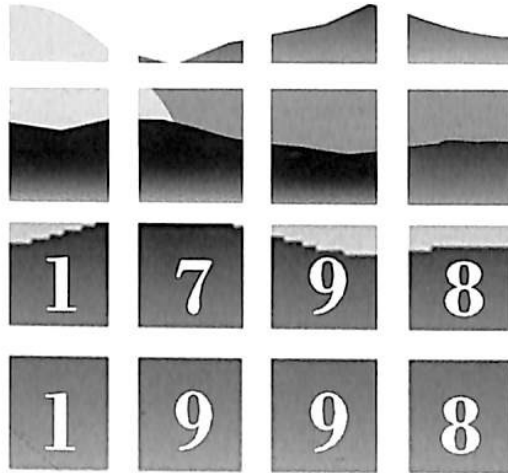


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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



It's a people thing. A large piece of geography occupied by architecturally significant buildings and features, scenic vistas, and modern roads is merely a beautiful place. Add a generous dash of caring and enthusiastic people and you have—a TOWN. And so it is with

Blacksburg's Bicentennial in 1998; a marvelous collection of people totally involved with the year-long celebration as idea-generators, planners, volunteers, participants—and, finally, the legions of spectators and visitors.

It all started when the town council appointed a Bicentennial Steering Committee in 1995 and everything grew, exponentially, to encompass all that you see listed as you peruse these pages.

I hope you enjoy this *Town of Blacksburg Bicentennial Souvenir Program*, which recognizes most (but admittedly, not all) of those who have attended countless meetings and worked long hours, for the most part anonymously, to create a succession of original crowd-pleasing events and projects that proclaim Blacksburg's 200th Birthday. It's a people thing.

My best to each and all,
Roger E. Hedgepeth

Blacksburg's Birth Certificate

CHAPTER LXXXI.
An Act to establish a Town on the Lands of William Black, in the county of Montgomery.
[Passed, January the 13th, 1798]

SECTION I. **B**E it enacted by the General Assembly, That thirty-eight acres and three quarters of an acre of land, the property of William Black, in the county of Montgomery, as the same are already laid off into lots and streets, shall be, and the same are hereby established a town, by the name of Blacksburg; and George Rutledge, John Black, James P. Prefton, John Henderfon, Edward Rutledge, William Black, and John Prefton, gentlemen, constituted and appointed trustees thereof.

SEC. II. THE trustees of the said town, or a majority of them, are hereby empowered to establish such rules and orders for the regular building of houses therein, as to them shall seem proper; and to settle and determine all disputes concerning the bounds of the said lots.

SEC. III. SO soon as the purchasers of lots in the said town, shall have built thereon, according to the conditions of their respective deeds of conveyance, such purchasers shall then be entitled to, and have and enjoy all the rights, privileges, and immunities, which the freeholders and inhabitants of other towns in this State, not incorporated, hold and enjoy.

SEC. IV. VACANCIES, By death, resignation, or removal out of the county, of any one or more of the said trustees, the same shall be supplied in manner prescribed by the act of Assembly, passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, intitled, *An act to empower the freeholders of the several towns, not incorporated, to supply the vacancies of the trustees and directors thereof.*

SEC. V. THIS act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof.

Cover: The Bicentennial Logo represents the original sixteen square grid of the town. The sixteen squares are bordered by Jackson Street, Draper Road (formerly known as Water Street), Clay Street and Wharton Street. Logo designed by Meg Nugent.

A SPECIAL PLACE FOR 200 YEARS

Blacksburg, Virginia, is a special place in which to live and pursue educational, business, professional, cultural, and recreational opportunities. This is due, in no small measure, to the fact that the town is blessed with an active citizenry involved in more than 40 authorities, boards, commissions, committees, and task forces. These volunteered efforts of many citizens greatly enhance the scope and effectiveness of local government.

The town sits on a gentle plateau, which rides near a summit in the Allegheny Mountains. Surrounding mountains emphasize Blacksburg's identity as a refreshingly scenic rural town. By conscious design and effort, the community has retained its enjoyable characteristics while growing to be Virginia's largest town. It contains a major university, corporate research center, industrial park, and the nationally acclaimed Blacksburg Electronic Village. Cultural and recreational opportunities abound, along with the most desirable urban amenities.

Throughout 1998 the town is celebrating its Bicentennial. A handful of settlers established a fledgling community, then called Draper's Meadow, in the mid-1700's. By Act of the Virginia General Assembly on January 13, 1798, 39 acres in the form of 16 squares were officially named and established as the Town of Blacksburg. The Bicentennial logo represents the original 16-square grid, which was laid out by founder William Black. As of its 200th birthday, the town encompassed 18.8 square miles, with a population of approximately 35,000.

After 200 years, Blacksburg continues to be a "special place."

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Bicentennial Coin at The National Bank of Blacksburg
 Tote bags and Huckleberry Trail Mix at Annie Kay's
 Bicentennial Jackets at Davidson's

HISTORY OF BLACKSBURG

Blacksburg Timeline

- 1600s** White trappers enter the area
- 1671** Abraham Wood sends out an exploration party that enters the area
- 1738** James Patton arrives in Virginia from Northern Ireland
- 1740** Peter Sally explores the area
- 1740s** Col. James Patton picks 7,500 acres of land (the Patton Tract) in the area from his 100,000-acre land-grant for a settlement; George Draper buys land and the settlement is named Draper's Meadow
- 1748** Thomas Ingles and family settle in Draper's Meadow
- 1750** Mary Draper marries William Ingles
- 1755** Draper's Meadow Massacre: Col. James Patton kills; Mary Draper Ingles captured, later escapes and walks as much as 850 miles to return home
- 1756** Barger Fort erected
- 1766** William Black born
- 1772** Samuel Black purchases 600 acres in Draper's Meadow
- 1773** William Preston establishes Smithfield plantation in Draper's Meadow
- 1774** Preston's family moves into Smithfield
- 1776** Montgomery County established
- 1780** Dr. Thomas Lloyd comes to area to serve the Preston family as its physician
- 1782** Samuel Black dies, leaves land in Draper's Meadow to sons John and William; John works the land
- 1794** William Black moves to Draper's Meadow, assumes control of half the acreage left by his father

Blacksburg Timeline

- 1797** William Black lays out a 16-square grid for a town and petitions the General Assembly to establish a town on the site
- 1798** Virginia General Assembly passes an act establishing the Town of Blacksburg; William Black signs deed to land over to trustees; Methodists build a log meeting house at corner of Church and Lee streets
- Early 1800s** African Americans organize a Baptist church
- 1801** Solitude built, now the oldest building on the Virginia Tech campus
- 1814** William Black moves to Clark County, Ohio
- 1822** Lydia Savine obtains a license to operate a tavern
- 1832** Presbyterian church established; land for Westview Cemetery deeded to trustees
- 1840** Blacksburg Female Academy, the first officially recognized academy in Montgomery County, is incorporated by legislative act
- 1845** Population reaches 250
- 1847** Presbyterians build first brick church at 117 South Main Street
- 1850** Rev. Charles Martin opens an academy for boys
- 1851** Methodists open Olin and Preston Institute; William Black dies, is buried in Ohio
- 1852** Baptists organize congregation; Five Chimneys built by John R. Phillips
- 1856** Hunters Masonic Lodge formed
- 1857** Episcopalians organize congregation
- 1858** Blacksburg Female Academy purchased by Hunter's Lodge of F. and A. Masons, who change the name to Caldwell Masonic Female Institute
- 1860** Blacksburg counts 406 citizens, three free blacks, and 52 slaves
- 1861** Local physician Dr. Harvey Black enlists in the 4th Virginia Regiment, becomes surgeon in charge of the Field Hospital, 2nd Corps, Army of Northern Virginia

Blacksburg Timeline

- 1863 Col. Robert Taylor Preston issues a call-to-arms as Federal troops enter the area
- 1864 Rev. William P. Hickman, minister of Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, wounded in Battle of Cloyd's Mountain, dies from wounds; Major General George C. Crook and Brigadier General William W. Averell move through Blacksburg following the battle
- 1866 Christiansburg Industrial Institute opens, serves as school for blacks throughout the region
- 1869 Preston and Olin Institute receives charter
- 1871 Blacksburg incorporated
- 1872 Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College (VAMC) established
- 1874 African Baptist Church builds facility on Clay Street; telegraph service established
- 1878 Thomas-Connor House built
- 1879 Episcopalians construct their only church building
- 1880 Town assumes responsibility for maintaining Westview Cemetery
- 1885 Vandals strike, causing council to pass an ordinance against selling firecrackers
- 1890 Patients of Dr. Kent Black piece a quilt and present it to him; town realizes it needs a better water supply following typhoid fever epidemic
- 1891 First electric lights hung
- 1892 Alexander Black house constructed at 204 South Main Street
- 1895 Deep snow prevents delivery of coal, college students clear roads to mines
- 1896 VAMC's name changed to Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute; local chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy organized; college requests permission to lay water lines through town
- 1897 Home of Alex Black on Main Street burns

