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In an effort to bring more balance and clarity to the home inspection process, Liberty City Council amended the local zoning ordinance last week. The amendments were made to the section that is the subject of the first proposal in privacy protection.

One member of city council, who was the first to present the revised plan, said he was pleased with the outcome. "This is the way we were intended to be," he said. "We are not trying to be perfect, but we want to be fair to everyone." The revised plan, which was adopted unanimously, will become effective on January 1, 2023.

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CiCi’s to help Arnold Air Society

Tashita Cassidy

CiCi’s Pizza will open its doors to the Arnold Air Society on Dec. 6 to help the organization raise funds for its projects throughout the year.

According to CiCi’s Pizza manager Tripp Seifert, CiCi’s has agreed to donate 10 percent of the check of every person who mentions that they are there to support the Arnold Air Society to the organization. Also, Liberty University students who show their frames will receive a free drink with their purchase, according to the Liberty University police page.

The Arnold Air Society is a facet of the Air Force ROTC Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and was recognized in 1948, according to the society’s website. The Arnold Air Society primarily moves to encourage moral, welfare and recreation for active air force ROTC cadets and to better the community, according to Kiki Moore, a member of the group and the cadet in charge of the CiCi’s Pizza fundraiser. Seifert said CiCi’s Pizza decided to partner with the Arnold Air Society immediately after Moore approached them. CiCi’s Pizza partners with multiple organizations in the Lynchburg community throughout the year for caring reasons, Seifert said.

“It’s part of being in the community and letting people know we’re here,” Seifert said. “We’re just doing our civic duty.”

According to Seifert, other organizations have packed the tables at CiCi’s Pizza with Liberty students looking to support the Arnold Air Society.

“When Cause comes life in it’s purposely Liberty society that come in,” Seifert said.

FUNDRAISER — Arnold Air Society members enjoy their dinner at CiCi’s Pizza.

According to Kiki Moore, the organization did not get the response it was expecting, according to Moore. According to Moore, the financial man- agement of the Air Force ROTC programs at Liberty, the University of Virginia and James Madison University appointed him as a representative of the Arnold Air Society for Liberty. He was contacted earlier in the year to see if he was able to do a fundraiser and began asking around the Liberty University community for support.

Moore said that when he walked into CiCi’s Pizza and asked if they did a pro- ceeds night, the manager, Seifert, asked him when they wanted to begin and told Moore that he would set up a date immedi- ately.

The Arnold Air Society uses the funds it receives to community service projects to help members become more effective air force officers, Moore said.

According to Moore, so far this year the Arnold Air Society has provided support for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, a flight for military wives and children, a flight for military wives and children, a flight for military wives and children, and a flight for military wives and children.

“Being a member of the Arnold Air Society, the initiation process really helps you for field training and your future," Moore said. "They help you be more confident in your skills,” Moore said.
Local farm grows Christmas trees

Green Needles Christmas Tree Farm sells Fraser firs, white pine and Norway spruce for holiday decorating

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The Prewel family sells Christmas trees out of their farm in the mountains of Coleman Falls, Va., about 30 minutes from Liberty’s campus.

Jon Prewel of Coleman Falls, Va., works as an irrigation and landscape contractor. But for one month out of each year, Prewel takes on an entirely different role. Beginning around Thanksgiving, Prewel and his family open their Christmas tree farm to those in search of the perfect Freshcut Christmas tree.

Green Needles Christmas Tree Farm is located high in the mountains of Coleman Falls, Va., off of US 501 N., about 30 minutes from Liberty University.

Prewel and his wife, Debbie, operate the farm with the help of some of their eight children, four of whom are Liberty University graduates. Their son Mark, 19, is currently a sophomore at Liberty. He works there every weekend to help put his college tuition.

“Whenever people come, I try to tell them where to go. I give them a saw so they can cut down a tree, or else I cut it down for them,” he explained.

Green Needles, a member of the Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association, currently grows over 3000 Christmas trees that spread over 44 acres. Prewel said he sells around 300 Christmas trees per season.

The farm has been operated by three different families since it was first started 40 years ago. Out of those 40 years, the Prewel family has operated and lived on the farm for six, since moving there from Maryland. During the off-season, the family grows and sells other trees, shrubs and cut flowers.

