New Website Location

The website for the band has been updated and moved to a new location on the bev.net website: arts.bev.net/blacksburgcommunityband/ The website has been reorganized so check it out! In particular, look at the Member Info section for information about upcoming rehearsals, archives of past newsletters, and band policies. Also check out the Schedule area where the most updated version of the upcoming scheduled concerts will be kept. There is also a Band Photos section. Start looking for photos of the band from past years that you may have around your house that could be scanned and added to the website.

Meet the Band

Meet J.B. Jones. No, that isn’t a parachute he is wearing – it’s for his tenor saxophone. He has been playing the tenor sax in the band since September of 1999. He has 2 children and a cocker spaniel. He also has 2 grandchildren. He is retired from the VPI Mechanical Engineering Department and enjoys reading, sailing and tennis.

Meet Alan McDaniel. He plays the snare drum and other percussive instruments back in the percussion section. He began playing with the band in March of 2000. He has 2 senior children – one is a senior at Blacksburg High School and one is a senior at Virginia Tech. He also has a dog and a cat. He currently teaches floral design in the Horticulture department at VT. Woodworking and landscaping are his other passions when he can find the time! And as if that wasn’t enough, he also volunteers as the national superintendent for a horticulture career competition conducted by the National FFA organization.

Announcements

The Spring Concert will be here soon (Saturday, April 21st at 7:30) so we need to start thinking about publicizing the event to our family and friends in the area. Watch for copies of an announcement poster to be distributed during band. Please take some posters and help us spread the news by posting them in public places such as where you work or shop.
Upcoming Events

Much Ado About Nothing will be performed Wednesday through Sunday April 4 – 8. This performance of William Shakespeare’s battle of wits between bickering lovers is cheerfully antic. Mill Mountain Theatre, Tickets $16-$30, 341-5740, www.millmountain.org.

The Grapes of Wrath will be performed at the Barter Theatre through May 19 on Thursday through Saturday. This is the story of the Joad family traveling from the dust bowl of Oklahoma in search of a home and honest work in the fertile valleys of California. Tickets are $16 - $26. Call for show times: 628-3991. www.bartertheatre.com

Crazy for You, produced by Mainstage Management, Paris, VA, will be performed on Tuesday April 17 at 7:30pm in Burruss Hall Auditorium. This play was the winner of nine Tony Awards in 1992 including Best Musical. It is a 1930’s style musical comedy (boy-meets girl, boy-loses-girl, boy-gets-girl) filled with a great collection of unforgettable songs from George and Ira Gershwin (“I Got Rhythm” and “They Can’t Take that Away From Me”) as well as dazzling choreography. Crazy for You is a visual treat filled with great songs, phenomenal dancing, and sparkling showmanship. (Tickets: 231-5615 www.uusa.vt.edu)

Arms and the Man by George Bernard Shaw will be performed on April 19-21 and April 24-28 at 8pm at Squires Studio Theatre. It will also be performed on Sunday April 22 at 2pm. This hilarious parody of romantic attitudes about love and war has long been one of George Bernard Shaw’s most popular comedies. It was the first Shaw play to be performed in the U.S. (in 1894), where it was a huge success, as were many revivals of it in the more than 100 years that followed. In fact, America recognized Shaw’s comic genius in the theatre before his adoptive country, England, and his native country, Ireland did. (Tickets: $8, 231-5615 or www.sota.vt.edu)

SCHEDULE
During the spring, the band meets from 7:30-9:30 in the Blacksburg High School Band Hall. Sometimes particular instruments will meet from 7:00-7:30. The band is currently practicing for the spring concert.

Upcoming Concerts:
Spring Concert, April 21, 7:30
Mountain Lake Wine Tasting, May 20
XYZ, Blacksburg Methodist, May 24, 7:00
Roanoke Festival in the Park, June 2

Peninsula Community Band, Yorktown, July 1
Fourth of July - Radford, July 3
Fourth of July - Blacksburg, July 4
Oak Grove Pavilion - Floyd, July 7

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