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Ground breaking set for Jerry Falwell Library

The Jerry Falwell Library ground breaking event for Liberty University, which was originally set to happen on March 5, has been moved to Wednesday, March 7, because of inclement weather. The library is part of a $200 million construction project that will take place over the next five years. The library accounts for $35 million of the $210 million.

Dean Carl Merat of Liberty's Integrated Learning Resource Center (ILRC) said that those individuals involved in this project are excited to see it finally take place.

"We are elated. It is the culmination of almost 15 months of work, and the ground breaking represents the beginning of the literal building phase. We are definitely ready to move off of the page and into the true construction of this building," Merat said.

The library will be a four-story structure that encompasses 170,000 square feet on the campus of Liberty's library, where the School of Art and recently six, according to the news release. It will overlook a new, man-made lake located behind the Vines Center.

According to Merat, there is currently no final decision about what will happen to the old library. We anticipate the main entrance of the first floor will move to the new building, but the computer classrooms will remain in DeMoss, Merat said. The current plan calls for the Curriculum Library to remain in place on the first floor of DeMoss for now, and later join the School of Education in their new location when that is ready.

The ILRC and Liberty administrators are currently working with a nationally recognized library consultant to develop customer personas, journey maps and service blueprints for the new building, Merat said.

"We hope to keep the impact on the current facilities to a minimum, but expect there will be several changes we need to undergo before the building is ready," Merat said. "We will do everything we can to keep everyone informed well in advance and all the way along the way."
Abortion bill on Gov. McDonnell's desk

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney

Justin Jones

Romney has promised a historic day if sworn into the presidency Jan. 20, 2013. Here’s how: If he wins in November, Romney plans to exercise an executive order that grants wary states to all 50 号 plans to stay in office speaking "OhioCare." Under Romney's plan, it will have the de...
Former Liberty student dies of cancer

By Kate Powlsey katepowlsey@liberty.edu

Liberty University's School of Engineering and Computer Science hosted a VEX Robotics Competition on Friday, March 2.

“VEX Robotics is an engaging way to help students discover and explore the magic of robotics competitions,” said Dr. Scott Pleasants, assistant professor of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education. “VEX Robotics competition education is available to students interested in STEM areas of study, as well as those interested in improving math skills.”

VEX Robotics is a program sponsored by the VEX Robotics website, the competition administration and marketing organization SECS & OATS/ Tennessee - Massachusetts - 41 delegates.

According to Pleasants, the event is free and open to the public. More information can be found at VEX Robotics' website.

Powlsey is a news reporter.

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Facebook fired up over Houston’s death

Troy Darby

The same response happened with long john Michael Jackson, actor Heath Ledger, singer Whitney Houston, Robin Williams, 9/11, and Whitney Houston. The death of one of the most prominent Americans caused our minds to congregate. The majority of the people via various social media outlets, a Facebook friend of Facebook friend found more than 1.6 million messages were posted on Whitney Houston’s Facebook page.

According to the New York Times “It is, just an hour after Ms. Houston’s death was first reported on Twitter, 18 percent of all Twitter posts mentioned Whitney.”

On both social networks, messages were both good and bad. Many commended Houston’s legacy in music and movies while others referred to her as a drug user. She was famous for her singing ability as well as for slipping up — for honesty, too.

Sadly, many heroic figures die each day, but they are mentioned once only, and soon after the news gets little media attention and proper respect, for all to see. A Simple Google search revealed that the number of Facebook-related references to Whitney Houston was seven million, less than one percent of those posts were meant to honor her. People argued on social media that the death of a celebrity “side” attention from the deaths of real heroes. Of course, we didn’t personally know all of the fallen soldiers who fought for our country, yet we didn’t personally know Whitney Houston. However, because she was a prominent person, many felt as though they did know her. Another of the points of contention was how the death of Whitney Houston was covered in the media. According to the article the majority of them focused on the fame she had, the grief, and how her death affected the fallen soldiers or police officers — for a “rack lead.” However, people really missed the point about Houston’s death by comparing it to troops and the lack of support and mourning. The comments were blown out of proportion, and in turn folded confusion about social media satire.

