

# GNI Employee Newsletter



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July-August 2018

## Dates to Remember

- 8/18 Touch a Truck Event at NRV Mall 10am-3pm
- 9/3 Labor Day - GNI Closed
- 9/6 Free Choice Book Club Discussion 12pm

## GNI Anniversaries

8/1	Matt Tomlinson	11 Years
8/12	Tim Guthrie	5 Years
8/19	Shawn Caldwell	5 Years
9/3	Mark Lester	5 Years

**Happy Birthday!**

8/24 Matt Tomlinson



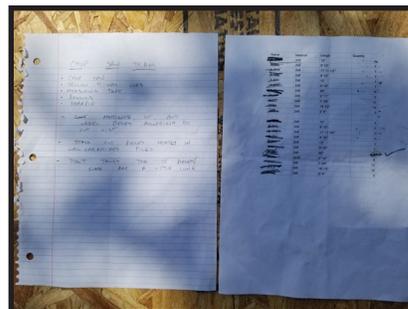
## Habitat for Humanity Women's Build

*submitted by Stephanie Bell*



On Saturday, July 14th I had the privilege of volunteering with the New River Valley Habitat for Humanity's first Women's Build. They are building a two-story duplex with a basement on Johnston Street here in Christiansburg. They have already sold both sides to families who each have to volunteer 200 hours on their house. The survey department provided surveying services (Job No. 2679) for the site back in 2016. Thirty seven women came out and volunteered on that hot Saturday. We were broken up into teams for various projects. My team consisted of my friend, Heather Conner and Tammy Heft (wife of Mike Neeble who works for SHAH Development). We were the chop saw team. We headed up to the second story and owned that chop saw. We were given a two page list of various sizes of boards that needed to be measured, cut, and labeled for the walls. We were told that we didn't have to complete the entire list. I was determined that we would complete that list and we did. We cut a total of 157 various lengths of 2x6's, 2x4's, and 2x10' pieces of wood. That was my first time ever using a chop saw and I was a bit nervous to start with, but got more comfortable as the day went on. All in all, I had a great experience and the two lead guys were impressed

with what all 37 of us accomplished that day. There is still a lot of work to be done on the duplex. If you are interested in volunteering check out <http://www.habitatnrval.org/>. I'm looking forward to the next Women's Build day.



# 2018 GNI Cookout



Thank you to our grillmasters Craig & Jesse for helping cook the burgers and chicken.



Thank you to Stephanie & Kate for putting together a delicious spread for lunch!



This year's dessert competition was close, but Kevin walked away with the spatula and the gift card. His winning dessert's recipe is featured below!



### Winning Dessert!

#### Old Fashioned Apple Crisp

##### Ingredients:

- 6 medium (6 cups) tart cooking apples, peeled, cored, sliced
- ¾ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- ¾ cup uncooked old-fashioned oats
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ cup cold butter

##### Directions:

Heat oven to 375°F.

Place apples into ungreased 8-inch square baking dish.

Combine brown sugar, oats, flour and cinnamon in bowl; cut in butter with pastry blender or fork until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle sugar mixture over apples. Bake 25-35 minutes or until apples are tender and topping is golden brown.

### How far can you spit a watermelon seed?



Our farthest spitter was Shawn with a distance of 23.58"! He was the lucky winner of a gift card!



Kevin getting an accurate measurement.

## Pictures of the Month



Congrats to our latest Dare to Care trash pickup winner Steven! He had the heaviest bag weighing in at 17.8 lbs! Thanks to everyone who helps us keep Radford Street looking clean!



Our most recent job shadowing student, Trevor Ierardi, worked with all three engineering teams this month to gain a better understanding of our profession. We hope he had a great time and learned a lot! Pictured below is Josh Maurer, Matt Tomlinson, and Trevor visiting the recently completed CHS turf field.



Our garden is in full bloom! The sunflowers are looking beautiful. We also have a veggie garden that is doing very well this year.

## Flagging Email Messages for Follow Up

### Flag email messages that you receive for follow up

You can flag a message that you receive to remind yourself to follow up or take action later. To flag a received message, do one of the following:

- In the message list, click the flag column next to the message.  
Unless you have changed the default flag, the flag uses today's date for the Start date and Due date.
- In the message list, right-click the flag column next to the message. Select the due date for the task.

For example, if you click Next Week, a Start date of next Monday and a Due date of the following Friday is set. Click Custom to use a Start date and a Due date that don't appear in the list.

After you click OK, the flag text appears in the InfoBar.

Flagged messages appear in the To-Do Bar, in Tasks, and in the Calendar Daily Task List.