Blacksburg Timeline

- 1900 Ellett Building constructed
- 1901 St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church built; first car drives into Blacksburg
- 1902 Monument to the Confederate dead erected in Westview Cemetery
- 1904 Huckleberry railroad spur opens from Christiansburg to Blacksburg
- 1906 Blacksburg High School opens
- 1907 Blacksburg Women's Club organized
- 1909 First Lyric Theatre opens
- 1913 Town council votes against allowing cows to roam in town
- 1914 Town council imposes speed limits
- 1915 Reunion of local Confederate veterans held at the Thomas-Connor House
- 1916 A 3.84-inch rainfall floods the town; Blacksburg High School moves to a new building
- 1918 Three college students die during a flu epidemic; college closed for two weeks
- 1919 First service station opens
- 1921 Virginia Tech accepts first full-time women students
- 1922 Main Street paved
- 1927 Blacksburg Inn on corner of Washington and Main streets burns
- 1928 Cohee Country Club started
- 1929 Airport opens with grass airstrip
- 1930 Fourth and current Lyric Theatre constructed at 135 College Avenue
- 1936 Armory completed, first served Blacksburg High School as auditorium
- 1939 Town council requires inspection of food handlers
- 1940 Selective service of Montgomery County registers 2,918 men and 509 Virginia Tech students; 244 marriage licenses granted in Montgomery County
- 1942 Blacksburg launches a scrap metal drive, which results in the collection of 44,000 pounds of metal; town acquires its first fire truck

Blacksburg Timeline

- 1944 Blacksburg immobilized by huge snow drifts; college renamed Virginia Polytechnic Institute and merged with Radford College, where most women's programs are moved
- 1946 Town purchases its first police car
- 1951 Group of citizen volunteers formally organize Blacksburg First Aid and Life Saving Crew; Blacksburg's first high-tech industrial plant — Electro Tec — constructed
- 1952 Virginia Tech constructs the Mall
- 1954 Blacksburg High School moves to new building on South Main Street; Montgomery County Human Relations Council forms
- Mid-1950s Draper's Meadow apartments constructed
- 1956 Blacksburg Country Club purchases a clubhouse, golf course
- 1958 Huckleberry rail passenger service ends
- 1959 Blacksburg Recreational Council formed
- 1961 First black students attend Blacksburg High School
- 1964 Renovated Smithfield plantation house opens; Virginia Tech dissolves merger with Radford College
- 1966 Last Huckleberry freight train leaves Blacksburg; Gables Shopping Center opens
- 1969 Blacksburg Municipal Building on South Main Street constructed; Rt. 460 Bypass opens
- 1970 Various churches organize the United Christian Aid to unify welfare needs; Virginia Tech becomes Montgomery Regional Institute and State University
- 1971 Blacksburg High School constructed
- 1974 Patrick Henry Drive; University Mall opens
- 1976 Deadwood Days street fair begins, later renamed Steppin' Out
- 1980 Construction begins on Warm Hearth Village
- 1985 Planned Parenthood organized
- 1992 Virginia Tech's Donaldson Brown Center flooded
- 1993 AIDS awareness program organized

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Blacksburg Timeline

- 1993 "Blizzard of the Century" hits Blacksburg with about three feet of snow; Blacksburg Electronic Village goes on-line
- 1994 Severe ice storm leaves residents with four days of no electricity and failing water pressure; Kipps Elementary School, Blacksburg's newest school, opens
- 1996 New Blacksburg branch library opens; new phase of Huckleberry Trail opens
- 1997 Ground broken for "smart" road
- 1998 Blacksburg celebrates its 200th birthday

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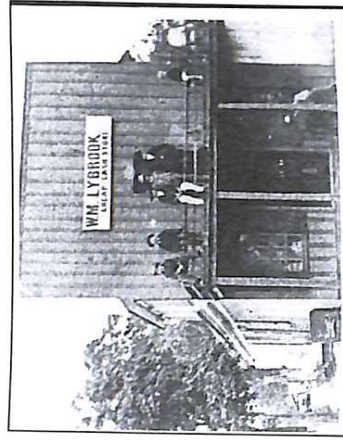
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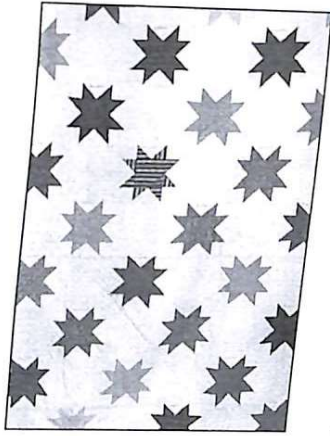


Mrs. Pedigo and her daughter inspect flowers in their garden on Roanoke Street in the early 1900s. (Courtesy John Kline, Gentry Studio)

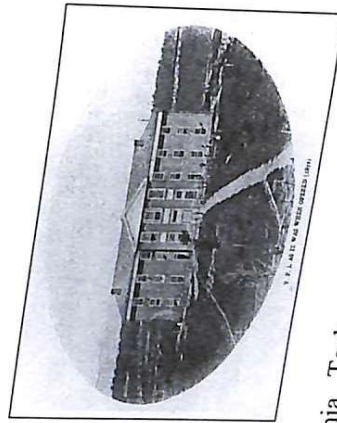


The W. M. Lybrook Cheap Cash Store was built on the corner of Roanoke and Church streets in the 1870s. (Courtesy Special Collections, University Libraries, Virginia Tech)

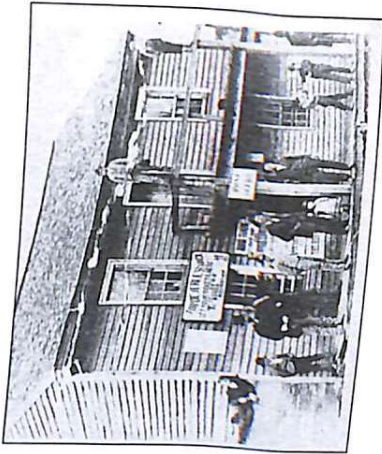
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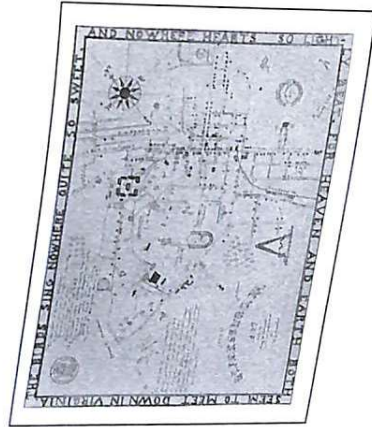
To show their appreciation for him, patients of Dr. Kent Black pieced this quilt and presented it to him around 1890. The quilt is now preserved in Special Collections, University Libraries, Virginia Tech. (Photo by John Kline, Gentry Studios)



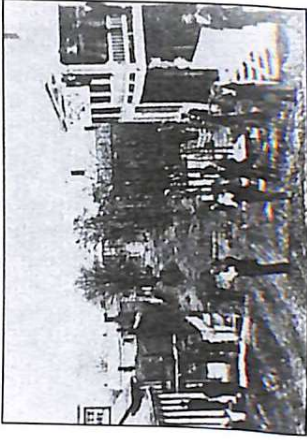
When Virginia Tech opened in 1872 as the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College, the new school moved into the former facilities of the Preston and Olin Institute, a single building that sat on a hill facing Main Street. (Courtesy Special Collections, University Libraries, Virginia Tech)



Mail by hack was delivered to the Blacksburg Post Office and the hack depot, pictured here around 1873-1874. (Courtesy Special Collections, University Libraries, Virginia Tech)



Lucy Lee Lancaster, one of the first five women to enroll in Virginia Tech in 1921, drew this map of Blacksburg in 1927. (Courtesy Special Collections, University Libraries, Virginia Tech)

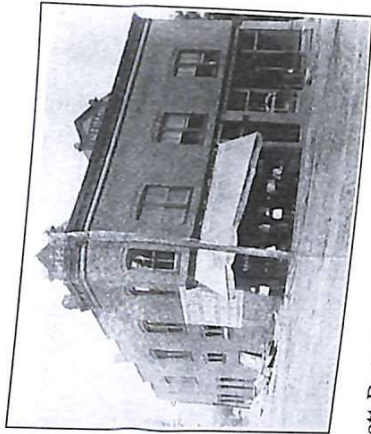


This 1885 photograph shows the Gitt House and Virginia House on opposite sides of Main Street about a block from the college. (Courtesy Special Collections, University Libraries, Virginia Tech)



Two unidentified men look out over Blacksburg and the local land-grant college sometime before 1888. (Courtesy Special Collections, University Libraries, Virginia Tech)

Historical Photographs



The W. C. Ellett Building, constructed in 1900 at 220 North Main Street, housed a drug store and the post office in its early days. (Courtesy Special Collections, University Libraries, Virginia Tech)



The Thomas-Connor House on Draper Road was the site of a 1915 reunion of local Confederate veterans. (Courtesy Special Collections, University Libraries, Virginia Tech)

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The government of Blacksburg values

- Citizens as customers, deserving the highest quality of services delivered by a local government.
- An open, accessible government, where citizen involvement, individually and collectively, is vital.
- Encouragement of progressive thinking through employee involvement and teamwork.
- Fairness, integrity, and trust as essential qualities of ethical governance.
- A community that is renowned for its beauty and cleanliness.
- Taking pride and achieving the highest quality in all we do.
- Positive liaisons with local governmental organizations.
- Achievement of a positive solution to every problem.
- People as our most important resource.
- Responsibility and accountability.
- Public safety for all citizens.

