

The Lebanon News

Russell County's Family Newspaper Since 1880

VOL. 104 NO. 28

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026

LEBANON, VIRGINIA | \$2

Several events scheduled to welcome students back to school

By SHAWN STREET
shawn@virginiamediainc.com

Students across Russell County will return to class on August 7 for the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

A number of events are scheduled to welcome students back and to help them prepare for the new year.

The National Night Out will be held on August 4 at the Lebanon Town Park from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

According to information provided by the Russell County Sheriff's Office, "The National Night Out event is a nationwide event, dedicated to uniting communities and first responders in promoting neighborhood safety and strengthening relationships between community members and local law enforcement, fire departments, emergency personnel, and local agencies."

The event, which is free of charge, allows local businesses and agencies to provide essential resources and services before the start of the new school year. All local businesses, churches, and agencies are encouraged to participate by donating or packing backpacks with school

supplies for those in need.

Acts of Grace will provide a complimentary meal consisting of hotdogs, chips, and a drink.

The Town of Lebanon Parks and Recreation Department will also open the pool free of charge for families. By attending, community members can gain insight into local resources and services.

Additionally, free haircuts will be given to students in the Lebanon Community Room from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Lebanon Primary School students will meet their teachers on August 5 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. as part of the Meet the Teacher and Food Truck Block Party. Numerous food trucks will be on hand to welcome students back to school.

Lebanon Elementary School will be providing all basic school supplies to students. Parents will be asked only to provide lunch boxes and backpacks.

Second grade orientation at LES will be July 30 from 9 a.m. until noon. Third graders may meet their teachers on July 30 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Fourth grade students may meet their teachers on July 31 from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

According to a statement from Lebanon Middle School,

the only supplies parents will need for fifth graders will be lunch boxes and backpacks.

"School supplies for the entire fifth grade class will be provided thanks to some generous donors in the community," the statement read. "Backpacks and lunchboxes are the only things left to get."

Sixth and seventh graders at Lebanon Middle School will get their schedules on July 30. Sixth graders may do so at 10 a.m., with seventh graders at 1 p.m. Fifth grade orientation will be July 31 at 10 a.m.

No change needed.

OBITUARIES

Shirley Ann Grunert

SHIRLEY ANN GRUNERT, formerly of Lebanon, passed away peacefully at her home in Atmore, AL on July 1st following a nine year battle with retroperitoneal sarcoma.

She was predeceased by her parents, Sephers and Novella Jackson, her brother, Billy Jackson, and her son, Boyd Johnson. She is survived by her husband, Horst-Werner Grunert, her children: Angela Colley(Keith), Karen McRae(Mark), Teri Peterson (Mike), Kacie Campbell(Rodney), Eric Grunert(Mary) and Heidi Grunert, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday, July 9th, at First Baptist Church, Atmore, AL with interment at Barrancas National Cemetery, Naval Air Station,

Pensacola, FL.

Shirley was a member of Cedar Creek Baptist Church while living in Lebanon and greatly enjoyed their fellowship and singing in the choir. It was there that she helped plant the seeds that would lead her children to lifelong faith in Jesus. She maintained lasting friendships with folks of Russell County and returned many times to visit. Her children would like to thank everyone for the joy these friends brought into her life, with heartfelt gratitude especially to Kitty Parris, Barbara Walls and Olga Buchanan for 50 years of love, laughter and friendship that they shared with our wonderful, beautiful Mom. She will be deeply missed.



St. Paul to host Float Festival

By SHAWN STREET
shawn@virginiamediainc.com

The Town of St. Paul is having an end of summer celebration.

The Float Festival will be held this Saturday, August 1, from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.

The event features floating on the Clinch River, BBQ Cook-Off, plenty of food trucks, beer and wine and more.

Cooking for the BBQ Cook-Off will get underway at 8 a.m. Judging is scheduled for 5 p.m. with an awards ceremony at 5:30 p.m. pre-fixed

A Nerf War will rage at the park from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Children may bring their own Nerf blasters or use those provided.

The Nerf War is free of charge.

Proceeds from the Float Festival will go toward the purchase of new equipment for the playground.

The fun will not just be limited to Saturday's Float Festival. The St. Paul pool will host its own party Friday, July 31.

"Join us for a tropical night of fun at the St. Paul Pool as we watch Disney's "Lilo and Stitch" from the water!" town officials said in a statement. "Bring your favorite float, relax under the stars, and enjoy a family-friendly movie in a one-of-a-kind setting."

Special luau-themed drinks and snacks will be available. Admission for the movie is \$5.

