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courtesy of Virginia Tech | Virginia Tech's Theatre 101 building.

Tech project earns LEED certification

Virginia Tech has received its first LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for its Theatre 101 and Henderson Hall renovation project.

The certification encourages the development of more sustainable green buildings. The project was recognized for factors including its energy use, lighting, water and material use.

The Theatre 101 building houses the Department of Theatre Arts and Cinema. Henderson Hall, built in 1876, houses part of the Department of Art and Art History and the School of Visual Arts as well as faculty from the Department of Music.

University President Charles Steger will unveil two LEED Gold certification plaques Thursday, on Earth Day.

CHP gets tax credits to fund apartment renovations

Community Housing Partners has received more than \$3 million in low-income housing tax credit awards to fund renovations for the Old Farm Village Apartments in Christiansburg. An additional \$800,000 of CHP's own money will also go toward the project.

The 84-unit development was built in 1978 and rents to low-income households. CHP bought the complex in 2009 and intends to preserve the apartments as affordable. Renovations began in January to install energy-efficient lighting and appliances, windows, bathroom fixtures, cabinets, flooring and roofing among other things. The renovations, which are intended to make the apartments more efficient with lower utility costs and reduced maintenance fees, are scheduled to be completed in May 2011.

Blue Ridge Home Improvement wins national recognition

Blue Ridge Home Improvement of Blacksburg has been named the April 2010 Remodeler of the Month by the National Association of Home Builders.

BRHI was started more than 30 years ago by Timothy Lawrence as a small home repair and maintenance contractor.

The Remodeler of the Month award program recognizes remodelers who stand out because of recent quality work, customer service, community involvement and dedication to the industry.

Rush holds groundbreaking for Lynchburg development

Rush Homes in Lynchburg held a groundbreaking ceremony on March 31 for Victoria Ridge, a new apartment complex for people with disabilities and low incomes.