Every citizen contact is an opportunity to demonstrate these values.



BICENTENNIAL VOLUNTEERS

Since the Town Council appointed the Bicentennial Steering Committee in October 1995, well over a thousand individuals have become actively involved in the celebration of the town's birth in 1798. Following is a best effort at capturing the names of all of those who have contributed in some way to the many events commemorating the Bicentennial. And, for those whose names have been inadvertently left out, we apologize. At the end of the listing of volunteers we have left a special page just for you! A thousand thanks to each of you!

Committees

Steering Committee

 **Arts Alive! Showcase Committee**

 **Cemetery Clean-up Committee**

 **Drama/Theatre Production Committee**

 **Fall Events Committee**

 **History Book Group**

 **K-12 Schools Committee**

 **Logo Committee**

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 **Promotions Committee**

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 **Walking Tour Committee**

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- Frances Parsons
- Eddie Schumacher
- Peggy Smith
- Ray Van Dyke
- James Robertson, *Consulting Historian*
- Bonnie Svrcek, *Assistant Town Manager, Staff*
- Frank Rogers and Scott Demharter, *Interns*

Appointed by the town council and meeting monthly since October, 1995, the Steering Committee developed the Bicentennial Celebration. The Steering Committee also gave leadership to the involvement of well over 1,000 volunteers who have unselfishly given of their time and talent to celebrate a Bicentennial that offers something to everyone.



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 - Bob Gribben
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 - Lana Roberts
 - Elaine Specht
 - Nancyne Willoughby

The Arts Alive! Showcase Committee coordinated all of the arts festivities throughout the month of April. Over 60 artists displayed artwork at approximately 40 venues around town. The event also included performing artists, literary artists, and "art along the fence" for the Arts Alive! Showcase that occurred on April 18. The Arts Alive! Showcase culminated with the 10th anniversary concert of the Blacksburg Master Chorale, the Virginia Tech Meistersingers, and the Virginia Tech Concert Choir singing Arthur Honegger's *King David*, conducted by renowned conductor Robert Shaw.

 **Cemetery Clean-up Committee**

Joyce Hendricks, Chair
Danny Huffman, Co-Chair

In an effort to "preserve our past," several hundred volunteers gathered to clean up and record many of our local historic cemeteries.



Drama/Theatre Production Committee

- Lewis Barnett and Mike Ogliaruso, *Chairs*
 Richard Bass
 Tonya Bowyer
 Steve Brown
 Paul Farrier
 Ann Goette
 Bob Gribben
 Kathleen Harshberger
 Lynn H. Martin
 Bob Nicholson
 Alice Payne
 Ken Phipps

The Drama/Theatre Production Committee has focused its efforts on the various productions that are taking place throughout the Bicentennial. These productions include *Our May*, *The Promise* (by Playmakers & Company and offered in September 25, 26, and 27), *The Sound of Music* (produced by Summer Musical Enterprise and offered in August), and *The Long Way Home to Blacksburg* (courtesy of the Long Way Home Board of Directors and production staff; offered in May and June at Smithfield Plantation).

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 Ken Phipps

The Fall Events Committee is preparing for the weekend of September 20, which celebrates "Blacksburg: 200 Years and Beyond." The event includes the official dedication of the time capsule, scheduled to be opened in 2048, and the unveiling of the Mary Draper Ingles historical marker. This weekend also includes a Flower Show, sponsored by the Southside and the Town and County garden clubs. The Fall Events Committee has invited suggestions from all sectors of the community on items to be placed in the time capsule.

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The History Book Group focused on the writing and publication of the heirloom book: *A Special Place for 200 Years: A History of Blacksburg, Virginia*.



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- Janice Litschert
- Sue McGann
- Charlotte McKee
- Maria Nash
- Linda Olin
- Samantha Quesenberry
- Bert Rodriguez
- Barbara Straub

The K-12 Schools Committee consists of representatives from local schools (public and private), including Virginia Tech. Some of the items on the K-12 Schools Committee's agenda included an essay project for the time capsule, artwork for the Winterfest celebration, a Musical Salute by Blacksburg schoolchildren at Cassell Coliseum, and cemetery clean-up and documentation.



Logo Committee

Ray Van Dyke, Chair

- Meg Nugent
- Linda Olin
- Joni Pienkowski

The Logo Committee organized a contest to design a Bicentennial logo. Over 30 entries were considered for the official logo.

Volunteers

 Parade/July 4 Weekend Committee

- Beth Ifju & Joan Munford, *Chairs*
Beverly Biancur
Dean Crane
Paul Farrier
Gavin Faulkner
Anne Giffen
Debbie Glossbrenner
Bob Gribben
Randy Hall
Roger E. Hedgepeth
Billie Lepczyk
Lynn H. Martin
Jim Moore
Andrew Robeson
Jean Robeson
Paul Smeal
Kelly Sisson
Arthur J. Walrath
Bill Winfrey

The Parade/July 4 Committee has been responsible for handling and coordinating all activities and events during the July 4 weekend, including the actual parade (route, entries, Triathlon, and the Interfaith Celebration, Fun Run/Walk.



Darcy Meeker
951-0108
Sculptor in stone,
clay and copper


Gallery hours and coaching by appointment.
Classes in stone and clay....for children and adults.

Volunteers

 Promotions Committee

- Clara Cox, *Chair*
Camille Chapman
Debbie Glossbrenner
Eileen Ivaskauskas
Jim Moore
Meg Nugent
David Nutter
Sant Patel
Paul Smeal

The Promotions Committee actively advertises Bicentennial events through local, state, and regional media; brochures; and a commemorative program. In addition, this committee developed a slide show presentation on the history of Blacksburg together with a Bicentennial Calendar of Events. Several people were recruited and trained to use the slideshow as part of a Bicentennial Speakers Bureau.

 Retail Promotions Committee

- Peggy E. Smith, *Chair*
Marcia Andrews
Steve Andrews
Sharon Duncan
Suzie Jackson
Lee Anne Hoppe
Tom Sherman

The Retail Promotions Committee pursued the marketing and selling of Bicentennial merchandise, specifically through the Bicentennial Shoppe and Downtown Merchants of Blacksburg.

 **University Involvement Committee**

- Tom Brown, *Chair*
 Grace Ashford
 Nicki Cantrell
 Tom Deutsch
 Kevin Fenton
 Alan Glick
 Jessica Horton
 Tamara Kennelly
 Robert E. Lyons
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 Bert Rodriguez
 Debbie Shelton
 April Theuring
 Jack Williams

On February 28, the Virginia Tech Union opened its doors to the town at Squires Student Center for Winterfest. This event featured art displays from local school children, a grand birthday party with entertainment and 16 separate original town. The University Involvement Committee's primary purpose has been to act as a liaison between the town and Virginia Tech in terms of coordinating Bicenennial events. The committee also organized a recognition of the Bicenennial during half-time at the Pittsburgh vs. Virginia Tech football game on September 26 and a Bicenennial website through Special Collections, University Libraries.



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 **Walking Tours Committee**

- Anne J. Campbell, *Chair*
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 Dorothy Foreman
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 Marylou
 Will McElfresh
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 Leigh Sutherland
 Barbara Wheeler

The Walking Tours Committee organized and is facilitating historic guided tours of the original 16 squares of Blacksburg. These tours were scheduled for all event weekends throughout the Bicenennial year, including July 4, Steppin' Out, and the Time Capsule Dedication. In addition, the committee has coordinated private and school tours, as requested. A video, brochure, and script development have all been products of the Walking Tours Committee.