The point is, these are two very separate issues. We give our attention to one that is prominent to us. The loss of a talented Whitney Houston taught us how society would respond to it, and what to expect when another celebrity ends up six feet under.

DAURYS is an opinion writer.

FROM THE DESK

By Ashley Bolinger

As a rolled out of bed, only to hour after my alarm initially went off, I thought about how this last week had flown by ever so quickly. Seems like just yesterday that I was waking up on the step to receive my high school diploma.

In case your math skills are like mine, that means graduation is less than 10 weeks away.

For faculty and staff, this means another year is just about to begin—new faces and legacies waiting to be born. If Houston’s death did nothing else, it made us more aware of the importance of our school graduates.

Well, according to Rick Santorum, Senator Obama and his team want everybody in America to go to college. What a shock! Santorum said in his speech Feb 25, “There are good, decent, hard working, everyday people who make up the backbone of America and who are not taught by ‘liberal’ professors.”

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Student wins national competition

Public relations senior Keri Cook wins first place at PRWeek Student of the Year competition in New York City

According to Widgeon, Keri works hard to stand out of class.
"Keri is an amazing student. She actually invests in her own time through hard work, dedication and professionalism," Widgeon said. "She is in all pre-professional organizations and active in the God's last everything she does. She's truly a Champion for Christ and a public relations professional of Liberty University." 

Along with other students from prestigious schools such as American University and LaSalle, Cook was flown to New York City to present her campaign to a panel of judges. 
Widgeon said that before attending the competition, it was the first time in her life that she had been notified that her campaign was going to be featured in the April issue of PRWeek, a weekly magazine about the public relations industry. 
"I am very proud of her, but I am not surprised by her accomplishments. I am honored to have played a small role in her success, and I cannot wait to see how the Lord will bless her and use her for His kingdom in the future," Widgeon said.

According to Cook, being the first place winner was an amazing experience. "They come from some of the best schools in the country. Knowing I was right there with them, representing Liberty University, was an awesome realization," Cook said. "We honestly instantly became an industry for a reason. My life goal is to use whatever platform God gives me to make Him known," Cook said.

"The birthright is a feature reporter.
Spc. Aaron Sterling, an advertising/public relations major at Liberty University, recently returned from his first deployment with the Army National Guard. "It's like standing in front of a blast at midnight, the troops were hit with a stepping oil" the plane fantasy Division, he said. "It sucks the life out of you," Sterling said. "I think they were killing us — or at least trying to kill us," he said. Another aspect of the war that Sterling thought went underreported was the large amount of material left in Iraq by the withdrawing U.S. troops. The Army left the supplies because it was cheaper than shipping everything back to the States. "They threw away a lot of stuff," Sterling said. "And by a lot of stuff, I mean a lot of taxpayers' dollars." He and other soldiers often saw expensive equipment thrown in dumpsters, but they were not allowed to take these items. The historical impact of being among the last soldiers to fight in the war in Iraq was not lost on Sterling. "History surrounds me on base, and he got the chance to visit historical sites that were more than 4,000 years old. His base was near the ancient city of Ur, where Abraham came from in the book of Genesis, Sterling said. "The Ziggurat of Ur was up on the hill that we could see every day," he said. "That was really cool, too, to look and see where Abraham likely walked or stood." When Sterling left Iraq, his unit was one of the first Gulf War veterans to leave from the first Gulf War. "I guess I was probably three or four during the first Gulf War, so for me to be able to fly over that area and look at that at the end of a second war over there it was really cool," he said. "We had two first Gulf War Vet flying in our choppers with us, so that was kind of neat to host guys that were there with us." ADAMS is the web editor.
MCAT predicted to become harder

Linsey Worsham

Applying medical school students will take an updated and more difficult medical school entrance exam (MCAT) beginning in 2015. The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) recently approved significant changes to the MCAT, to a press release by the Washington Post. The exam, which already assesses psychological and social sciences, anatomy, and invertebrate and invertebrate content, will be lengthened by 90 minutes. The exam will also be modified to only perform six different types of questions, to be able to complete all of the options. The exam will also be administered in 2015, allowing students to take the test and complete it within the hour.

