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Nearly 500 affected by first round of PSA utility disconnections

Staff Reports

The Henry County Public Service Authority (PSA) had approximately 500 on its most recent utility disconnection list for the month of May.

Finance Director Darrell Jones said at the PSA board's June 21 meeting that the list of 450-500 names was about three times larger than normal.

May was the first month that the PSA resumed cut-offs for non-payment of bills since the pandemic began.

"The interesting thing about that is we had numerous customers that as soon as it was brought to their attention, they were over here paying their bill," said Dale Wagoner, assistant general manager for the PSA. "Most of them wanted same-day service, so money didn't seem to be an issue."

Jones said there is a \$50 surcharge associated with having utilities turned back on the same day that they were shut off.

"The concern is that during this time frame, which was probably going back over a year, there were probably some transient people that came and left that didn't pay, and we may or may not ever see again," Jones said.

Board Member Mike Harris, of the Reed Creek District, noted that the PSA customers previously had access to appropriated funds through the local Department of Social Services to help with payment during the pandemic.

"We had money set aside for people to take advantage of, and nobody did," Harris said. "I don't know what else you can do. I thought we were more than generous."

In other matters, the board:

*Said farewell to Mike Amos, special projects coordinator for the PSA and director of the county's refuse department. Amos is retiring effective June 30 with 40 years of service to the county.

Amos "began his career with the Public Service Authority on May 5, 1981," Wagoner said. "Mike Amos has been described as the Swiss Army knife of the Public Service Authority. No matter the task, he never said no when asked to do it, and many times he was already out in front of things. It'll be very hard to replace Mike."

Amos was presented a plaque to memorialize the occasion by Gerry Lawicki, chairman of the PSA board.

"We are going to miss you like crazy, but it's well deserved," Lawicki said.

"The PSA has been good to me over the years and I hope that I've been able to give that back to them," Amos said. "There is a time when you know that it is time to move on, and it was my time."

"The guy that is going to be replacing me, Adam Roop, he will do a good job. He's probably good for at least 20 years," Amos said jokingly.

*Heard an update from

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County joins forces with N.C. to pursue funds for new 220 interchange

Staff Reports

The Henry County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution on June 22 supporting the county's efforts in pursuing a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for road improvements leading into the Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre (CCBC).

The Rockingham County Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution to be a co-applicant for the federal grant at its June 21 meeting.

"Everybody knows the success of Commonwealth Crossing. What comes after that is how do we get people in and out of Commonwealth Crossing," County Administrator Tim Hall said. "As Crown expands, as PressGlass expands, as the other sites are developed and expand, we need more significant and more robust infrastructure."



The Henry County Board of Supervisors returned to its normal seating arrangement with the local declaration of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic set to expire June 30.

David Gutermuth, a project consultant with the Timmons Group, attended the June 22 meeting to give an overview of the RAISE grant.

He said the total grant allocates \$1 billion each year for projects across the country with the funds being split 50/50 between urban and rural lo-

calities.

"The primary purpose is surface transportation, whether it be rail, freight, port projects or significant roadway improvements to enhance regional or local economic prosper-

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Housing project planned on Fayette Street

Brandon Martin Staff writer

Another housing project is in the works for the City of Martinsville.

The Martinsville Housing Authority has authorized the execution of a redevelopment agreement for the building where the Henricopolis School of Medicine was originally planned.

Historic Preservation Developers John Garland and Jim Cherney intend to convert the property at 62 Fayette Street into a mixed-use lot, with 26 apartments and 11 commercial spaces.

Garland said the first 25-feet of the building would be smaller commercial spaces for small businesses.

"It gives the most opportunity for small businesses because it keeps the rent lower," Garland said. "We also build out the space, so they don't have to get a loan to build out the space. It'll be ready for them when they come in."

There will also be apartments at the rear of the building and on two floors, according to Garland.

The redevelopment will also feature several "maker spaces," which Garland



Historic Preservation Developer John Garland gives a presentation to the Martinsville Housing Authority on redevelopment plans for a property at 62 Fayette Street.

said will be rented out for about \$395 a month.