Blacksburg School Children Musical Salute

Gilbert Linkous Elementary School		
H. Harper's Class	J. Nunnally's Class	F. Richardson's Class
Bonatti, Andre A.	Beamish, Patrick W.	Amkaya, Thomas
Coleman, Christopher	Davis, Ashley	Burnett, William J.
Dorrell, Hannah Joy	Denton, D. Chris	Carter, Jack Wade
Frazier, Grant	Diplas Bill Harry	Hall, Duncan Chris
Gay, Sydney S.	Diplas Katerina V.	Jones, Amy Beth
Gilbert, Scot Stuart	Easterling, Amanda Jo	Jones, Phillip
Gully, Kristin	French, Aaron	Kirstein, Sara A.
Howard, Latoya	Harvey, Stanford	Kline, Vincent Edward
Joshi, Nikole Kirah	Holladay, Nathan	Linkous, Matthew
King, Laura K.	Kleiner, Heidi	Noble, Robert
Krallman, Kevin M.	Myers, Susan Elaine	Payne, Jeremy D.
Lotts, Elizabeth W.	Neely, Brian Kenneth	Price, Brandon James
Moore, Paul	Potts, Sarah Hawarth	Rojiani, Navid Kareem
Nutter, Colin S.	Price, Travis Frank	Sargeant, Barbara Lynn
O'Connor, Jessica	Reed, Hana Rebecca	Smith, Misty Jane
Ortega, William	Shaver, Laura Whitney	Thorpe, LaSonya
Parsons, Amanda	Sinclair, Brian	Thorppe, LaTonya
Robinson, Brian	Smith, Kirk McKim	Wang, Danielle J.
Schoonover, Katherine	West, Alex Morgan	White, Taylor Lynne
Turner, Brenden Deahl	Willis, Margaret	Yang, San
Vandsburger, Tomer		
Wright, Randi		

Harding Avenue Elementary School

P. Agnew's and P. Shrader's Classes	
Allen, Kimmy	Homer, Stephanie
Bailey, John	Horton, Amanda
Behl, Clayton	Jackson, Caitlin
Bell, Kory	Jackson, Isaac
Carroll, Brittany	Lemly, Lucas
Carroll, Joey	Lingenfelter, Jordan
Collins, Shauna	Linkous, Zach
Cox, Kara	Liskey, Holly
Cummings, Sarah	Lowe, Ashley
Dalley, Chad	Lowry, Adrian
Douglas, Britney	McKenzie, Keenan
Dove, Brandon	Naim, Asyraf Mohammad
Gibbs, Eric	Moose, Kirsii
Greenfield, Katie	Mosier, Keishaun
	Neikirk, Jess
	Noller, Alec
	Oyama, Monika
	Polejaeva, Lena
	Rayne, Cassandra
	Redcay, Elaine
	Rogers, David
	Sirgy, Michelle
	Smith, Daniel
	Stade, Laura
	Sterrett, Meredith
	Twiggs, Michael
	Vaden, Josh
	Violette, Rhiannon
	Ward, Susanna
	Whiting, Shawn

Kipps Elementary School

T. Ruble's Class	S. Snyder's Class
Abbas, Pauline	Bixler, Devon Patrick
Baker, Abbey Leigh	Carroll, Joshua M.
Bland, Douglas W.	Chung, Hoju "Joey"
Chen, Zsu Zsu	Curtin, Nicholas W.
Cooper, Roger Lee, Jr.	Dowdy, M. K. "Kathy"
Denardo, Brittany	Farkas, Pablo Antonio
Eggleston, Brian J.	Fischbach, Larry
Fortune, Ashley Clara	Goff, Christopher
Green, Francis Edward	Goree, Anna Cathryn
Gritsham, Amanda Rae	Grene, Lucy Indu
Hendricks, Daniel R.	Harris, Kayla Denae
Holbach, Timothy A.	Jefferts, William D.
Inoue, Tatsuya	Kim, Diane
McCollum, Ryan Wayne	Lee, Sun Jin
McKee, Scott E.	Linkous, Chance H.
Pollio, Timothy P.	Linkous, Justin Scott
Polly, William Gene	Martin, Alisha Rena
Prochaska, Kimberley F.	Metzler, David A. E.
Shaver, Elizabeth R.	Spraker, Vanessa
Turley, Joseph C.	Thatcher, Kyle D.
	Whittier, Drew Eli

M.A. Stallings' Class

Adams, Robert	Campbell, James
Ash, Brittany Jill	Campbell, Toni Marie
Correa, Naomi Lillian	Cenamio, Robert E.
Dias, Bruno Pereira	Franklin, Bre Ann
Dye, Robert "Lee"	Ghadari, Atefeh
Galimaitis, Ryan S.	Grissom, Daniel
Harrington, John A.	Hodge, Tiffany Renee
Jenkins, James B.	Hunter, Robert
Keys, Gloria Nichole	Jones, Mercedes S.
Kurtz, Samantha Rose	Jovanovic, Maria M.
Love, Latoshia D.	Kopakowski, Luke
McClellan, Kaitlyn D.	Kushik, Stephanie
McNeer, Breann Nicole	Linkous, April Lynn
Morris, Thomas Kyle	Papillon, Gregory L.
Park, Junhyung	Preston, Nicholas P.
Sheridan, Sara Gail	Price, Shaun Michael
Spence, Alexander Lee	Reed, Jacob Sidney
Tillis, Jack Richard	Smith, Ashley Nicole
Tucker, Corey Logan	Smith, Byron Hager
Turpin, Preston Adam	Sparks, Elsie
Vyule, B. Stuart	Walthall, William C.

G. Wood's Class

Adams, Robert	Campbell, James
Ash, Brittany Jill	Campbell, Toni Marie
Correa, Naomi Lillian	Cenamio, Robert E.
Dias, Bruno Pereira	Franklin, Bre Ann
Dye, Robert "Lee"	Ghadari, Atefeh
Galimaitis, Ryan S.	Grissom, Daniel
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Love, Latoshia D.	Kopakowski, Luke
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McNeer, Breann Nicole	Linkous, April Lynn
Morris, Thomas Kyle	Papillon, Gregory L.
Park, Junhyung	Preston, Nicholas P.
Sheridan, Sara Gail	Price, Shaun Michael
Spence, Alexander Lee	Reed, Jacob Sidney
Tillis, Jack Richard	Smith, Ashley Nicole
Tucker, Corey Logan	Smith, Byron Hager
Turpin, Preston Adam	Sparks, Elsie
Vyule, B. Stuart	Walthall, William C.

Tall Oaks Montessori School

T. Cook's, S. Howell's, and M. Nash's Classes
 Qadiri, Nasir
 Sarin, Shivan
 Turk, Rebekah Martin
 Voshell, Stephanie
 Wise, Lauren

Margaret Beeks Elementary School

C. Amy's Class

Blackburn, Joey Cline
 Byers, Emily Anne
 Coker, Suzanne
 Forkner, Andrea Jean
 Gjata, Ornela
 Hood, Jennifer
 Hypes, Charles
 Jeter, Lakeshia Marie
 Kellison, Kathryn
 Kellison, Donald
 Liang, Sixing
 Nelson, Jonathan Grey
 Ozaraga, Emil Francis
 Pritchard, James
 Slayton, James
 Walters, Johnathon O.
 Whitaker, Natalie
 Woods, Matthew

S. Levy's Class

Akers, Eric Peter
 Arnott, Mary Lindsay
 Belcher, Laurel
 Boone, Julie Marie
 Cupp, Kevin
 Doss, Derek Weston
 Dugas, Robin Danielle
 Duncan, Anna Leigh
 Falato, Cailin
 Gallagher, Gatane P.
 Huff, Kathryn
 Isani, Taimoor
 Matuk, Serena McNally
 Queensberry, Daryl R.
 Reynolds, Hayley
 Shockley, J. Michael
 Talbot, Jonathan Lee
 Willis, Scott Andrew
 Womble, Daniel Peter

J. Stuart's Class

Broadstone, Russell
 Campbell, Loy Anne
 Crockett, Andre Leon
 Dailey, Michelle
 Daniels, Graham M.
 Grant, Christopher
 Gayler, Herbert Aubrey
 Gregory, Kevin
 Guyann, Joey Taren
 Hammitt, Laura
 Hatch, Jennifer Susan
 Johnson, Derek
 May, Jackson Thomas
 Neidigh, Laurel A.
 Newmark, Samuel
 Prussin, Aaron
 Schuster, Tyler C.
 Song, Shion
 Wright, Chelsea Morel

S. Nicolai's Class

Angelucci, Trent
 Becher, Wendy
 Boles, Margeaux
 Bustle, William B.
 Chapman, Emily Rose
 Chinnery, Dayna
 Epstein, Justin
 Grubb, Camellia Joy
 Jacobs, Melanie
 Kwansa, Emily
 Marcy, Joanna Leslie
 Metz, Estrella
 McClothlin, Carla H.
 Plennions, Timothy
 Roberts, Samuel Burke
 Rowland, Jared
 Templeton, Eric T.
 Walters, Jarred C.
 Weimerskirch, Robert

Price's Fork Elementary School

M. Hoover's Class

Bobbitt, Lori Denise
 Bryant, Cameron
 Caldwell, Berek F.
 Elliott, Ashley Renee
 Glass, Codirae V.
 Graham, Kelley Renee
 Hamlin, George Ray
 Kolodner, Jonathan D.
 Linkous, Jerry
 Loan, Gerald L.
 Matusevich, Amanda L.
 Nelson, Greg
 Price, Kevin Matthew
 Scott, Jonathan M.
 Shouse, Stephen R.
 Smith, Ginny
 Songer, Carl Edward
 Trumbo-Tual, Matthew

D. Stanley's Class

Dalton, Kristy L.
 Duncan, Dusty Wayne
 Gabbert, Dillon R.
 Groseclose, Mark A.
 Hall, Krystine D.
 Keister, Brandon M.
 Lamm, Shannon R.
 Light, Lawrence T.
 Mau, Christopher S.
 Moses, Brandon
 Oliver-Poche, J. J.
 Potter, Jeremie Scott
 Reed, Amber Eline
 Rosno, Raymond C.
 Scott, Timothy Shane
 Siegle, Iris L.
 Thorsen, Anne Russell
 Vaught, Nicholas A.
 Williams, Dustin H.
 Woods, Tanyia Leigh