The farm sells three Christmas tree varieties: White pine, Norway spruce and pre-cut Fraser firs.

“We can’t grow the Fraser Firs because those trees over there, those giant trees! Those were Christmas trees,” he explained.

In addition to Christmas trees, Green Needles also sells handmade wreaths, which are constructed by Jon Prewel and some of his children. The family displays the wreaths on their front porch for customers to view. Prewel also sells his wreaths at the Lynchburg Farmer’s Market on Wednesdays.

Visitors to the farm can sip free hot chocolate while they comb the rows of trees, while children are also able to play on a tire swing or ride a pony. The pony rides are operated by the Prewel's 10-year-old son.

Green Needles Christmas Tree Farm is located at 1175 New Tree Lane, Coleman Falls, Va. From November 25 until December 24, the farm will be open Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

“But if someone needs to go out during the week, they just give me a call and I’ll meet them,” Prewel added.

Prewel can be contacted at 434-299-8593 or at jonperdew@aol.com.

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This weeks question:

What famous Christmas movie is known for the phrase “You’ll shoot your eye out?”

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**STAYER**

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"I was a train on the Facebook of her standing up... with some help," Moore said. "I understand she had a microfracture surgery. She's still got a long way to go, but it's miraculous." Surviving the fall alone is a miracle.

The three other students, Patrick Marshall, Jasper DePaul and Kathryn Hunt, also fell from the tracks due to the accident with minor injuries by fleeing from the tracks.

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Ridgetown, Ontario native and Liberty senior Spc. Josh Moerman recently withdrew to Kuwait in preparation to return home.

"They are pulling troops out every day now — Kuwait is overflowing with soldiers," Moerman said. "I left about a week ago, but I am not sure when we are leaving Kuwait for the U.S. They did tell us, though, that we should be home in Virginia around Dec. 15."

Moerman obtained U.S. citizenship at the age of eight and enlisted in the U.S. Army in August 2009. Enlisting both for the experience and to help pay for college, he chose and qualified to become a combat medic and has been deployed to Iraq since July 31.

"I picked a med because it gave me the most marketable civilian skill for the equivalent army training, EMT Basic," he said. "Also earned a few college credits.

In October, Moerman was able to return home for two weeks. He said at the time that it had been quiet in his part of the country, "which is good for a medic, and the support and encouragement from family and Americans is great."

Since then, Moerman said the insurgents have avoided provoking the withdrawing American troops.

"Towards the end, it did not heat up as much as everyone thought," Moerman said. "Both sides knew that as long as no one messed with each other, then we would all do our thing. For the most part, the groups that were attacking used not do anything and leave."

Once back in the U.S., Moerman will be able to return to campus life. As a military aviation major at Liberty with a minor in business, his goal is to become a commercial pilot following graduation May 2013.

"I am not sure how long I am going to stay in the Army, but there is chance that I am going to try to become a medevac (medical evacuation) pilot after I graduate from LU," he said. "I intend to be a flight instructor here at LU as a stepping stone to commercial flight.

In the meantime, however, Moerman and some 30,000 other American troops are waiting the last few weeks of an eight-year conflict with the hopes of returning home by Christmas.

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and fortiori, the negative list of judges includes professors from both the History Department and the School of Communications, as well as the head of Bright Minds Films, an organization run by Lepol VO.

The fringe year’s events are "The Ride of Lee & Grant," but students are exploring new areas of the use: Rowlette, the director of the National Civil War Chaplain Museum, also had a word in the national Civil War Seminar. With the addition of the film festival, Rowlette looks forward to seeing the students’ creativity on display.

The winner of the film festival will get to go home empty handed. Each cash prize of $5000 to $8000 will be awarded to students of the first and third. Despite the cash prize for the National Civil War claims will also be a part of the event.

since a liberty claims to have the ability to tell us who Americans are, but also a war that was fought over issues that are relevant today. We also know that they were dealt with at the time of the Civil War are still with us," Rosette said. "States’ rights, the issue of immigration (and, a strong central government versus weak govern- ments)."