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Eagles torched by Flames

Liberty outscores Coppin State 29-1 in their three-game series

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Liberty scored on all phases of its game in a weekend sweep of Coppin State. Starter Danie Wimmer pitched a complete game and drove in two runs as the Flames won 14-0 Saturday and 15-0 Sunday.

Game 1

Hot off of a big win against the University of Virginia, 3rd ranked Cavaliers, the Liberty baseball team delivered an electrifying shutout of the Coppin State University Eagles in game one of the Flames second home series.

Even though the bats were quiet for most of the game, Liberty's pitching was key in the 2-0 victory over the Eagles. Pitcher John Nigglip was the star of the ballpark after his ninth inning effort to even his home standout for the Flames. Nigligi maintained his consistency and dominated his team and the game with only two allowed hits, two walks and a run in the 7th inning. The win had to win the first time bringing the Flames 8-2. Just minutes into the clock, the Liberty's had the last score of the game with less than two minutes left on the clock. Coming through over span was Peleshok. The final score was 8-2.

"The girls are pretty focused right now because we are heading into nationals," coach Paul Bloomfield said. "We may be the weakest team in this team, which means the tendency is to get a few goals ahead and lose, but I stress to the girls that you have to stay focused on your game."
Men's Lacrosse stays perfect with home victory

Mark Meyers

Frigid temperatures, fog, rain, and Reindahl Stadium could not stop Liberty University's men's lacrosse team Friday night as the Flames turned the tables on the Flames.

"Tonight was an opportunity for us to showcase what we have been working on," head coach Kyle McQuillan said. "We just got to do a lot of different things and we had to get deep in our box, and we did a great job of that.

The Flames attacked mainly on isolation plays rather than the traditional pass and move style offenses.

"We have a lot of players with good skills, and will be a team to watch in the country," McQuillan said.

Sophomore Derek Haywood and Andrew Walter led the way for the Flames.

Walter tallied three goals and four assists as the Flames went on to defeat the Flames.

Haywood added a little extra motivation to do so, as some of his family were in the stands to watch him play for the first time.

"My family came down all the way from Pinholt to see me play, and I was really happy I was able to put on a show for them tonight," Haywood said.

FIRE AWAY — Haywood (21) finished with four goals in the 21-0 victory

Haywood caused fits for Reindahl's defense all night as he effortlessly sliced down the heart of the Eagles' defense.

"We wanted to take our guys one-on-one and force the defense to slide over and leverage guys so we could dish it off but they didn't do it, and I just took it myself and was able to score a few," Haywood said.

Walter led the Reindahl defenders with pump-fakes and was able to free himself up for goals.

"We moved the ball well today," Walter said. "We had really good progression from defense to offense, which was able to get me isolated out wide.

"It was never in doubt." The highlight of the game came with 12:59 left in the first quarter when sophomore Kurt Tolsma tumbled the ball to Walter, who shot it between his legs and back to worry the Flames up 5-2.

The Flames were without one of their main offensive guns, freshman Will Perkins, because of BOCTC commitments. Despite Perkins' absence, Liberty was able to win the majority of the face-offs and keep the ball on their attacking end, limiting Reindahl's opportunities to attack.

Liberty trailed in the game and was unable to prevent Reindahl from scoring, as they were never in double.

"It is a big thing for us to showcase that we can mate teams and not let up," Haywood said. "Last year we would get big leads then allow the other team to get back in and fight the Flames up 5-2.

Sophomore Daniel Forbes also chipped in for the Flames with four goals, while fellow sophomores Miguel Rozada and Kurt Tobias each had two goals, respectively.

"They told me to start, and I did my best," Forbes said. "I had a really good progression from defense to offense, which was able to make the jump to the FBS.

Brown is the sports editor.