Blacksburg Middle School

D. Love's and W. Ray's Classes

Akers, Ian Grey
 Argabright, Matthew C.
 Asbury, Charles Chris
 Badger, Mark Thomas
 Barbeau, Rebecca Ann
 Bosman, Jan "Yon" M.
 Brooks, Jewel Dawn
 Carstensen, E. L.
 Cramer, Timothy David
 Dalton, Constance A.
 DiSalvo, Elizabeth A.
 Duncan, Leslie Brooke
 Evans, Thomas Russell
 Evanylo, Dylan Scott
 Hackett, Sarah
 Harper, Daniel Robert
 Hendricks, Amber
 Holt, Michael Edwin
 Horton, Myra Cook
 Hulbert, Christine A.
 Iannaccone, F. L.
 Jacobs, Amy Elizabeth
 Jones, Ryan Whitney
 Kamke, Kathryn
 Klein, Ira
 Krauss, Ashleigh B.
 Kurtz, Zakari Adam
 Liskey, Jenna Kay
 Liu, Zhao
 Loganathan, Uma M.
 Lowe, Britney
 Marckovich, Adam M.
 McDonnell, Dylan Adam
 Mumaw, William
 Pfeiffer, Emily Ross
 Rancourt, Joshua
 Reed, Michael Andrew
 Richardson, Lucy B.
 Roberts, Rachel Marie
 Robinson, Lindsay R.
 Robinson, Scott C.
 Ross, Joseph Paul
 Rossi, Catherine T.
 Ryder, Andrew Louis
 Shepherd, Ashleigh
 Shockley, John C.
 Simonetti, Jennifer
 Southard, Jessica E.
 Waldron, Rennie Joan
 Weaver, Patrick M.
 Whitlock, Christina L.
 Williams, Danielle R.
 Willis, Andrew
 Wu, Amy Xiao-Su
 Olson, Niklas Ian
 Orton, Ariel
 Parsons, Ashley
 Poon, Justine
 Price, Matthew G.
 Price, McKinley
 Pritchard, John
 Ghaderi, Adel
 Glass, Jessica E.
 Guinn, Caroline Marie
 Howe, Charles
 Johnson, Laura Nicole
 Kassoff, Cyri (CY)
 Kerkes, Landon Cort
 Allen, Amber Denise
 Alls, Richard James
 Amenkhiunan, Ehichoya
 Assar, Viraj
 Baker, Steven Michael
 Bell, James Hilton
 Bowden, Allison Dale

Volunteers

Bowman, Nathan Eugene
 Burbey, Rena Joy
 Carroll, Mandi R.
 Casper, Kali Jane
 Clark, Tacara Deanna
 Coil-Silver, Eilyn M.
 Diplas, Anthony A.
 Douglas, Sarah A.
 Dryman, Kathryn L.
 Easter, Wallace E., III
 Fagan, Jessica Elise
 Ferretti, Lawrence A.
 Fields, Christopher S.
 Fitzwater, Sarah Hope
 Fletcher, Shana Marie
 Fox, Michael John
 Fox, Paul Daniel
 Frasca, Katherine
 Gardner, Allison

Kesler, William C.
 Kirstein, Kathrine J.
 Kittinger, Larry, Jr.
 Klagge, Nicholas J.
 Kuykendall, Laura E.
 Lee, Seung AH
 Lewis, Rebecca
 Liljenvall, Anna M
 Link, Jessica
 Long, William Robert
 MacMillian, Gordon
 Martin, Carrie
 McAvoy, Jennie Grey
 Moll, Sarah E.
 Moses, Christopher
 Mungler, Adam
 Nowland, Dustin Wayne
 Ogburn, Mary C.
 Oliveira, Luanda De

D. Harte's Class

Adams, Kristina M
 Albert, Barbara A.
 Allen, Karen Marie
 Akers, Natasha Dawn
 Baldwin, Samantha
 Ballagh, Sarah
 Baylor, Shareka Tyann
 Belote, Jennifer E.
 Bennett, M. Scott
 Bethell, C. J.
 Bishop, Shemika S.
 Blankenship, Dennis R.
 Boyd, Jennifer Lynn
 Bridendall, P. A.
 Brillhart, Jessica A.
 Brown, Brian "Scott"
 Brown, Nickolaus Lain
 Brumfield, Samantha
 Caldwell, Amanda V.
 Chen, Inn Inn
 Collanne, Benjamin A.
 Collins, Bert E. B.
 Collins, Corbet "Acy"
 Compton, Amanda Dawn
 Cornett, Jessica A.
 Cornelius, Sarah D.
 Covey, Savannah Leigh
 Day, Amanda Grace
 Dickerson, Cody John
 Drysdale, Almee

Darnall, Lynnette M.
 Dixon, Owen Nicole
 Dunn, Leighan
 Falle, Kirsten E.
 Fisher, Eric Paul
 Gaborik, Kendra D.
 Gilleland, Danielle K.
 Han, Yoon Young
 Harman, Jessica N.
 Harris, Chad Allen
 Hendrickson, Leslie
 Herwald, Ashley Neil
 Holt, Shaunce M.
 Hooper, Sa Zha S.
 Hughes, Melissa K.
 Irwin-Miller, Richard
 Jones, Jaci Ellen
 Kline, Logan Earl
 Knapp, Genevieve
 Kraker, Amanda E.
 Kratman, Inez Edith
 Lawrence, Crystal D.
 Leary, Erica Leigh
 Lewis, Stacy Ann
 Linkous, Amanda Leigh
 Long, April Dawn
 Longobardi, C. M.
 McCoy, Jennifer N.
 McDaniels, Heather M.
 McDaniel, Erin K.
 Mills, Robert
 Myers, Almee
 Park, Eujin

Radin, Benjamin C.
 Rojiami, Rehanna B
 Robinson, David
 Rordam, A. Gardner
 Safaai-Jazi, Rokhsana
 Sanders, Rachel Leigh
 Schriver, Mark D.
 Simmons, W. Jackson
 Slagel, Edward K., III
 Slawny, Adam
 Smith, Elliot Hager
 Stevers, Michael Leon
 Sult, Jill Ann
 Taylor, Kathleen
 Van Dyke, Jennifer L.
 Vandsburger, Leron
 Wall, Timothy J.
 West, Adrian (Tony)
 Zhang, Meng

Volunteers

W. Ray's Class

Amenkhienan, I.
 Beamish, Richard J.
 Bennett, Sean Elwood
 Boisen, Jennifer Lynn
 Bracken, Emily Loving
 Bradbury, Elizabeth J.
 Broadstone, Paul E.
 Buchner, Melissa Cook
 Caldwell, Aya Cecilia
 Campbell, Jud
 Christmann, Marilia F.
 Cooper, Simon
 Criner, Jonathan W.
 Daniels, Benjamin
 Davis, Quentin A.
 Dooley, Nicole
 Dooley, Stacy Ann
 Downey, Megan E.
 Dunn, David S.

Eriksson, Katherine A.
 Galinaitis, Alyssa A.
 Grady, Sara Allison
 Houff, Sarah E.
 Hulbert, Michael S.
 Husser, Angela Louise
 Jansons, Lynne M.
 Jimenez, Jennifer A.
 Johnson, Erin
 Johnson, Salli Fae
 Jones, Tiffany Renee
 Johnson, Daniel Jacob
 Luttrell, Gregory H.
 Mabes, Dana Marie
 May, Lillian
 McLaughlin, Laura
 Merola, Rebecca Anne
 Mostaghimi, Babak
 Moyer, Rebecca Kate
 Myers, Jonathan

Blacksburg High School

J. Blumenthal's Classes

Arthur, Mary Emily
 Atkins, Kendra E.
 Bandinelli, Carmen T.
 Beach, Nathan
 Beagley, Kayla T.
 Beagley, Kayla T.
 Bowden, Ariella
 Bowman, Hannah Lea
 Brazhnik, Ksenia
 Brown, Lauren
 Davis, Nathaniel Jay
 Devens, Abigail Lynn
 Dillon, Christine
 Dowdy, Bethley Ann

Dryman, Jessica M.
 Ellis, Gretchen L.
 Finley, Anne Torrence
 Frazier, Whitney M.
 Gregory, Christopher
 Gray, Daniel Paul
 Hargrove, Nicholas A.
 Harrison, Franklin M.
 Hertel, Scott A.
 Hirt, Ashley
 Howell, Remi Stephen
 McKee, Abigail Lynn
 McLaughlin, Emily
 Merix, Brandon Lee

Alkins, Samuel J.
 Baker, Jacquelin A.
 Ball, Sean Edward
 Behl, Harrison
 Brown, Renee
 Bryant, Christopher K.
 Carroll, Wesley
 Choi, Hyoung Soon
 Epstein, Rebekah M.
 Frost, Jessica Lynn
 Fulton, Rebecca
 Grubb, Galena
 Guinn, Elizabeth