Because of the wide impact of the Civil War, Rosette and the other judges are hoping to see short films that look into other aspects of the civil war focusing on the personal stories that tell the story of the soldier. The war films often rarely do this, they tell the story of the individual, the best, perhaps in the spot of their pocket Bible. While the soldier would be knocked down and potentially wounded, the Bible played a role in saving the soldier’s life. More information, including applications into the festival and guidelines, can be found online through the school of history, communications and cinematic arts starting in January or by contacting Rosette at either 582-2087 or liberty丰收@liberty.edu.

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Q&A with the Chancellor

What is the vision behind the Welcome Center?

We made a decision after construction began on the Welcome Center to greatly enhance the interior finishes. The goal is to "put our best foot forward" and create the best possible first impression with every prospective student, their families, and other visitors to campus. One of our degrees at Liberty over the years has been "if it's Christian, it should be beautiful," and we want our visitors to experience that at the new front door of our campus. The materials required to upgrade the interior of the building were not available during the initial construction of the Welcome Center, which had to be delayed for a few months.

How is the on-campus construction regarding the tunnel progressing?

The new pedestrian tunnel is now under construction. It will run from the existing railroad crossing parallel to the railroad tracks over the new pedestrian tunnel, across the campus and under the Hugay where the basketball teams practice. Then, it will run through the extended Stay in the Old Main addition to the Wards Road side of campus. It will make the pedestrian tunnel more accessible for students. It will connect the current pedestrian tunnel under the one that still exists. We saw that the new tunnel should be open to students at the beginning of the next semester.

What can Liberty expect with the construction of the new library?

Location has now been found for all the offices in Schilling where the basketball teams now practice. Then, construction on the library will begin. The library will offer the finest design and quality of construction to Liberty students and faculty. It will be a clear statement of Liberty's commitment to academic excellence. The academic and technical services will be state-of-the-art. The computer network will use a robotic mechanism to deliver books to students allowing the new book collection of 90,000 volumes to be stored in 1/9 of the space required by traditional stacks. This will create more quiet study space, more group study space, and space for a food court to replace the Dining Hall. Dr. Carl Mena and his staff have worked with our architects over the last several years to make sure the space plan is the best plan for our new library. The new pedestrian tunnels will replace the existing single crossing at Susie allowing trains to pass by without sounding their horns and interrupting students in the library. The library will have two book stacks with contents and students will be able to use the elevator to access the lower level that will be the pedestrian tunnel.

New area for, Kinesiology classes are now under construction adjacent to the Talladega Fitness Center and the Thomas Indoor Soccer Complex at Green Hill. These rooms will serve as the replacement for the southern section of Schilling Center across from the Old Main and Dad London when it is demolished to make way for new academic buildings.
Can you explain the changes in the sports facilities?

The new baseball stadium planning has been progressing nicely. We had hoped to start construction this Fall but decided to make other changes in the area to improve the final design. For example, the outdoor track is nearing the end of its usefulness and needs to be replaced. Rather than replace it in its current location around the soccer field, we decided to relocate it, probably to the other side of U.S. 298 across from Country Club Station and below Snowfield. This move allows us to shift the baseball stadium to the northeast, which creates the most optimal conditions for spectators and players. This eliminates the direct sunlight that we have near the Woodruff Stadium on the track that runs along the first base line. It also allows us to shift the stadium away from Davis-Place slightly, making it possible to use the area outside of the seating for...

What is the biggest complaint you get from students?

Last year, the number one complaint by far has been parking difficulties. Liberty has so far more on-site parking available than most universities of its size, but our commuters, staff and faculty live in a small town where folks are generally able to drive up to it and park near their destination. This creates an expectation that does not exist in larger cities but it is hard to match on a densely populated campus. Liberty is densely populated like a big city and that requires changes to happen. The new Civic Center proposal could be a great help. We would likely lease the 2500-3000 new spaces there during the day. But service would be very efficient between those lots and the Campus East tunnel -- a very short ride.

There is a long-term goal for the school as far as growth.

And so if this mean new dorms and expansion?

The new plan for dorms and classroom buildings could each accommodate 20,000-25,000 students. The national consensus is all for how long it is. Liberty is in that enrollment game. We intend to watch national trends closely as our growth and adjust as necessary so that we do not overcrowd...
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Liberty kickoff garners loads of medals
Eight Liberty athletes qualified for the IC4A's with their weekend performances

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Liberty University track and field team kicked off their 2011-12 season at the Toloma Indoor Track by taking 20th place overall and registering 13 NCAA-qualifying performances. Flashes address knocked off competi- tion from Wake Forest, UVa, Virginia Tech, Radford, High Point and other Big South schools. Coach Roost Toluma had high expectations for his team this season.