Making the jump to the FBS

Track sweeps Big South

Third consecutive double-wooing for indoor teams

Andrew Woolfolk

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Steve Brown

Library University's feasibility study examining the implications of requirements of an FBS program will be presented to the powers that be March 21.

"I really hope Liberty gets the green light to announce intentions to court bigger conferences because quite frankly, the Big South is not cutting enough to offset the expenses of the FBS."

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Ending the season on a good note

Omotola career high 22 points and free throw late, help the Lady Flames put away the Highlanders

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Perhaps it was due to the 15 minute delay to the start of the game, or perhaps it was because Liberty already owned the top seed for the upcoming Big South tournament going into Friday's contest, but Liberty did not play its best basketball of the year against Radford. They did, however, play well enough to finish the season with a 72-60 victory.

With just over one minute left on the game clock, Radford had closed the gap to within five of the Liberty's 47-42 lead. With 11.7 seconds remaining, Liberty entered free throws by the Flames found baskets hard to come by, converting on only 18 percent of shots from the field throughout the game.

What the team lacked in shooting from the field they made up for at the free-throw line and in aggressive play at the boards. As a result, Liberty entered the conference tournament as the top seed in the eight-team Big South Tournament on March 9.
Disc Golf team qualifies for nationals

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It hasn’t taken long for Coach Steve Bowman and the Liberty University disc golf team to make their mark on the sport. In their first year as an organized club team, the Flames men’s and women’s teams have already qualified for the National Tournament and Saturday, March 3, hosted a National Qualifying Tournament.

The winner gets an automatic bid to the forty-team field at the April 13 National Tournament in North Augusta, SC. The forty-team field is made up of teams from all over the country, most of whom have been doing this much longer than the Flames.

“Though they had already qualified last semester at a different tournament in Morgantown, WV, we feel Bowman sees this as a great opportunity to promote their program,” coach Steve Bowman said. “This has been a tremendous blessing having all the crew from club sports helping us get everything set up and running. We’ve had the grounds crew out working this whole week and month.”

The tournament consisted of this six-team field: West Virginia, Appalachian State, East Tennessee State, Eastern Carolina, UNCG-Chatham, and of course, Liberty Flames. Coach Bowman saw the tournament as a great opportunity to get the team experience in a big event, compared to when the team qualified for nationals this past October when only four players were able to participate.

Even though the team had already qualified, and some would see the team was taking it easy, coach Bowman likes where his team is right now.

“I feel like we’re in a good place. We are coming together really well as a team and playing really well.” Bowman said. Team captain Joel Menz talks of the chemistry in which the team is heading into Nationals.

“I definitely feel we’re headed in the right direction,” Menz said. “It’s going to be tough, there are some stacked teams that have professional coaches and players that travel year round, but I would definitely say we are determined to reach our goal as a team and go from there.”

That goal being the automatic bid into next year’s tournament awarded to the top sixteen finishers in the tournament.

“I would love to see us make a run for that top sixteen, and that would be great for ‘in for being our first year as a team,’ Menz said.

With all this success in the team’s first year in existence, it is safe to say that coach Bowman and the Flames are going to be making their presence known on the National stage for quite some time.

FRAIZER is a sports reporter.

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Project leads to opportunity

Public relations majors Ashley Kelly and Chelsea Dawson make final in GM ad competition

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A class project has led two public relations students to have a chance at winning over $5,000 and an internship at Alloy Media + Marketing. Ashley Kelly and Chelsea Dawson are in the running to win the John Caples Student Campaign of the Year Award, based on an assignment that required them to create a campaign for GM.

"Our professor, Dr. Angela Wedgwood required us to enter the competition as part of our class," Kelly said.

Kelly, who graduated in May, along with her partner, senior Chelsea Dawson, entered their project "College Discount" with her partner, senior Chelsea Dawson,  and campaign, she provided us with the tools and knowledge to implement those ideas," Kelly said.

The girls encourage other students to "I was planning a wedding, working on another campaign, and working part time," Kelly said. "Chelsea was busy with school, work and extracurricular activities so while we gathered the campaign at all, we of course, felt we could always do better."