"It provides a space for someone that has a hobby, someone that has a small business or someone that just wants to do something that they can't easily do out of their home. They can rent a maker space," Garland said. "We've been successful in renting out those kinds of spaces in Roanoke. It takes a space that is normally pretty dead and inactive and makes it active

and brings people into the building doing a number of different things."

Garland said the apartments would have a rent range of \$695-850 a month.

"We feel like they are affordable," Garland said. "That's one of the beauties of these loft apartments. They have a feel of being big because you've got really high ceilings, but they are

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Talley's contract extended through 2023



The Martinsville City Public School Board on June 14 voted unanimously to extend the contract of Division Superintendent Dr. Zebedee Talley Jr.

The new agreement extends Talley's employment with the division through June 30, 2023.

Talley began his work as superintendent in 2016. His current contract was set to expire in 2022. The new contract contains terms similar to Dr. Talley's current contract. It includes an annual salary of \$145,000, with an annual increase of 1 percent or the

average instructional increase for the length of the contract.

The new contract followed an evaluation process completed by the school board.

Talley has served in many capacities within Martinsville City Public Schools before he was named superintendent. He joined MCPS in 1978 as a history teacher, teaching at Martinsville High School for 15 years. In addition, he coached and founded the Martinsville High School Gospel Choir. He later served as

assistant principal at Martinsville High School, assistant and co-principal at Martinsville Middle School and principal at Patrick Henry Elementary School. Talley has 43 years of educational experience with the Martinsville City Public Schools.

"The Martinsville City School Board recognizes the dedication of the Superintendent, Dr. Zebedee Talley, Jr. Dr. Talley has kept the schools flowing through the pandemic, ensuring that all our students and teachers were equipped with tools necessary to succeed academically and have the best possible learning experience," said School Board Chair Donna Dillard. "In assurance of his ongoing service in the unique, key leadership role as Division Superintendent at a time when stability of outstanding leadership is particularly important and valuable to the Division," the board recognizes Dr. Talley for his continued service and dedication to Martinsville City Public Schools.

"I am honored to work with our students in the Martinsville City Public Schools," Talley said. "I look forward to continuing academic success and growth." I thank the school board for their confidence and the opportunity to serve Martinsville City Public Schools.

Auker seeks third term on school board



Thomas Auker is seeking re-election to the Blackberry District seat on the Henry County School Board.

Taylor Boyd Staff writer

Thomas Auker is seeking his third term on the Henry County School Board.

Auker, who is the incumbent in the Blackberry District, is unopposed in the November election.

He said he is seeking re-election to use the knowledge he has accumulated throughout his tenure "to support the

students, for the health of the teachers, and to give them opportunities to seek higher goals."

A previous teacher with 20 years' experience in teaching in the Henry County school division, Auker said his education and the opportunities he's had to interact with the community allow him to be a helpful resource.

He also wants to be involved in the reversion process as it relates to the county and the Martins-

ville City school divisions, and help students acclimate to the future changes.

Auker believes students should be the primary focus of the school board and should be provided more "opportunities to work with technology" to better their futures. He said the board also should "involve students in decision-making and work with the teachers to give them the tools they need to educate the students."

Auker believes the school system should continue as it is currently, while building upon existing programs and projects.

"To make test scores better and continue the high graduation rates,

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OPINION

My impression of every recipe website

Hello and welcome to recipesforyou.com! Curious how long it takes to boil crab legs? That's a great question!

Crab legs are so easy to make at home. There's no reason for you to go out to a restaurant and spend double what you would pay if you just buy them at the store and make them yourself! Most grocery stores carry crab legs, and they're usually pre-cooked and flash-frozen; all you have to do is boil (or steam!) them to make them absolutely perfect.