"On the men's side we just wanted to keep doing what we've been doing. We'd like to keep dominating the Big South, contending in the IC4A and gaining access to the National Championship," Toluma said.

"We'd like to clinch in the ECAC and send four to the NCAA's and get four to the NCAA's as well.

Liberty's women's throwers, Michelle Cunningham, shot and toss; Jennifer Williams, both made-qualifying efforts for their season programs, marking Lib- erty records for each of their events respectively (Cunningham, 51-0, Williams, 46-2).

Toluma believes that the team has improved in more than just athleticism.
"I think we've had an improved attitude on the team this year," Toluma said. "It's been a lot of fun this fall prepping and seeing how hard everybody's working so we're looking forward to good things!"

Liberty thrower Ryan Smith, out- performed Virginia man Thomas Han in three-and-half feet to finish first in the shotput. Senior Jase Woodard placed first in the men's 5K, just in front of sophomore, freshman Jacob Qualls.

Jennifer Klugh paced the women in the 5K race and Taylor Courrey beat the men's race. Conditioning has been a focus for Liberty in the past but Toluma feels that his team is as prepared as they can be for the upcoming season.

"This time of year we don't want to be in peak shape, but we've worked hard all fall.

As far as the season goes, Toluma has no doubts that his team will be able to compete at a very high level.

"We're pretty well prepared, we've done this a lot of years," Toluma said. Liberty track and field has a full slate of conference meets this year with the Fighting Orange Invitational in January and the Coastal Carolina Invitational in March.

See BASKETBALL, B2
Layer hoping to right ship versus UNCW

The Flames return to the Furnace after a chilly sixth straight loss

December 6, 2011

Tyler Earls
Independent Liberty Newspapers

Coming off of two consecutive losses and a 5-6 start to the season, the Flames men's basketball team is looking to bounce back on the road against defending Big South regular-season champion Coastal Carolina on Dec. 5 before coming home to face UNCW Wednesday at 7 p.m.

In a season that was defined by injury before the first tip-off, coach Larry Filbert has had his hands tied trying to perfect a system that can work for the players that have been available.

During previous practices, the Flames lost senior forward, Khadijah Long, to a knee injury, forward, whose presence on the bench should have made a difference in the post. John Brown, a 6’6” guard and a transfer from junior college last season, was also lost for the year. Brown led the team in rebounds last season and his presence in the paint has been sorely missed. "We’ve taken some steps back with the injuries, but we’re slowly progressing and getting better," Layver said. "This has been a rough stretch for our team but we’re working hard in practice to keep getting better.

Though there is no certain answer, there is a couple of areas that is it rather obvious that the Flames need to see improvement.

BASKETBALL continued from B1

and forward Danika Dale grabbed seven rebounds.

However, their adjustments could not contain the perimeter shooting of Hoop and rebounder Jasmine List, as the duo led the Dukes with a combined total of 14 points.

Warley led the Lady Flames with 10 points and eight rebounds.

Not on target

The loss was caused because the Dukes shot 41.9 percent from the field while the Lady Flames shot 34.8 percent, including 21 missed layups.

We played really well despite the emotion that things that we had to deal with," Brief coach Carey Green said. "However, we didn’t miss 21 layups. Making just 20 percent of those could have been our downfall."

Emotionally challenging

The game was the first for redshirt junior Devon Brown since the death of her mother, Jennifer Brown, on Nov. 22.

"Brown struggled physically, emotionally, head coach Carey Green said. "I am very pleased with the effort that she put out tonight." Brown finished with 13 points and nine rebounds. According to Libertyflames.com, Brown is within seven points from scoring 1,000 career points.

The Lady Flames will face the University of Virginia for their next game in Charlottesville, Va. on Dec. 7.

CAMERON is a sports reporter.

Overall:

Liberty excelled greatly in the half-court which led to easy shots in the paint. However, on the pesky lay-ups the teams downfall.

Guards:

Devon Brown and Reagan Miller were aggressive attacking JMU’s defense.

Forwards:

The team combined six of the team’s 13 assists.