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The entire project consisted of a written summary, extensive plan book and an extended campaign.

All concepts had to stick to a strict budget of $2,500 with the target audience being college students and recent graduates.

"We started research in September and did not submit until December. It was a senseless-long process," Dawson said.

The work proved valuable as both were involved in extracurricular activities and jobs that consumed much of their time.

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Dog-friendly park to come to the ‘burg

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Lynchburg is embracing and their owners have something to wag their tails about, with the upcoming construction of Blackwater Creek Athletic Area. The park, which will be built when fundraising efforts have been completed, will provide a fenced-in area where dogs can maintain healthy noses.

The park, licensed, posted on the Lynchburg Dog Park’s website, is “to establish and maintain an off-leash dog park open to the general public where dog owners may exercise their dogs and behave in accordance with public health and safety guidelines.”

“We have had a really great response from the community,” President of the Board of Directors Thom Strathorn said.

“We’ve even have Liberty students helping out. It will be a great place to socialize with both dogs and other people.”

As an owner of a German Shepherd, Strathorn is one of many dog owners in the area with the desire to see such a project completed.

Strathorn serves on the board for the Friends of Lynchburg Dog Park, Inc., which is a non-profit corporation that was founded in order to raise the building of the much anticipated dog park and partnered with the City of Lynchburg.

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Support for a dog park in the area would be made possible through a domain that 100 percent would be needed to support the project.

“We work very hard to help the future of the park, as stated by the need and dog owners continue to pour into the project. We’re very excited. The community has been a great help,” Strathorn said.

A dog park like this will provide a great experience for both dogs and their owners.

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“RESULTS from a survey given to potential patrons of the park found that 10 percent would support a dog park in the area and 4 percent surveyed said they would make weekly multi-modal trips. Some survey participants wrote recommendations for the future park such as the inclusion of professional staff to monitor dogs and handle conflicts.

Strathorn has high hopes for the future of the park as continuous and dog owners continue to pour into the project.

“Do you think we have a great group of people,” he said. “I have a dog park like this will provide a great experience for both dogs and their owners.”

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GIBBY is a news reporter.

A PLACE FOR POOCH — A new dog-friendly park is coming to the Lynchburg area, offering a fenced-in area for man’s best friend to run free.

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A PLACE FOR POOCH — A new dog-friendly park is coming to the Lynchburg area, offering a fenced-in area for man’s best friend to run free.

Dog-friendly park to come to the ‘burg

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Lynchburg is embracing and their owners have something to wag their tails about, with the upcoming construction of Blackwater Creek Athletic Area. The park, which will be built when fundraising efforts have been completed, will provide a fenced-in area where dogs can maintain healthy noses.

The park, licensed, posted on the Lynchburg Dog Park’s website, is “to establish and maintain an off-leash dog park open to the general public where dog owners may exercise their dogs and behave in accordance with public health and safety guidelines.”

“We have had a really great response from the community,” President of the Board of Directors Thom Strathorn said.

“We’ve even have Liberty students helping out. It will be a great place to socialize with both dogs and other people.”

As an owner of a German Shepherd, Strathorn is one of many dog owners in the area with the desire to see such a project completed.

Strathorn serves on the board for the Friends of Lynchburg Dog Park, Inc., which is a non-profit corporation that was founded in order to raise the building of the much anticipated dog park and partnered with the City of Lynchburg.

He commented that the park would need an initial $30,000 to open. However, he clearly stated that no tax dollars would be used on the project.

“The main concern was money, and people would be subsidized if it goes from the city,” he said.

The project was to come to life following a non-solicitation and multi-weekly support to gain the support of the area’s community for a dog park.

Support for a dog park in the area would be made possible through a domain that 100 percent would be needed to support the project.

“We work very hard to help the future of the park, as stated by the need and dog owners continue to pour into the project. We’re very excited. The community has been a great help,” Strathorn said.

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Charles Billingsley releases new CD

**Album a ‘plea to the church... to love the world’**

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For more than eight years since his previous studio album with original music, Charles Billingsley is set to release his newest studio album CD “Never Forsaken” on March 6. A live-streaming concert will be aired on CharlesBillingsley.com, taking place at Thomas Road Baptist Church, of Lynchburg, Va. Both the online and live events are free.