Ranck, Alicia Ellen
 Rodriguez, E. M.
 Sanders, Susan E.
 Sarao, Sukhmani Kaur
 Sarao, Smita Kaur
 Scott, Jessica Eve
 Smith, Amelia Jane
 Toffretti, Emily R.
 Trice, Kyla Rebecca
 Turner, Devin Dawson
 Whit, Jennifer Leigh
 Williams, Timothy
 Wilson, Kelly Sue

Oderwald, Elizabeth R.
 Pascoe, Stephanie K.
 Plaucher, Travis Lee
 Plennmons, Christopher
 Rathburn, Rebecca C.
 Rebert, Emily C.
 Scott, Jessica Eve
 Stowers, Carmel J.
 Travis, Laurie F.
 Troy, Stephanie
 Woolard, Jocelyn May

D. Love's Classes

Alley, Matthew	Gibbs, Jared Andrew	Olin, Kristopher R
Allison, Lindsey B	Graham, James Dominic	Patrick, Amanda
Badger, David	Gray, Daniel Paul	Peoples, Betina Renée
Baker, Edward Alan	Hagedorn, Charles	Petersen, Paul
Beisecker, Kaitlyn A.	Hamby, Hilary	Poon, Christina M
Bell, Nancy	Hatzios, Adamantia K.	Rancek, Alicia Ellen
Bodnar, John Andrew	Hendricks, Brian D	Rees, Christopher L
Brown, Corinne Marie	Hendricks, Ginger	Schroeder, Heidi L.
Buhyoff, Matt	Hilu, Yasamine Julia	Schumann, E. Jeanne
Burkhardt, Katie	Hobelka, Sarah Marie	Shaw Franklin
Burnsed Myles	Holbrook, Russell T.	Simon, Terry Joseph
Cauley, Benjamin	King, William Scott	Smythers, Erin M.
Chance, Ashley	Knocke, Ethan William	Sowder, James Adam
Connelly, Phoebe D.	Lux, Rachael Amy	Templeton, Todd R.
DeBord, Emily Faith	Markham, Anna Jamil	Thatcher, Kate Alison
Diffell, Christine M.	McKee, Abigail Lynn	Turner, Fitzpatrick M.
Egger, Kirsten Lemme	McMullin, Kyle Steven	Tyson, David Josiah
Evans, Genevieve Ann	Merola, Laura	Weaver, Jennifer
Falato, Colin Patrick	Moyer, Emily Blythe	White, Megan Sullivan
Falato, Courtney E.	Nagarkatti, Nisha	Wikstrom, Christopher
Gabrysch, John Joseph	Neely, Lauren Angela	Wilcke, Erin
Gardner, Ann E.	Neill, Amanda Rosemar	Williams, Craig
Gerus, Suzanne B.	Hendricks, Mary C.	Winfrey, Deborah L.

Baker, Catherine M.	Hilu, Enmar Mark	Roddy, Robert Joseph
Beisecker, Elise K.	Huber, Norbert	Rogers, Jennifer
Bellows, Melissa Dawn	Karamaoun, Sandra	Roy-Stewart, Joseph
Beneski, David C.	Kim, Nufayl	Satchwell, Catherine
Bodnar, Elizabeth A.	Kim, Eunice	Satchwell, Margaret
Brame, Gabriel	Kraige, David	Schwartz, Stephanie
Calasanti-Laws, A	Lewis, Charles	Seagle, Caroline
Davis, Jana Linn	Malbon, Bradford	Simmons, Alicia
Dehardo, Travis Ryan	Marcy, Jeremy Edward	Simon, Daniel Jacob
DiSalvo, Michael	Marickovich, N. E.	Skinner, Colin
Dowling, Stuart Eaves	McDaniel, Ryan Kyle	Stranganathan, Schvi
Evanylo, Justin M.	McKee, Amanda	Steger, David Charles
Filip, Meaghan	McMillon, Samara B.	Triplet, Carrie
Foster, Hannah Reed	Moses, Elizabeth E.	Tyson, Anna Frances
French, Amy Elise	Muscacello, Angela	Walters, Rebecca Joy
Gabrysch, Katherine T.	Muscacello, Rebecca	White, Braden
Gerus, Mark	Neely, Leslie Ann	White, Sarah Emily
Geyer, Scott M.	O'Reilly, C. Sean	White, Sean Jason
Girma, Deborah	Parks, Ashley	Williams, James P.
Goldsmith, Joshua C.	Price, Jared Marcus	Williams, S. Nicole
Coree, Walter Thomas	Pruitt, Kara Leanne	Wood, Mary
Ha, Daniel MinHoo	Reisinger, William	Wright, Heather M.
Harper, Andrew Edwin		
Hatzios, Stavroula		

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David M. McKee, <i>Director, Marching Virginians, Virginia Tech</i>
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Sonny Moser, <i>Supervisor of HVAC and Planning, Montgomery County Public Schools</i>
Lou Ferguson, <i>HERA Engineers/Buildings and Grounds, Montgomery County Public Schools</i>
The National Bank
Eleven West
Music Teachers
Jan Blumenthal
Lola Cruise
Denise Harte
Marya Katz
Janice Litschert
Robin Mills
Samantha Quesenberry

Commemorative Town Council Meeting

- Necia Evans, *Costume Design*,
Virginia Tech School of the Arts
- Marty Oliver, *Hair Design*, *Images by B*
- Brenda O'Reilly, *Hair Design*, *Images by B*
- Donna Boone-Caldwell
- William Cox
- Smithfield Docents
- Karen Edmonds
- John Kline
- Carole McCoy
- Dave Nutter
- Frank Rogers
- Buddy Russell
- Janice Sherman
- Ray Smoot

Winterfest

- Vicki Ball
- Tom Brown
- Nicki Cantrell
- Clive Chan
- Scott Demharter
- Tom Deutsch
- Tom Foster
- Alan Glick
- Jessica Horton
- Ken Keane
- John Kline
- Personal Touch Catering
- Ray Smoot
- Amy Street
- Virginia Tech Union
- Jen Wenzke
- Jeremy Worley
- New River Valley
Cheerleaders

Arts Alive!

Visual Artists

Artist	Displaying At	Description
Robert Abraham	Price House	Underwater Caribbean flora and fauna
Nadine Allen	BRAA - Cranwell International Center	Water media with spiritual themes
Pat Bevan	BRAA - Cranwell International Center	Colorful oil monoprints with pastel of still life
Steve Bickley	Perspective Squires Student Center	Sculpture with ecological themes
Leslye Bloom	BRAA - Dean Witter	Computages made by computer and hand
Jan Bos	BRAA - Waste Policy Institute	Representational work in pastel, watercolor, and charcoal
Deanna Boswell	Price House Natural History Museum	Wildlife paintings
Robin Scully Boucher	Town Hall Meeting Room	Small landscape paintings of New River Valley areas
Shearon Campbell	Artists Choice	Wildlife paintings in watercolors
Cathy Certiano	Mish Mish	Portraits in oil (board and canvas)
Jennifer Collins	Blacksburg Community Center	Architectural and still life oil paintings
Alisa Colpitts	Old Town Hall	Colorful paintings, abstract and realistic
David Crane	Perspective Squires Student Center	Utilitarian stoneware, salt-glazed pottery
Poverty Creek Handweaver Guild	Wallace Atrium Wallace Hall Virginia Tech	Handwoven rugs, placemats, clothing and outerwear
Karen Lee Crenshaw	L Arche	Oil landscapes and portraits on linen
Carole Davis	BRAA - See Mark Optical	Vibrant watercolor close-ups of a variety of plants and flowers
Barbara Dersch	Ballo's	Landscape photography
Martha Dillard	BRAA - Creations	New acrylic abstracts from the "Oracle Series," landscapes on canvas, and shaped wood

Volunteers

Elementary School Students	Library	Wildlife paintings
Carol Evans	Price House Natural History Museum	
Karen Francis	First Union Fringe Benefit L. Arche	Custom designed stained glass
Frances Frederick		Acrylics on paper and canvas
Joseph Germana	Perspective Squires Student Center	Paintings that express the interrelationship formed by the artist, medium and audience — a basic form of spiritual practice
Robert Graham	Perspective Squires Student Center	Multiple layers (100+) of oil stick color in multiple hues on gessode paper to create emotionally charged interlocking fields of color
Suzanne Guppy	Raines Real Estate	Expressive oil paintings in rich bold colors
Maryann Harmon	Perspective Squires Student Center	Representational to abstract Landscapes
Susan Hensley	Davis Big & Tall	Watercolors and oils which reflect joy and love of life, compassion for humanity, and respect for nature
Ann Hess	Mainstreet Bazaar	Functional Pottery
Carol Hoge	Blacksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce	Local scenes and landscapes
Madeline Hylton	Town Hall Lobby	Landscapes photography
George Ann Johnson	Price House Natural History Museum	Wildlife portraits in colored pencil
James Jones	Blacksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce	Acrylic paintings which combine surrealism and abstract impressionism
Sandy Jordan	First Union Fringe Benefit	Stained glass and wildlife
Ray Kass	Perspective Squires Student Center	
Kendall Kessler	BRAA - Corporate Research Center Garvin Innovation Center	"Blue Ridge Scenes" is a show of colorful pastels and paintings including Mountain Lake, Rocky Knob, and Peaks of Otter
Kazhia Kolb	Second Seasons	Landscapes paintings

