorney Andrew Cumber said Sandusky still haunted the Penn State facilities well after his retirement in 1999. He was granted emeritus status by Penn State president Graham Spanier and was granted access to campus facilities even thoughSpanier knew about the investiga- tion into child Protection Agency in '98. In 2002, a grand assistant, now a part of the Nittany Lion defensive crew, Mike McQueary, Sandusky said, McQueary insinuating separately with a 10-year-old boy in the Penn State facility, but he was stopped at the acting his role. McQueary went home and told his father. His father present- ed this to Penn State athletic director Tim Curley, and Curley, Gary Schultz, in which Paterno and McQueary were charged with insinuation/rape "appropriate" behavior by Sandusky and called the two officials to act.

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TRIPPED UP — The Flames couldn't find traction in the opening moments of a tough road game tonight Saturday.

The Flames have averaged nearly three and a half goals a game, and our quest and it's something we need to take care of — Brown

Our defense and our performance in an effort to be tough Stony Brook. Any discussion about playoff in my opinion is out of the question.

That's our mindset. We're going to keep doing what we've been doing. We're going to keep playing hard. Our team is going to keep doing what it's supposed to do.

It's time for the next chapter. The quest continues.

WOOLFOLK is a sports reporter.
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**Flames Basketball**

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Coach Layer did a great job of not letting a loss to Texas A&M sit in the minds of the Flames 18 assistants. Also, their pressure caused many turnovers from the inbound.
Steel pan artist brings nontraditional worship

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Sounds of the islands echoed in the Center for Worship on Tuesday, Nov. 8, as world premiere steel pan concert performed by Renee Corbett. The student artist performed for the students of Liberty University.

Corbett, along with her wife, Judy, was invited to be a feature artist in the Center for Worship's Christian Artist Concert Series. Corbett is a steel pan musician and an assistant pastor at her church, House of Prayer, which is located in the Tobago Islands in Trinidad.

"I have been playing the instrument since age 11, and I have never been taught by anyone," Corbett said.

Originally created from steel oil pans, the steel pan is a hand-shaped instrument from the Trinidad and Tobago islands made from sheet metal in which indentations are carved into the walls of the bowl to create notes. In coming to Liberty, Corbett hoped to introduce how the steel pan could be incorporated into church worship.

"Some people are only familiar with the steel pan in what Trinidad calls the carnival season. People are more knowledgeable of the instrument in a worldly sense, but I am trying to introduce it also into worship," Corbett said.

The steel pan was not accepted in the churches in Trinidad, but Dr. Vernon Whaley, director of the Center for Worship, said, "This concert gives an opportunity to introduce a new instrument that has never been taught in anyone." According to Corbett, there are about 36,000 influenza-related deaths in the U.S. every year, but "nontraditional worship plays a huge role in the church," said Corbett.

"The steel pan was not accepted in the churches in Trinidad," said Carey. "He has the joy of the Lord." Tuesday night's concert was one of six concerts that are scheduled for the 2011-12 academic year by the Center for Worship. To learn more about the upcoming concerts contact the Center for Worship at 434-582-2262 or email them at worship@liberty.edu.

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**Nov 18 - 20**

**Winter Market**

The Liberty Goodfellow Foundation will be hosting a shopping expo in the Shilling Center with vendors selling clothing, jewelry, gifts, and more. Admission is $1 for students, $3 for families, and $5 for all students. All proceeds benefit the Liberty Goodfellow Ministries. For more information, call 827-5845.

**Nov 28**

**Christmas in Lights**

In keeping with one of the newest Liberty traditions, a giant Christmas tree will once again be lit in front of DeMoss to bring in the holiday season. The festivities will begin at 7 p.m.

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**FORGE event challenges leaders**

**Band of Leaders holds weekend conference**

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**The show of the Liberty Theatre Department's fall season will be Shakespeare's classic tale of warring families and forbidden love. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Alumni Center Box Office or online at www.libertytv.com. Call 582-7228 for more information.**

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**Dec. 3**

**DeMoss Rail Jam**

The front of DeMoss will once again be covered with snow and made into a temporary ski slope for snowboarders and skiers to compete for over $2,000 in cash prizes. There is a $10 entry fee for rippers and the event is free for fans. The event starts at 11 a.m. For more information, contact Liberty's Snowsite at 582-5339.