Brian Raymond named Curt's Ace Hardware District Manager

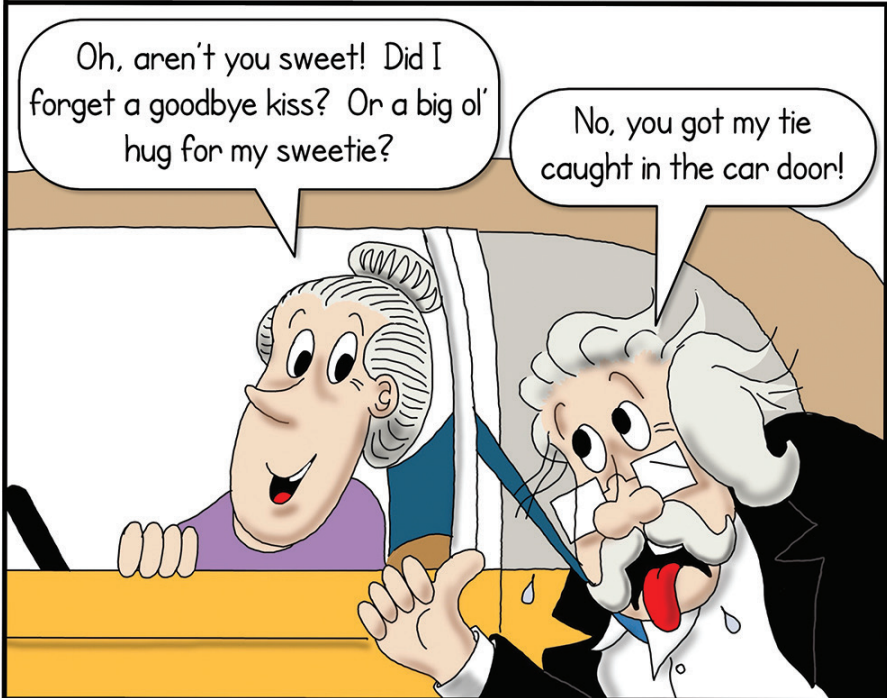
Food City recently announced that it has named Brian Raymond to serve as district manager for their Curt's Ace Hardware division.

"We are excited to welcome Brian to our team. With his extensive retail experience and background, particularly with Ace Corporation, he will be a valuable asset to our company as we continue to grow and expand our Curt's Ace Hardware family of stores," says Steven C. Smith, Food City president and chief executive officer.

Raymond is a seasoned retail executive with more than 30 years of experience leading multi-unit operations for top-tier organizations. He has a strong track record of elevating business performance through strategic leadership, behavioral coaching, and talent development, consistently building high-per

Rueben

By R.G. Holmes © 2026



Delegate Will Morefield celebrates the establishment of PBS Appalachia.

Morefield encourages regional growth, change

By SHAWN STREET
shawn@virginiamediainc.com

Delegate Will Morefield said accepting change is the only way of seeing an economic revival in Southwest Virginia.

Morefield, who represents the 43rd District in the Virginia House of Delegates, pointed to Bristol's Hard Rock Casino as an example of cooperative growth.

"\$47.32 million has been paid to 14 localities in Southwest Virginia over the past four fiscal years from revenue generated by the Hard Rock Casino in Bristol," Morefield said in a statement. "Each of those localities can expect to receive \$1.1 million in August."

Morefield explained that each of the 14 localities, including Russell County, receives an equal share and the funds must be used for public education, public safety or

transportation.

"This type of revenue share agreement with a casino does not exist anywhere else," he said.

Recently the newly established PBS Appalachia station began operating on casino property.

"As a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee we established the revenue share agreement and helped PBS Appalachia establish themselves as the country's first and only all digital station," Morefield said.

He added, "We are making every effort to do our part considering all of the challenges that are out of our control. It is my hope that we can stop being pessimistic at the local level about growing our region and start working together. We must realize that accepting change is our only hope of building a stronger Southwest Virginia."

Support Group for Female Survivors of Sexual Assault

Women survivors of sexual assault are invited to attend regular support group meetings or individual support if they prefer. Survivors meet in a safe environment with other women who have had similar experiences. Clinch Valley Community Action, Inc. Family Crisis Services knows and understands what a survivor is going through. The fact that you are alive and reading this means that you are incredibly strong, courageous and intelligent. We are here to aid in the recovery process with individual support sessions. Please call and let us help. We are a confidential service. For information, call Ranetta Davis (276) 889-8206 or Haley Slade at (276) 988-5583.

Sons of Confederate Veterans Meeting
Sons of Confederate Veterans Capt. John F. McElhenry Camp 840 meets 4th Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Russell County Public Library, Lebanon, Va.