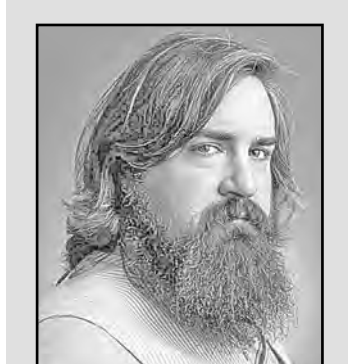
If you want to know how long to boil crab legs, keep reading!

First things first, are you buying Alaskan snow crab legs or king crab legs? Snow crab legs are the most popular, while king crab legs come from the larger red king crab and are covered in tiny spikes! Here's a crazy fact: king crabs are believed to be derived from hermit crab-like

ancestors in the family Paguridae! They're considered a prime example of carcinisation, which is a form of convergent evolution in which crustaceans continually evolve into very similar crab-like forms. In fact, some of the creatures we consider crabs aren't really crabs at all — porcelain crabs, for example, are more closely related to squat lobsters! Pretty wild, huh?

Whatever they are, you're probably wondering how long you should cook them. Read on!

Neptune, God of the Seas, brother to Jupiter and Pluto and husband to Salacia. So many of our favorite quick-and-easy recipes pertain to his watery kingdom. From the humble fish stick, to the sweet lobster, to the forbidden manatee burger, there's always something in the ocean that can sate your hunger. Today, of course, we're talking about crab legs, and specifically how long they should be boiled!



By Ben R. Williams

We'll assume you're going to boil some snow crab legs since those are the most popular. Did you know that there are seven different species of snow crab in the genus Chionoecetes? These are, in alphabetical order, C. angulatus, C. bairdi, C. elongatus, C. japonicus, C. opilio, C. pacificus, and C. tanneri. The species we generally eat are C. bairdi and C. opilio, and it's

very difficult to tell them apart! Fortunately, no matter which species you have, you'll boil it for the same amount of time!

So how long do you boil crab legs? Read on to find out!

My grandfather was a deeply paranoid man. After returning home from the Korean War, he became convinced that shadowy figures were bombarding him with radio waves that were conducted into his body via tiny pieces of shrapnel. Perhaps that's why he always sang Debbie Reynolds' "Tammy" at a low volume as he stalked through his darkened house rubbing magnets all over his body. There was only one thing that would ever bring peace to his racing, tortured mind: a big, steaming plate of delicious crab legs, served with plenty of drawn butter!

But how long, O Lord, should you boil crab legs? Keep reading!

Boiling is the rapid vaporization of a liquid that occurs when a liquid is heated to its boiling point, which is the temperature at which the vapor pressure of the liquid is equal to the pressure exerted on the liquid by the surrounding atmosphere. Water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit (100 Celsius), but not everything boils at such a low temperature! For example, liquid nitrogen boils at -320.5 degrees Fahrenheit, on the other hand, boils at 5,342 degrees, while mercury, which is liquid at room temperature, boils at a comparatively low 674.1 degrees! Just don't boil your crab legs in mercury! You'll die horribly!

So how long should you boil crab legs? Do you really want to know? Are you ready? Are you sure?

About five minutes oughta do it.

Don't forget to join our mailing list!

In Memory of Barbara Stafford, Public Servant

Morgan Griffith
9th District U.S. Rep.

A public servant can be defined in a variety of ways. The label might apply to a person holding a certain job, such as elected office or a governmental post, or it could be used for somebody without a specific title or portfolio but who constantly strives to do good for her community.

However you define it, Barbara Stafford was a true public servant. She passed away on June 16, but she lived a life of service to Virginia.

Since 2011, Barbara worked as a constituent services representative in my Christiansburg office. In that role, she helped residents of the Ninth District resolve problems and complaints they had with Federal agencies.

These agencies often operate in an arcane, inscrutable fashion, but the consequences of their work can have a significant impact in the lives of average citizens. Finding paperwork misplaced by an agency may lead to the approval of benefits a person depends on, for example.