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**Nov. 7 - 11**

**Virginia Christmas Spectacular**

This year's production of Thomas Road Baptist Church's annual Christmas play will be titled "Let There Be Light." Tickets cost $40 in advance, $45 at the door, and $5 for a table on the floor. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the Virco Center Box Office or at lcTickets.com. Call 592-9861 for more information.

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**Dec. 9**

**Coffeehouse**

One of the most highly anticipated events of the year, this semester's Coffeehouse, centered around the theme "A Christmas Morning." Tickets are $25 in advance, $30 at the door and $5 for a table on the floor. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the Virco Center Box Office or on lcTickets.com. Call 592-9861 for more information.
Invest in a shoe box, invest in a life
Liberty student helps deliver boxes for Operation Christmas Child

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Jami Macdonald said she took ownership of her faith after seeing a seven-year-old girl in El Salvador with nothing receive the toy she had always wanted.

Thanks to the Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child ministry, children around the world are able to have life-changing experiences just like the little seven-year-old girl who opened up her Operation Christmas Child box to find a furry, red Tickle-Me-Elmo monster staring back at her.

“I went to El Salvador in December 2006 to hand out these Operation Christmas Child boxes to children, and by the end of the trip I just knew something big had changed inside me,” Macdonald said. “My faith became mine, and it overwhelmed me.”

Macdonald was saved at the age of 13 and said she had always grown up in a Christian home. However, she took ownership of her faith when she was faced with the reality of children in need.

“I went from a life about Christ, to a life in Christ,” Macdonald said.

According to Macdonald, her family has been actively involved with filling Operation Christmas Child boxes for as long as she can remember, to the point where her family would collect items year round in preparation for the holiday season.

“I remember wanting to go somewhere on a mission trip really badly, and when I found out that the Samaritan’s Purse did what are called ‘Spy Trips,’ where 100 people go to personally deliver the Operation Christmas Child boxes, I knew this was for me,” Macdonald said.

On this particular trip, Macdonald said that the people were split into groups of 10 to go each day and deliver the boxes to different distribution centers and that each member of the team got to hand deliver the box they specifically made to whatever child they wanted.

“I gave my box to a 12-year-old girl named Areseli whose father had recently passed away and whose mother left her and her two siblings during the middle of the night,” Macdonald said. “Areseli’s aunt had taken the children in, and when I gave my gift to Areseli she was very reserved. I could tell she was forced to grow up too fast.”

Macdonald said that T-shirts and shoes are high priority items, as some children walk the streets naked and barefoot. She encourages Liberty University students especially to invest in a shoe box, as she believes investing in a shoe box is investing in a life.

“Going to El Salvador to hand out boxes completely changed my life. Now, when I see boxes that have not been taken by students, I see them as children who will not be getting a Christmas,” Macdonald said. Senior Casey Ballard enjoys filling Operation Christmas Child boxes as she said it gives her great joy to know she is making a difference in a child’s life.

“I love being able to think I am giving a child a gift. Obviously Christmas is not just about presents, but it is important to make these kids who are less fortunate feel the love of Christ through our actions,” Ballard said.

Macdonald hopes that Liberty University will start an Operation Christmas Child team next year so that even more children can be reached. For more information about Operation Christmas Child, or to show interest in being part of the possible Operation Christmas Child team, contact Jami Macdonald at jlmacdonald2@liberty.edu.

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1200 boxes were collected at the Liberty drop-off last year.

Borders will be collected until Nov. 16 in the Office of Missions, and Liberty Champion office, in room 1035 Demoss Hall.

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SEEING THE JOY FIRSTHAND — Christian organization Samaritan’s Purse hand-delivers shoe-box-sized gifts each year to children around the world.

Visit liberty.edu/sa to purchase tickets
**FEATURE**

**self-serve made sweet**

**CHRISTINA GLASSBENDER | LIBERTY CHRISTIAN**

**YOGURT DONE RIGHT** — Lynchburg residents have embraced the self-serve style of Yogurt Yeti where they can personalize their dessert by mixing flavors and adding as many toppings as want. The shop also sells drinks and a variety of yogurt-covered treats such as pretzels, raisins and almonds.