Musick Family Reunion
The Musick family reunion will be Saturday, August 1, 2026, at Weavers Creek Baptist Church 2767 Back Valley Road, Cleveland,

DEQ asks Virginians how to best engage environmental justice communities during permitting process

By SHANNON HECKT

When the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality reviews permits for proposed projects that would impact water, air, or land, the agency must consider whether projects would be in or near environmental justice communities, areas that are low-income or whose residents are mostly people of color who experience a disproportionate rate of environmental harm.

Now, state environmental regulators are seeking the public's feedback on the best ways to meaningfully engage with EJ communities on projects that directly affect them, an action stemming from a new law that passed this year's legislative session.

House Bill 1266, sponsored by Del. Kathy Tran, D-Fairfax, directs the department to host two public town halls on how to update regulatory guidance that is due at the end of the year. DEQ hosted the first meeting on Wednesday evening in Richmond.

Environmental justice is defined under the 2020 Virginia Environmental Justice Act as "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of every person, regardless of race, color, national origin, income, faith, or disability, regarding the development, implementation, or enforce-



Virginia environmental regulators are seeking the public's feedback on the best ways to meaningfully engage with EJ communities on projects that directly affect them. (Photo illustration by States Newsroom)

ment of any environmental law, regulation, or policy."

At Wednesday's meeting, DEQ representatives said they are considering requiring companies seeking permits to be responsible for engaging the communities that fall under the environmental justice requirements.

The agency representatives also suggested that the

culmination of other stressors in the area when compounded with the project seeking a permit be part of the updates to how to assess cumulative impacts of a project.

Members of the public said officials' process should scrutinize the full weight communities must bear.

"DEQ should consider the cumulative or total burden of pollution and community already carry, for reflecting how people actually live, not how permits are processed," said Kim Sudderth with Virginia Interfaith Power and Light.

Other members of the public recommended that these new considerations for permits be applied to existing industries seeking permit reissue or extension. The agency should be more transparent about major projects with potential to pollute the surrounding areas, other residents said.

A Varina pastor who lives near a facility that sterilizes medical equipment, which has been flagged by the EPA as a major contributor to cancer risks in the area, said information about new projects proposed in eastern Henrico like data centers are often constrained by nondisclosure agreements.

"Why is it you have to almost be there and be a part of it?" Rev. Ray McKenzie said of nearby Sterilization Services of Virginia and forthcoming digital warehouses. "Then when protests take place, the people protesting are the problem," McKenzie said. Residents also don't get proper notice about new plans, he added.

The new law does not require that cumulative impacts on environmental justice communities warrant the department to deny a permit application in those areas. Some community advocates said such a provision would give the regulation "teeth" that would encourage industries to minimize their impacts on the environment.

A few representatives from the industrial business community also spoke at the meeting.

Congressman Griffith: Legislative Momentum on Health Care

Lawmakers take actions on various issues to make a difference.

In the health care space, it often seems I work around the clock to assess federal policy, hear perspectives from the medical community as well as patients, and explore ways to help lower health care costs.

One way I do this is by looking at the health care landscape in our region.

Accordingly, I am a leader of H.R. 2191, the Physician Led and Rural Access to Quality Care Act. This bill is one way for us to empower independent physicians and help address medical deserts in rural communities.

To begin 2026, I attended the ribbon cutting for the Stuart Community Hospital in Patrick County.

Thanks to the efforts of a company, led by physician Dr. Beau Braden, and with careful monitoring, Dr. Braden's team has been able to get around the so-called Affordable Care Act prohibitions against physician-owned hospitals.

Patrick County's hospital is not physician-owned, but it is certainly physician-led.

Historically, many hospitals in Virginia's Ninth District actually started as physician-owned hospitals.

But in some areas that are not served or underserved, Dr. Braden's model has shown that it can work to bring competition to hospital care.

His company has hospitals in Tennessee and North Carolina.

For these reasons, his company launched the Stuart facility to facilitate local emergency and in-patient care.

This positive development shows physicians can create a path towards health care access and opportunity for rural communities.

As the Chairman of the Health Subcommittee, good ideas like physician-led hospitals come across my desk. In some cases, I can promote these ideas toward a finishing line: the President's desk.

Right now, some good health care bills are on this track after recently securing House passage. The following bills show a collective effort on both sides of the aisle to address illnesses with no known cure.

One bill is H.R. 3747 – the Accelerating Access to Dementia and Alzheimer's Provider Training (AADAPT) Act.



MORGAN GRIFFITH

WEEKLY REPORT FROM THE CAPITOL

The AADAPT Act reauthorizes a program that provides primary care providers with Alzheimer's and dementia training to help improve detection and promote early diagnosis in rural and underserved areas.