Centers:

"The Penn State University has been through a lot and to have the opportunity to bring two teams together in this time and pray for this university and what is going on in it. It would be hard for us to walk out of here and not take advantage of the opportunity," coach Larry Filbert said.

"One of their guards asked if we wanted to pray with them and we said yes. Their coach said a few words. It was really nice of them to have us at their school. So pray with the other team," Layver added.

"Much like the Nebraska game, it is a great opportunity for some healing in the Penn State family. We appreciate Liberty's guidance in that area," Ross said.

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The man behind the ice: Hockey's Handy man
Since Kirk Handy took over the hockey program, Liberty ice has been hot

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The hockey program at Liberty University has enjoyed a rise in prominence over the past two decades. When it first began, hockey was an intramural club sport that had no home ice to play in. In the last 10 years, Liberty’s hockey team has become one of the most prominent ACHA teams in the country, and is housed in a high-quality coliseum facility on the Liberty Ice Center. All of these accomplishments would have been impossible without the hard work and driving passion of the man who has been the hockey coach at Liberty for 18 years, Kirk Handy.

From a young age, Handy was indoctrinated to love hockey. “A lot of my immediate family members, aunts, uncles and others relatives were big into hockey. But my dad had a huge passion for it.” Handy said, “I think, really, my coaching began with a high influence on my life. He taught me a lot of time and energy into getting me into the sport.”

After playing college hockey for one year in Canada, Handy decided he wanted to attend a Christian university and further his knowledge about the academics and hockey program at Liberty. Upon attending Liberty, Handy met his wife, Jonam, whom he married five years later. In 2001, Dr. Jerry Falwell Sr. called Handy back to the hockey program, this time to be the head coach.

When he returned to Liberty, Coach Handy was in the midst of Liberty transforming not only the hockey program, but also providing them with a arena to play in.

“I think something I’ll never forget about Dr. Falwell was the vision he had,” Handy said. “I thought, ‘Hey, we’re gonna have an ice rink here and I thought, ‘Really, we’re gonna get one?’ We’re in Lynchburg, Virginia, I mean, I hoped someday we’d get one.”

“It was neat to see Jerry Edwell’s vision for Liberty and our vision for a hockey program come together,” Handy said. “Obviously, Dr. Falwell always had the vision for this place, and I believe the hockey team, the ice rink and what we are doing here is just a part of that vision that he started in 1971.”

Dr. Falwell’s dream for the hockey program to be successful has become a reality under Coach Handy. In the past 10 years, Liberty has won at least 25 games four out of the past five seasons, jumped from a Division II program to Division I program and made 1 National ACHA appearance before DI and DI according to libertyhockey.com.

“This program has come so far,” said Handy, “I think something I’ll never forget about Dr. Falwell was his fei.ior to see an ice rink here on campus.”

Handy was in the midst of Liberty turning around its program to a DI program and making National ACHA appearances before DI and DI according to libertyhockey.com.

“I think with the DI thing, there are still six remaining starters and we hope this year gained experience that few teams will have next season,” Phillips said. “I have no doubt that the team will have this experience and take even a double-digit win season next year.”

SIR is a sports reporter.

Soccer finishes season in NCAA tourney
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Virginia Tech in the ACC had not placed first in any conference before its recent two ACC championships. Virginia Tech lost on a second third-down play against Rice in the ACC title game. After losing on a second third-down play against Rice in the ACC title game.

"We have numerous quality candidates to fill those roles," said Rocco, who leads the Flames'招收工作. "Our team is well-coached, and we have a good mix of veterans and young players."

"We are excited about the opportunity to grow as a team and to compete at the highest level," said the Flames' recruiting coordinator.

"This is a special time for us as a program, and we are grateful for the confidence that Coach Rocco has shown in our players," said one player.
Andrew Woolfolk

An unlikely present
When most people want the new electronic, others need only a calendar

Andrew Woolfolk

The Christmas season is here. That's right, even though Thanksgiving has just passed, as with its predecessor Christmas seems to have thrust upon us new local department stores and radio stations. But, unlike the song, "Have yourself a loving giving and drinking coffee by the fire under the lights of a tree decorated in a feeble manner. However, I don't like Christmas junk. On a side note, in a similar fashion, I don't like Jesus. I don't want Jesus, but I don't need Jesus. Jesus is for people who suffer, welder sticker, sunglasses, post-it notes, journal, binoculars, or the cute little bubble

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Dangers of last-minute shopping

'Twas the procrastinator before Christmas, and all through the stores...