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Volunteers

Edward LeShock	Gillie's	Editorial cartoons
Marie Livermore	BRAA - Waste Policy Institute	Watercolors in brilliant jewel colors
Lyndall Mason	Wallace Atrium	Landscapes paintings with a heart
Darcy Meeker	Perspective Squires Student Center	Luminous stone sculpture with flowing lines that reflect the power of the spirit
Sally Mook	Matrix	Collage and paintings with rich color and humor
Betty Moore	BRAA - First National Bank	Paintings that represent the artist's fascination with the shapes and patterns of flowers
Jean Nelson	BRAA - Waste Policy Institute	Water media paintings: Southern gardens and their visitors
Janet Niewald	Perspective Squires Student Center	Oil paintings, based on representational, direct observation linking humanity to its environment
Myrt Nissen	National Bank of Blacksburg	Watercolor landscapes
The Otter Woman	Arnie Kay's	Native American jewelry and pictographs, small sculptures of women, and small medicine shields
Carole Pappas	Montgomery Regional Hospital	Watercolors and pastels in various subject matters
David Parks	Dorsey & Hartley	Stone sculpture and installations
Joni Pienkowski	Perspective Squires Student Center	Three works with water themes - a BENTHIC watercolour, RIVERSONG on wood, and TIDE POOL ARPEGGIO
Warren Pierce	Price House Natural History Museum	Watercolor landscapes
Frieda Post	Wallace Atrium Wallace Hall Virginia Tech	Pastels, watercolor, and collage with atmosphere and meaning
Maggi Rankin	Price House Natural History Museum	Murals in hand-glazed tile

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Judy Schwab	<i>Wallace Atrium</i> Wallace Hall Virginia Tech	Sculpture in copper
Linda Bostic Smith	<i>First Union</i> <i>Fringe Benefit</i>	African American, Native American, and Appalachian Folk Art
Joanna Sunshine	<i>Montgomery Regional Hospital</i>	Weavings
Martin Taylor	<i>Old Town Hall</i>	Abstract acrylic painting on flat canvas
Ethel-Marie Underhill	<i>Stitch Niche</i>	Originally designed and elegantly hand-knit sweaters and accessories for the very young - infants, toddlers, and children
Ann Van Tassel	<i>Blacksburg High School</i> <i>Images by B</i> <i>Cooper House</i>	Calligrapher and "Wild Woman" artist Fantasy watercolors A colored pencil realist with charm
Jeanette Webb	<i>Armory</i>	Bright textural paintings and sculpture with whimsy and power, dealing with everything from death to wind
Jennifer Phillips	<i>Images by B</i>	Fabric painting
Webster	<i>First Union</i>	Stained glass, coiled pottery, and combined mediums
Pat West	<i>Fringe Benefit</i>	


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- Blue River Writers
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- Anne Cheney
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Performing Artists

- Contemporary Dance Ensemble
- G.R.E.S. Sambatech
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Woman in the Audience #1 /

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Tonya Bowyer

Mike Ogliaruso

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Dave Colatosti

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Shenna Reedy

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Cornstalk
Pierre LeValle
William Black
Settlers and Indians
Stage Manager

Kathleen Harshberger
Paul Barnett
Richard Bass
Bobby Collins
Matt Ridley or Len Trent
Monia Elkins or Len Trent
The 1998 Cast of *The Long Way Home*
Kathleen Apelt

The Long Way Home to Blacksburg was written and directed by Kathleen Harshberger, 1998 director of *The Long Way Home* Outdoor Drama in Radford, Virginia. Cornstalk's soliloquy was created by Bobby Collins.

Special thanks to Hugh Campbell, Jamie Paxton, and Alice Payne of Smithfield Plantation; Bonnie Svrcek of the Town of Blacksburg; and Lewis Barnett and Mike Ogliaruso of the Blacksburg Bicentennial Steering Committee.

The play opens in 1783, 28 years after the Draper's Meadow Massacre. Mary Draper Ingles is visiting William Preston in the declining months of his life. William owned Smithfield Plantation and had built the beautiful house in 1773. Mary was to live for another 33 years, dying in 1815.

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The Promise

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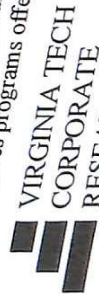
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As the Bicentennial Coordinator, Bonnie Svrcek worked closely with the Bicentennial Steering Committee and with every Bicentennial committee. She coordinated the efforts of all of these volunteer groups, made numerous presentations to various organizations about the Bicentennial, and provided invaluable support. All of those who have worked with Bonnie know how integral she was to the success of Blacksburg's Bicentennial celebrations.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 13
Commemorative Town Meeting
- February 28
Commemorative Postmark
- March
Winterfest Birthday Cake
- April
Cemetery Clean-up
- April 18
Arts Alive!
- April 19
Arts Alive! Showcase
- April 19
Guided Walking Tours
- May 15
Guided Walking Tours
- May 16 - 17
A Musical Salute by Blacksburg School Children
- May 22 - 24
Our Town
- May 29 - 31
Our Town
- June 5 - 7
Smithfield Plantation Days
- June 6
A Long Way Home to Blacksburg
- July 3 - 5
Breakfast at the Farmers' Market
- August 4
Grand Bicentennial Celebration
- August 4
Guided Walking Tours
- August 7 - 8
Commemorative Postmark
- August 7 - 8
Historical Marker Unveiling (tentative)
- August 13 - 16
Steppin' Out
- August 13 - 16
Guided Walking Tours
- August 18 - 23
The Sound of Music
- September 19 - 20
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- September 20
Bicentennial Flower and Garden Show
- September 20
Guided Walking Tours
- September 20
Dedication of the Time Capsule
- September 25 - 27
Blacksburg: 200 Years and Beyond
- September 27
Historical Marker Unveiling
- September 27
Original play *The Promise*
- September 27
Pittsburgh vs. Virginia Tech, featuring the Bicentennial during the half-time show

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We pride ourselves on how important community members are. Visit the Farmers' Market for homegrown plants and vegetables or find a variety of local art in many of the shops around town. Need a rest? Have a seat and relax on one of the benches scattered throughout town. We have so much to offer that you will have to experience it to believe it.

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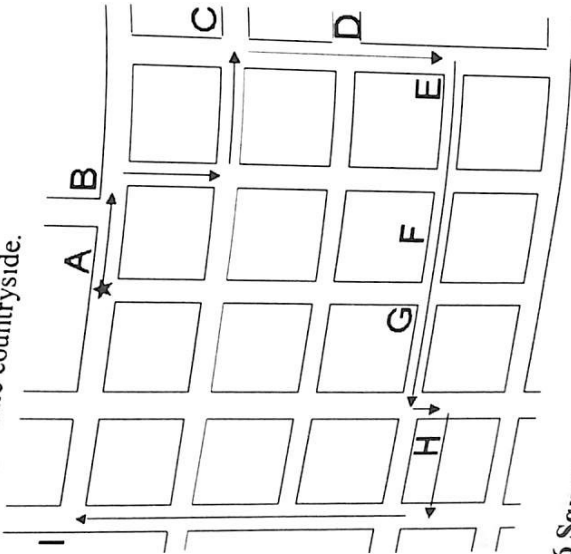
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Like many other towns, Blacksburg developed because it was situated along one of the east-west routes through the Valley of Virginia and on to Kentucky. Today, Blacksburg is Virginia's largest town, covering an area of over 18 square miles of rolling scenic countryside.



- A. 16 Squares & T-Intersections**
The Bicentennial logo was designed to represent the original 16-square grid of the 38-acre town. The 16 squares are bordered by Jackson, Wharton, Clay, and Draper streets.
- B. Mid-1800's Life**
(View from fire and rescue station parking lot looking toward Jackson and Penn streets.) In the 1830s the population in Blacksburg was 150 with only 34 dwellings. Imagine narrow dirt roads, houses near the streets, residents tending gardens, smells from the smoke houses, and sounds of chickens and horse carts.

C. Town within a Town

The Croy families owned several blocks between Jackson and Lee streets. Only two of the original Croy houses still stand.

D. Topography

Compared to the surrounding region, Blacksburg lies low in the headwaters of Stroubles Creek and is surrounded by small mountains.

E. Spout Spring House

With the exception of the Smithfield Plantation and Solitude, on the Virginia Tech Campus, this house built by Saddlemaker John Spickard is one of the oldest remaining houses in the town.

F. Springs

Spout Spring, Town Spring, and the Keister-Evans Spring were natural water sources for the town. Spout Spring provided the first source of water to some town buildings.

G. Churches

Religion was an important part of everyday life in the town. Church Street, originally planned as the town's main thoroughfare, is lined with churches from Methodist, to Lee Street. The first congregation was Methodists, which formed in 1798. By the 1800s the Presbyterians, Baptists, and Episcopalians were established.

H. Main Street - Heart of Town

The current Main Street was originally called "Toms Creek Street." Until the mid-1950s the downtown area was filled with grocery stores, general stores, inns, clothing shops, banks, taverns, and residences.