**Yogurt Yeti feeds the dessert craze**

Lynchburg’s new frozen yogurt shop offers more than just fro-yo

Kassandra Roedding

The recently opened Yogurt Yeti may prove self-serve frozen yogurt has become a staple for Lynchburg residents.

Having opened Oct. 1 at Wards Crossing West, Yogurt Yeti offers 14 different flavors of frozen yogurt, along with a bar full of toppings. Just banned the bring in pastured huts sits bags of yogurt-covered pretzels, almonds, raisins and cranberries. To the right is a coffee machine which provides coffee, cappuccino, hot cocoa and tea.

A photo is excellent product, excellent service and excellent environment,” manager Curtis Cook said. “We just want everything we do to please the customer, wherever we are here.”

For the value and attitude we are positive and it’s Christian-based. Cook, with his friendly and upbeat personality, greets customers as they walk through the door. He is known to grab out samples of the popular presents, which coincides to his favorite flavor.

“I just enjoy working here. I am blessed to be here, Cook said.

As for the shop itself, owner Patrick Nell’s son, a 15-year-old Liberty Christian Academy, came up with the idea, created the logo and color-design. A family business brought about the name. Needing a word to match “yogurt,” the family chose “yeti,” which rhymes a nonexistent man. For a mental picture, Cook reminds customers of the 1964 animated Christmas movie Rudolph with the classic furry abominable snowman.

In comparison to the three day event.”

“Patric, in his own words, is a visionary. With this shop, he wants to do more for the community than just a yogurt shop, but also to spread the Word of God,” Cook said.

Yogurt Yeti is located in Wards Crossing West at 225D Simon’s Run Road, next to Ross. Follow Yogurt Yeti on Facebook or Twitter. For more information, visit their website at yogurtyeti.com.

**Winter Market brings dozens of vendors under one roof**

Liberty Godparent Foundation to host Christmas shopping expo

Jenaesa Smith

Why wait for Black Friday? Lynchburg residents can get a head start on their Christmas shopping Nov. 16-18 at the Winter Market, an annual shopping expo put on by the Liberty Godparent Ministries.

Dozens of vendors will gather at the Schilling Center this weekend, offering a variety of products including gift items like candles and jewelry and different services.

“This is a shopping extravaganza curated by the Liberty Godparent Ministries. We have gathered unique and specialty vendors from throughout the state of Virginia and beyond to offer the attendees a one-stop experience to begin their holiday shopping,” Director of Operations at the Liberty Godparent Foundation Kris Richard said.

This is the second time the foundation has decided to bring the festival to the Lynchburg area.

“The Winter Market has been in existence for the past few years, however, we took a year off and this is the second year under new organizers,” Richard said.

The Liberty Godparent Foundation decided to bring the Winter Market to this area not only to provide a great holiday shopping experience, but also to bring awareness to their mission.

“There are similar events shows around in larger cities throughout the state and we wanted to have a venue where we could raise awareness for our cause. At the same time, have a new holiday tradition for shoppers in Lynchburg,” Richard explained.

Events such as the Winter Market Festival typically have a large number of attendees. The foundation is expecting this year’s event to be well attended.

The main purpose of the festival is to bring support and knowledge of the ministry to the public, so the hope is for a large crowd.

“It’s hard to ‘guestimate’ how many people we have had in the past. We have had about 15,000 people this year’s event is growing and we know awareness is building. We are praying that thousands of people will walk through the doors. The Schilling Center is expanding during the three day event.”

At this event held this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will not only give people the chance to discover great gifts, but also to help a life-changing foundation. All proceeds from the event will be donated directly to Liberty Godparent Ministries.

“We have many benefits to attending the Winter Market. First, you will be supporting a great cause. Second, you will be able to shop and find gifts from the best of the shops in town, as well as have access to vendors from across the state. You can a jump start on your holiday shopping,” Richard said.

Richard said that the Winter Market will be filled with many amazing gifts and foods.

“Y'all find sauces, dip, jewelry, handcrafted pens, gourmet foods, clothing, candles, antiques, children’s items, photographs, everything you’ll need to get ready for the holidays. Schedule your holiday photos and check off your holiday gift list. We’ll have staff here ready to answer questions guests may have about our ministry as well,” Richard stated.

Doors open Friday at 1 p.m. Admission is $5 for the general public and $3 for students.

For more information, call (434) 592-4407.

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