Fixing these issues can be a drawn-out and frustrating task, but Barbara pursued these cases on behalf of Ninth District constituents with the servant's heart that characterized her life. In fact, after she had fought and won a battle with cancer, she wanted to come back into the office when it reopened during the COVID-19 pandemic. She was still working on June 1, when I had discussions with her at our Christiansburg office. Unfortunately, she

was hospitalized shortly thereafter.

Her efforts in my office for the people of Southwest Virginia constituted only one chapter of a life spent in public service.

Barbara came from a family with a legacy of activity in Giles County public life. Her late father, Howard Morris, served as chairman of the Giles County Board of Supervisors and also served on many boards and commissions.

Her late husband, Jeff Stafford, was elected to ten terms in the Virginia House of Delegates. After his untimely death in 1990, Barbara was elected to serve the remainder of his term. Now a single mother to Christopher, Elizabeth, and Mary, she did that job and later served Pearisburg on the Town Council and as

Mayor. Pearisburg's current Mayor, Robert Dickerson, had the following to say:

It is with high honor and privilege that I express a few words about Barbara Stafford. We were fellow classmates graduating from Giles High School. I had the privilege of serving with Barbara while she was Mayor of the Town of Pearisburg, Virginia. She was influential in my decision to run for Council and Mayor. Barbara loved the Town of Pearisburg, working tirelessly to improve it.

Even in her illness, she exemplified strength, courage, and perseverance. She was a woman of faith and integrity, which I witnessed through my interactions with her. She will be truly missed by her loved ones, friends, and neighbors, and the people

she came in contact with daily. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during their time of bereavement.

Additionally, she held the role of executive director of the Giles County Chamber of Commerce. She belonged to the Daughters of the American Revolution and the American League Auxiliary. Barbara taught Sunday school and led a Girl Scout Troop.

Barbara was one of a kind, but she also represented something familiar to anyone who has experienced small town life. It often depends on the women and men who take on multiple roles, work with various organizations and causes, and act continuously to bring people together for the purposes which constitute our civic life. They take up these

tasks without expecting much in return beside knowing they helped create a community fit for raising one's children and enjoying one's life.

We could not do without them. For many in the Ninth District, and especially in the New River Valley, Barbara Stafford was just such a lady.

She adored her three children Christopher, Elizabeth, and Mary, who survive her as well as her beloved sisters Rhonda, Linda, and Heather. Barbara Stafford will be sorely missed by the community that she loved and the community that loved her.

For questions, concerns, or comments, call my Abingdon office at (276) 525-1405, my Christiansburg office at (540) 381-5671, or email at www.morgangriffith.house.gov.

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Jimmy Dong, Savannah Draper, Ethan Dukes, Alyssa Durham, Jayden Estes, Anaira Evans, Nevaeh Faw, Brandon Fitzpatrick, Christian Foster, Faith Fuller, Christopher Funes, Monica Garcia, Jonathan Garcia Alvarez, Aja Garnes, Matthew Griffin, Kaie Hagwood, Amari Hairston, Angel Hairston, Laylah Hairston, McKenzie Hairston, TaMier Hairston, Trinity Hairston, Ethan Hall, Alexis Hird, Aaliyah Hodge, Christian Holland, Madison Holland, Kevin Hughes, Kinsley Humphries, Abiyah Hunt, Austin Hunt, Hayden Hutton, Ethan

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vera-Jimenez, Noah Royster, Donna Ruiz Tiznado, Crystal Santacruz-Sanchez, Gretchen Schaller, Camdyn Shelburne, Mason Smith, Zoe Smithers, Caroline Snyder, Haley Solomon, Armani Stockton, Melia Stockton, JaMari Swanson, Cole Tatum, Amare Thaxton, Samantha Thurman, Ja'nyiah Titus, Sharron Toney, Kyle Trent, Saul Valle Villa, Brayden Via, Oscar Villafuerte, Jackson Wall, Jaylen Waller, Alivia White, Cassie Widener, Deja Wilkerson, Aaliyah Williams, Devyn Williams, Chloe Wilson, Lindsey Wilson.