The former preacher’s latest endeavor is “a plea to the church,” he said in a news release. This new album is a wake-up call to the church, he said in the news release.

“Look beyond the four walls of our buildings and get out there and love the world,” Billingsley said. “It’s just a reminder that God chose us to love. It’s our responsibility to meet the needs of those people, physically and spiritually.” Lancaster said. “Charles wanted to make a project for my generation to challenge them to do more, give more and love more for the glory of God and the good of His Kingdom.”

So, in an effort to do more love, Billingsley decided to partner with CareLife, an organization dedicated to bringing clean water to those who need it.

“Last summer, Charles and some close friends went on a trip to Guatemala to see what CareLife was doing down there and how they could help,” Lancaster said. “Charles came back, and the partnership was taking shape. What started out as raising awareness and money for wells has blossomed into an entire village project where we are raising money to build houses, a church, school and community center.”

**NEW DESIRE — TRBC’s worship leader calls the church to wake up in a new CD released March 6.**

“Whether it’s someone right beside us in our neighborhood, or half-way around the world, it’s our responsibility to meet the needs of these people, physically and spiritually.” — ADAM LANCASTER

“T he song ‘Never Forsaken’ is for those people in the world who are hungry, lost, abandoned, without, who cry out for something called hope,” Billingsley said in a news release. “They won’t hear this album. This record is for the people who will hear it and do something about it.”

The project has been “very fun, fulfilling and rewarding,” according to Lancaster.

“The challenge is to make sure these things don’t fade...and the heart of the artist is still heard in the end,” Lancaster said. “I believe we achieved that with this CD. Album projects are always a lot of fun to do, especially when you’re in the middle-writing and creating the thing, and this one was no different. It’s something we’ve all poured into.”

Billingsley’s recent shift in focus was a result of a personal struggle.

In 2009, an aggravated blood vessel burst, leaving a polyp on his vocal chord which op-eration was surgery — a procedure that nearly rendered the singer to continue in his vocal career, according to the news release.

“Last year, I thought that polyp on my voice to refuse me,” Billingsley said in a news release. “Before this, I needed my voice for success. Now I want to use it for significance.”

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TAKING ACTION — Hunter Smith was charged by a trip to Guatemala and now hopes to bring clean water to the country by raising money for wells with the Aqua Pura 3k.

Through events such as the Children of the World concert, often seen during Mission Emphasis Weeks at Liberty University, they bring awareness and hope to people groups all over the world.

"We don't think about clean water because it's everywhere here. It comes out of our shower and our faucets. We have water fountains to drink from that are accessible to us just about everywhere," Smith said.

After visiting Guatemala with his church, Smith said he realized that water is a novelty, not a right.

"Many Guatemalans get their water from contaminated sources," Smith said. "As a result they can catch diseases that potentially kill them."

"Personally, I have a heart for that country, and I want to help bring them physical help and the truths of the Gospel," Smith said.

It's been amazing to see how God has guided me in every detail of this," Smith said.

The Aqua Pura 3k run will take place at Liberty's softball track in Green Hill. The cost is $50 to participate. Refreshments will be provided to registered runners. Additionally, all participants who register prior to March 19 will receive a complementary T-shirt.

"A well costs $1000 and will provide clean water for up to 500 people a day for around 10 years," Smith said. "Right before Christmas, I sold both of my little over $100. Now, just a couple months later, I've been able to see God provide over $8000 toward a well through me and my friend, Hunter Nash. We are now hoping to drill a third well with the proceeds from the Aqua Pura 3k.

"I believe that God has called me to help the needy and broken in a way of showing God our love and sharing the world the love of Christ," Smith said.

For more information on registration or volunteering for the run, contact Hunter Smith at leavejesusbehold@gmail.com. To register for the Aqua Pura 3k run, visit www.eco-sports.com or go to theAdv Stn in Forest, Va.

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