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There comes a time in your life when you can step back and think about how much you have done. I have always been a procrastinator, and in this season I have come to realize what truly means to me.

I remember the day before Christmas, when I was forced to go shopping for my parents. I had bought them nothing all season, and now I was left with only a few hours to find something. I didn't want to go, but I had to.

It was cold and dark outside, and the stores were already starting to close. I walked into the nearest Target, hoping to find something quickly. But as I walked down the aisles, I realized that this was not going to be easy.

The store was crowded, and the aisles were narrow. I tried to peruse the toy aisle, but toys were in short supply. I was left with only a few options.

I decided to grab a rubber ball, and I left the store. It was not the gift I had wanted, but it was the best I could find. I felt guilty for not being prepared, but I knew I would have to make do.

I went home and thought about what I had done. It was not enough. I should have planned better, and I should have done more. I realized that I had to change my ways.

I decided to start planning early, and to be more prepared. I would not make the same mistake again. I would be a better procrastinator.

I hope that you will learn from my mistake, and that you will be more prepared for the season. It is never too late to start planning, and I hope that you will do so.
After waiting all year, December is here and winter sports take the spotlight once again. On Saturday, for the second time at Liberty University, DeMoss Rail Jam gave skiers and snowboarders the chance to show off their abilities.

Because of higher than normal temperatures, the event moved from DeMoss to Liberty Mountain Snowflex Center. Last year, snow was transported in from the Wintergreen Resort in Wintergreen, Va., and covered the masts of DeMoss where 10 different snowboarders and skiers competed. However, the resort lacked snow this year.

"Temperature is really being a big factor for us right now," Snowflex instructor Zachary Baksh said.

The Rail Jam involved two different competitions. The first-ever Trials 2 Rails consisted of about nine Liberty students new to the sport who have only been training at the Snowflex Center for two months.

"Trials 2 Rails was incredible. I was honorary by the transformation," General Manager Drew Sherwood said.

"It's not something everyone can do. You get to be pretty athletic, agile, and you get to conquer fears too," Head Instructor Luke Fosse said. "There's some scary hits and rails.

Following Trials 2 Rails, the main event consisted of 30 different expert skiers and snowboarders using complex tricks to win a cash prize totaling $3,000.

Ross Rowan from Boone, N.C., won the event for skiers; Liberty student Matej Rogers won second place, and Trevor Nastic from Boone was third. Liberty student Zach Halp was first place in snowboarding. Austin Leonard from Boone won second, and Luke Fosse from Vermont was third. Ron Leeds was awarded the best trick and won $150.

Assistant Manager Will Schellen said the most elite tricks used at the event were 500 on and off the rails and switch, which is basically hitting the rail backwards. "It's all really technical snowboarding on a hundred, Schellen said.

Three different rails were set up on the slope and more than 15 riders at a time attempted to ride the rail, much like grinding in skateboarding. They were judged on how clean the ride was and how difficult the trick was.

"Overall, it was a very successful event," Sherwood said.

Trials 2 Rails began at 7 p.m. and the main event ended around midnight. Hundreds of Liberty students dressed for winter stood on the slope of the edge watching and cheering.

The event was free and prizes were awarded to face skiing an iPad. Part of the proceeds remained open during the night for anyone to ride or watch the competition.

For more information, visit www.libertyathletics.com or call the Liberty Mountain Snowflex Center at 434-582-3579.

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Liberty student Jeremy Gause won the event, recruiting 800 worth of gear including a board, boots, bindings, jacket, pants, goggles and razors. Isaac Gison came in second overall, winning a jacket, and Adam Vardamides was third, winning goggles for his efforts.

In the women's division, Rachel Wensley won and received a new Billabong jacket.

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ROEDDING is a feature reporter.
Lynchburg hosts Holiday Traditions

Celebrating the season with events and activities for all

Abigail Koppenhaver
Assistant Sports Editor

Christmas time is here and students and community members look to parties to help decorate the halls. SGA has decided to host its first Christmas event this Saturday, Dec. 10, at Liberty Ice Center. The Christmas Study Break event will be hosted the weekend before finals week which will provide some fun for students right before exams.