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Housing

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still small spaces, so it keeps the rent down and affordable. It's mainly catered towards singles and couples."

City Manager Leon Towarnicki said the project fits in with the overarching goals of the city.

"As Uptown comes back, one of the things that people have been interested in is what can we do Uptown to get people moving back Uptown and give people an impetus to create more shops, restaurants and things of that nature," he said.

Garland said this was one of the considerations made when assessing what to do with the property.

"Y'all were smart enough to do a study to determine what was needed for apartments and the study says there is a demand for apartments in Martinsville-Henry County," Garland said.

According to Garland, he intends to include washers and dryers in each apartment unit.

Housing Authority members noted Garland's intent to solicit community input for the development plans.

"You're taking into consideration the street, the history of the street and you're willing to talk to local citizens," said Chad Martin, member of the housing authority. "I really appreciate that."

Garland said he does so because he wants locals to take pride in the proj-



Redevelopment plans are underway to convert the property at 62 Fayette Street into 26 apartments and 11 commercial spaces.

ects that he brings to the community.

To keep business local, Frith Construction has been tapped to help with the redevelopment. Garland, Cherney and Frith Construction also are partnering to redevelop the former John Redd Elementary School and the former Fieldale High School.

Towarnicki said that the city received the building for free, but due to legal requirements, the housing authority couldn't convey the property over to the developers at no cost. Due to those requirements, the developers agreed to purchase the building for \$10.

The housing authority unanimously agreed to authorize staff to execute the redevelopment agreement before re-convening as city council.

In other matters, council members:

*Conducted a public hearing regarding proposed updates to the Transportation Plan and Land Use Plan from the city's Comprehensive Plan. City council will vote on the amendments at its next meeting on July 13.

*Appointed Stephanie Tucker to the Comprehensive Services Act Community Policy and Management Team as the primary private provider representative for a two-year term ending June 30, 2023.

*Appointed Jean Odachowski to the Comprehensive Services Act Community Policy and Management Team as the alternate private provider representative for a two-year term ending June 30, 2023.

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ity,” Gutermuth said. Localities designated as rural will have 100 percent of the project funded with federal dollars, meaning no local match is required on the grant. The specific project proposed for CCBC is a diamond-style interchange on U.S. Route 220 which will be the future I-73 corridor. “That (I-73) is something that has been on the federal government’s docket for a while. They really want to see that vision connect,” Gutermuth said. “That would connect, I believe, all the way up from South Carolina to Michigan as a huge economic corridor to serve the country.” There is already an at-grade intersection near the entry way for the industrial park but in order to get it up to interstate standards, Gutermuth said that adjacent streets such as the

Martinsville Loop will need to be converted to an interchange. On the eastern portion of the road, there is a proposed traffic signal as part of the interchange to assist with operational and safety concerns. In total, the project would amount to approximately \$15 million in roadway improvements. “The primary reason that this project needs to be realized and needs to come through is the significant truck traffic from the increase to all the freight and new businesses that are coming through here is going to put significant demand and it essentially shows that it is failing the projected growth rate for the traffic that is going to be imposed on this area by all of the business growth,” Gutermuth said. Hall said safety is the

number one priority for the project. “At full build out, we will have some congestion there that we need to mitigate,” he said. “We anticipate up to 2,500 employees working in that park at full build out. That’s a lot of folks to get in and out safely.” Hall said that PressGlass currently employs 140 people and out of that number, 45 live in North Carolina. Mark Heath, president and CEO of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corp., said about 52 percent of county residents commute outside of the county daily for work. “There are a lot of folks, almost 2,000 a day going into North Carolina,” Heath said. “We want to give those people a reason to turn into Commonwealth Crossing.” Hall said the project has gained the support of U.S. Sens. Tim Kaine and Mark Warner. “They are helping us gain support from Washington,” Hall said. “They’ve also reached out to their peers in North Carolina. Our two senators are Democrats, and the North Carolina senators are both Republicans. This shows that you can reach across the aisle and get things done. They are all four working towards this project to be successful.” The application for the grant is due July 12. If funding is received, Hall said environmental studies and pre-planning will begin in October. That would put construction starting around 2023-2024. In other matters, the board:


*Approved a resolution honoring Refuse Director Mike Amos who is retiring June 30 after 40 years of service. *Approved a resolution honoring Building Official Cecil Stone who is retiring June 30 after 27 years of service. *Awarded a contract to Wellpath, Inc., of Nashville, for the inmate medical services at the new Adult Detention Center. The contract is a five-year agreement with three one-year extensions available. The agreement will start when the first inmate is moved into the new facility. *Approved an additional appropriation for the Sheriff’s Department in funds received from insurance proceeds in the amount of \$78,000 and awarded two contracts. One contract was with Hall Automotive in Virginia Beach for four 2021 Dodge Chargers total-

ing \$136,839. The second contract was with Sheehy Ford in Richmond for four Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles totaling \$147,886. *Awarded a contract to Prillaman Landscape Dimensions, Inc. for turf mowing, landscaping, and other outdoor maintenance at Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre (CCBC) and at the Patriot Centre at Beaver Creek Industrial Park. The approximate value of the contract is \$103,000 annually and it can be renewed for up to five years. *Appropriated funds of \$88,516 for repairs to the Fieldale Trail damaged from flooding during Hurricane Florence. A grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency is providing 75 percent of the funds and it is matched with 20 percent from the state and five percent from Henry County. *Appropriated \$50,000 of the revenue generated from the sale of timber on the Bryant Property to allow for proper reseeded of the property. *Approved an additional appropriation of \$100,000 from the contingency fund to cover expenditures in the Board of Supervisors operating budget. The expenses are directly related to legal fees associated with reversion and other professional services associated with the conversion of John Redd Smith Elementary School to apartments. *Awarded a contract to Excel Truck Group of \$263,242 for a 2022 Mack front-loading garbage truck. *Approved an additional appropriation of \$600,615 from the general fund to cover costs related to the county’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, but more than expenses allocated to the CARES Act grant

funding. *Approved the 2021-2027 six-year secondary road plan for the Virginia Department of Transportation. *Approved a transfer appropriation of \$26,874 from existing operating funds to facilitate the purchase of tasers from Axon Enterprise for the Sheriff’s Department. *Heard an update from Hall on federal funds received by the county. He said \$8.8 million in CARES Act funds were received and spent, with approximately \$6.3 million going towards Public Safety salaries, \$1.1 million on PPE and building upgrades, and the rest spent on teleworking, housing and food assistance, and small business grants. The county expects to receive \$9.8 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds. Approximately \$4.9 million has already been received and it must be obligated towards projects by Dec. 31, 2024. Examples of allowable expenses are responses to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, and payments to essential workers. The county also may replace lost revenues incurred during and resulting from the pandemic, but it cannot replenish financial reserves. Additional potential expenses include investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. The school system will get its own allocation of approximately \$18 million. *Appointed Crystal Lusk to the Piedmont Regional Community Services Board for a three-year term to expire in 2025. *Renewed a contract for CPEG and Retail Strategies. *Renewed a lease with Mt. Olivet Ruritan Club for the use of its ball field by Henry County Parks and Recreation.

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those would be my goals for the future,” he said. His other goals as a board member include giving teachers raises and improving safety within the schools. “Working through the pandemic has not been an easy road, but we have come out ahead. I think that has been an achievement not only for me, but the whole board,” he

said. Auker is proud of the academic and athletic awards Henry County students have received, particularly throughout the pandemic. He said he is also pleased with the pay scale of school employees and the top-notch administrators of the schools. Auker said he “feels good about continuing

in that direction.” Auker holds a B.S. and a Master of Divinity degree and is a retired teacher. Many members of his family have attended Henry County Schools, including his three children and some of his seven grandchildren. In his spare time, Auker likes to work outside and enjoys gardening.





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