I. Education

In the early 1800s, children of smaller landowners usually were home-schooled by their parents. The Blacksburg Female Academy and the Olin and Preston Institute were established in 1840 and 1851, respectively. The Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College, established in 1872, experienced many name changes before adopting its current name, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, in 1970.

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The Promotions Committee developed this Bicentennial slide show and script on the town's history and Bicentennial Schedule of Events to present to civic clubs and schools. The slide show features the following elements:

- The Early History of Blacksburg
- Blacksburg and the Civil War and World Wars
- Demography: Past and Present
- Government
- Education
- Religion
- Clubs and Organizations
- The Blacksburg Electronic Village

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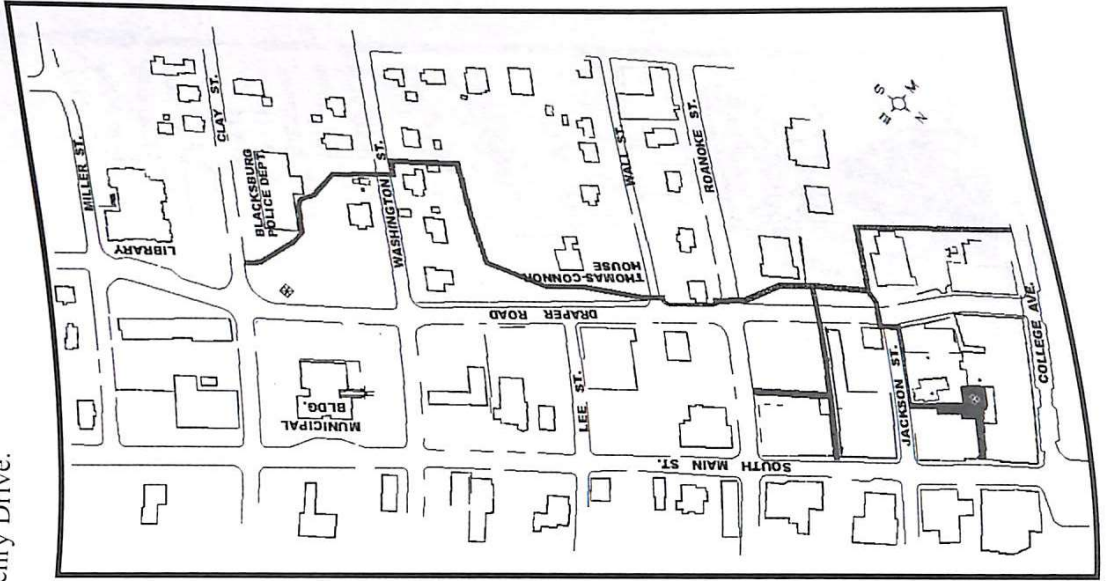
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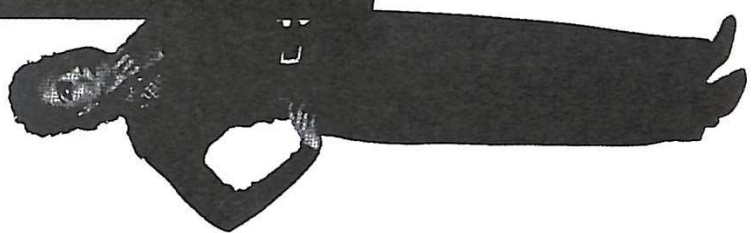
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In celebration of the Town of Blacksburg's Bicentennial, a time capsule containing items reminiscent of the town in 1998 are enclosed within a bench. Citizens of the town in 2048 are directed to open the capsule in celebration of the town's 250th birthday.

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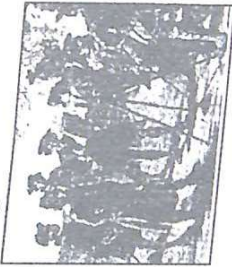


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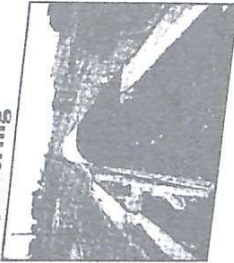
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Downtown ■ exhibits small-town character and charm ■ walkways line and crisscross area, with benches, street trees, and historical markers ■ scale is pedestrian and is pleasant for shopping, meeting friends, strolling, sightseeing ■ adjacent are specialty shops, inns, cafes, offices in former houses ■ adjacent residential area undergoing transition in use ■ maintains small-town character and charm ■ walkways line and crisscross area, with benches, street trees, and historical markers ■ adjacent are specialty shops, inns, cafes, offices in former houses

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Adapted from *Portrait of Blacksburg Today: In the Year 1996* and *Portrait of Blacksburg Tomorrow: In the Year 2046*

REFLECTIONS

Almost three years have passed since Town Council appointed the Bicentennial Steering Committee. We have come so far since the Steering Committee spent about a year and a half brainstorming ideas on how best to celebrate the town's Bicentennial. As I reflect on the past few years, I think of three particular goals of the Steering Committee. With the help of the Bicentennial as inclusive as possible. From the Baby countless volunteers, this has been accomplished. In the parade Brigade in the Grand Bicentennial Celebration to the honoring of our most senior residents as Distinguished Marshals in schools and the participation of children in Blacksburg schools for everyone Virginia Tech students, there has been an opportunity for everyone to be involved.

The second goal of the committee was to focus only on those events that we knew we could do well. While not having a precedent to look to for guidance on "how were things done that last time," the committee decided on a year-long celebration that encompassed every aspect of the community. And the ideas kept coming as the subcommittees brainstormed on their own programs and projects. The efforts of each of the subcommittees has been truly amazing. Post-event reviews have indicated that, to date, all has gone well.

The third goal of the Steering Committee was to have fun! Each committee has provided me with opportunities to have fun and mostly to laugh through many of the "wrinkles" that have cropped up during each event! Words cannot possibly describe what my heart feels for each of you who have made Blacksburg even more of a "special place" for me!

On a final note, my heartfelt thanks to my colleagues, town employees, who have provided both logistical and moral support during the past few years. Without you, our celebration would not have been the success that it has been.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

With fond memories,

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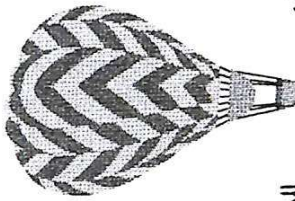
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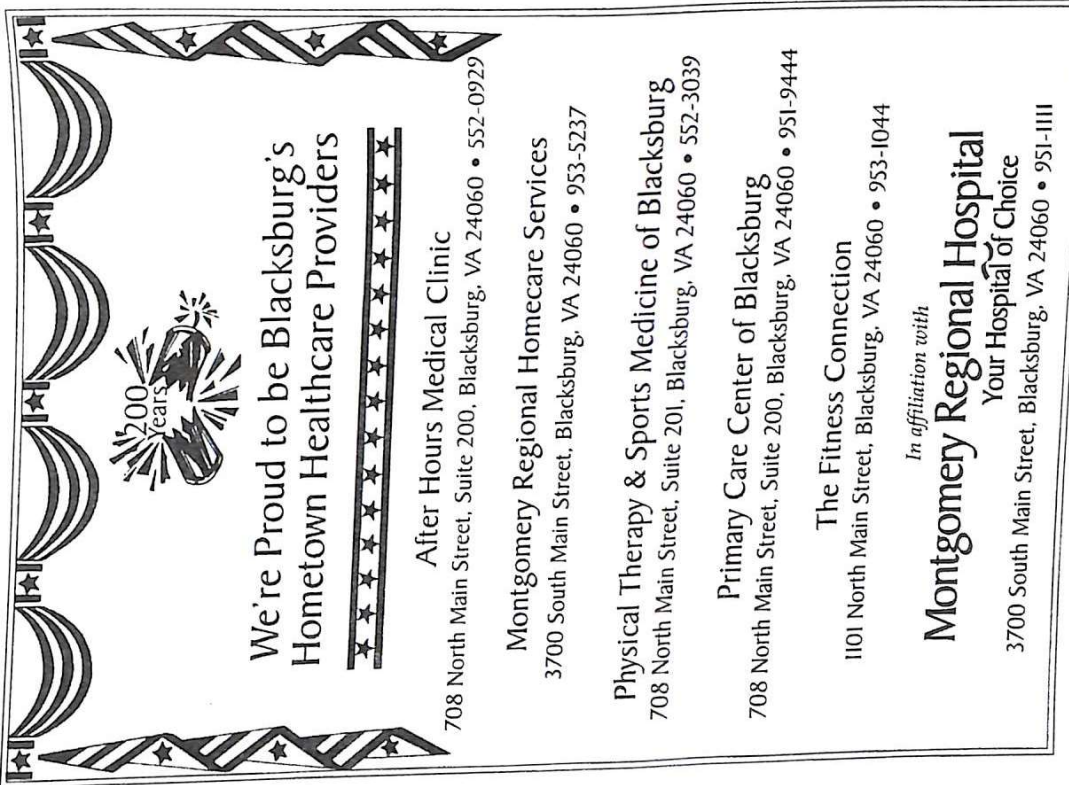
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