"This event is a time where students can come and relax and enjoy Christmas with the student body," said Koppenhaver. "People that attend have the chance to ice skate, enjoy some very fun Christmas-themed competitions and eat lots of food. All of this is free and there will be prizes given out to the winners of the contest," sophomore class president Joshua Warner said.

Warner and freshman class president Charles Andrews originated the idea for this event in an effort to connect with students.

"The purpose of this event is for the SGA to become more involved in the student body, and bring them closer that we want to them and enjoy the Christmas spirit with them," Warner said.

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The Christmas Study Break event is a free event and is open to everyone. Attendees will have the chance to take Christmas pictures with friends and family, play games, watch skating and enjoy the pictures.

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Freshman class President Chelsea Andrews further explains SGA's mission and reasoning behind hosting events like the Christmas Study Break be saying, "While the SGA is hosting this event, it is specifically being funded and run by the freshman and sophomore class presidents. The duties of the class officers include, representing the needs of each class to the legislative board and planning various events for each class." This event is one of SGA's primary goals being to serve the student body by giving them fun and entertaining activities. Andrews said.

To learn more about Liberty SGA, visit liberty.edu and search "SGA." Contact them by emailing sga@liberty.edu or call (434) 582-2732 for more information.

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SGA offers a Christmas study break

Janessa Smith
Assistant Sports Editor

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 8-10
Roméo and Juliet

The last show of the Liberty Theatre Department's fall season will be Shakespeare's classic tale of forbidden families and forbidden love. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Visitors Center Box Office or online at www.romeoandjuliettickets.com. Call 582-2128 for more information.

Dec. 7
Volleyball-A-Thon

Students are encouraged to sign up for this volleyball competition which raises money for Lynchburg City Schools. The event takes place at the Shilling Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sign ups will be at the back half-way of DeMoss and in the Rebert Thomas Dining Hall. The cost per team is $50.

Dec. 9
Coffeehouse

One of the most highly anticipated events of the year, this semester's Coffeehouse centers around the theme, "A Christmas Morning." Tickets are $5 in advance and $5 at the door. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at the Visitors Center Box Office or at ticketcentral.com. Call 592-9043 for more information.

Dec. 7-11
Virginia Christmas Spectacular

This year's production of Thomas Road Baptist Church's annual Christmas play will be titled "Let Them Be Little." Tickets are $8.50. Student nights are Dec. 4 and 6th with both ID students can get for $5, Call 804-244-2718 for more information.

Dec. 10, 17
Holiday Traditions

Downtown Lynchburg is getting into the holiday spirit by offering carriage rides, pictures with Santa, shopping and other fun activities. For more information, call 582-3900 or visit downtowndowntown.com.
Creativity blossoms at Petal Flower Co.

OSL associate director Elisha Dudley makes art a business

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Even with winter approaching, flowers are in demand all year long, and at the Petal Flower Company, flowers are always in season.

The Petal Flower Company is an online floral business that supplies Lynchburg, Forest and surrounding areas with delicate flower arrangements. The Flower Company offers customers unique bouquets ranging from melon-chartreuse to deep plum-tangerine.

The Petal Flower Company was opened in December 2008 by Liberty alumna Elisha Dudley.

"A friend and I decided we needed a creative outlet. For always loved designing, and I needed a creative outlet. I’ve learned my creative desire," said Dudley. The Company was also founded with a budget in mind. Being an online based company, flowers are able to be sold at a 30 percent lower price which adds to the Petal Flower Company’s growth and commitment to keeping the costs as low for customers as possible.

"The experiences I had from being an RD have shaped the way I run Petal. Both jobs always have unexpected twists and turns and you have to be able to work under pressure. I learned from being an RD that you have the ability to pour your heart into your passion and make it great and that has to be done on your own initiative. It’s the same way with Petal," said Dudley.

Dudley conducts free consultations for her clients and personalizes each bouquet and arrangement to their liking.

"I’m so thankful that the Lord provided such a fun job that allows me to meet so many different people and to be a part of one of the most important days of their lives. Every wedding is as unique as the bride’s individual style and has its own challenges. I even joke that I could have my own Bravo TV show," said Dudley.

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