With millions of Alzheimer's disease cases and other forms of dementia in the United States, it is necessary that we continue to work to better identify these devastating diseases.

As our population grows older and more seniors occupy our health care system, so comes the rise in Alzheimer's and dementia cases.

Isaiah House ribbon cutting August 2

By SHAWN STREET
shawn@virginiamediainc.com

A ribbon cutting ceremony has been scheduled for August 2 to celebrate the opening of the Isaiah 117 House in Russell County.

The ceremony, which is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m., will officially open the Lebanon facility and will feature several local speakers and Isaiah 117 House officials.

“We are so grateful to this community for their support and help in making this dream become a reality for Russell County,” said Ronda Paulson, founder and executive director of Isaiah 117 House. “We encourage everyone, whether you have been in prayer, worked on this project, or have given financially, to be a part of this exciting day. This house will change the way foster care begins in Russell County.”

Isaiah 117 House is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that provides physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children awaiting foster care placement.

Currently, when a child is removed in a county without an Isaiah 117 House, the child must wait in the child welfare services office. The child is often dirty, hungry, tired, scared, and unable to bring any personal possessions. Isaiah 117 House allows for that same child to never go to an office, but rather a home with loving volunteers to care for them.

Isaiah 117 House provides for that child’s needs, whatever they may be, in these critical moments between removal and placement. Isaiah 117 House has locations in Tennessee, Indiana, Georgia, Florida, Michigan, Ohio, South Carolina, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Texas, Virginia and Iowa.

All who have supported or partnered with Isaiah 117 House Russell County are welcome to attend.

For more information, please visit or contact Acacia Nunley at 423-518-3760 ext. 186 or RussellIVA@isaiah-117house.com for location information.

Community college receives workforce financial aid

Southwest Virginia Community College has been awarded up to \$151,000 in Workforce Financial Aid funding from the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission to support students pursuing workforce training and high-demand career pathways during the 2026–2027 academic year.

The funding will provide scholarship assistance to eligible students enrolled in short-term, non-credit workforce credential programs, as well as G3 and non-G3 eligible programs in STEM-H (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Healthcare) and Advanced Manufacturing fields.

Eligible SWCC students will be selected by the college’s Financial Aid Office based on factors, criteria, and program priorities established by the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission.

The award is expected to help cover tuition costs for approximately 77 students enrolled in Workforce Financial Aid Priority 1–3 programs, increasing access to training opportunities that prepare individuals for in-demand careers across Southwest Virginia.

“This funding helps remove financial barriers, giving participants greater access to the training and credentials needed for career success,” said James Dye, Dean of Applied Technologies at Southwest Virginia Community College.

The Workforce Financial Aid program is designed to strengthen the region’s workforce by supporting students as they gain the skills, certifications, and credentials needed to meet employer demand in key industry sectors. By reducing the financial burden associated with education and training, the funding enables more individuals to pursue career advancement and contribute to the economic vitality of the Tobacco Region.

SWCC remains committed to expanding educational opportunities, supporting workforce development, and helping students achieve their academic and professional goals through strong partnerships with organizations such as the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission.



The new turf on Fuller Field at EMATS Stadium.

Fuller Field at EMATS Stadium upgraded with new turf

By ANTHONY STEVENS
anthony@virginiamediainc.com

HONAKER, Va. – Changes are underway at Fuller Field at EMATS Stadium. A crew has been working hard to install new turf, making the field safer and more visually appealing for its frequent use.

“We are blessed with one of the nicest football stadiums in Southwest Virginia,” said Honaker principal Dave Bostic. “Nineteen years ago, through the generosity of Mr. Jon Bowerbank and EMATS, the original turf was installed at Fuller Field at EMATS Stadium. Thousands of student athletes and community youth have greatly benefited from this facility. This past spring the field was found to be in need of replacement. Thanks to Dr. Kim Hooker, Tim Lovelace, and the Russell County School Board, new turf was installed this summer. This will allow our students

and community to benefit from this field for many years to come.”

There were often complaints when Honaker hosted playoff games in the early 2000s at Fuller Field, which had often wet, muddy, rocky conditions. All that changed with the installation of turf in 2007.

“We were fortunate years ago; Mr. Bowerbank gave us the opportunity to get a high-quality field,” Honaker football coach Aaron Lowe stated. “It all started with Mr. Bowerbank. We were fortunate to go 19 years without major improvements, with a beautiful field the Honaker community relied on for years.”

The old turf was likely used longer than it should have been. But the new turf will be finished this week, just in time for the 2026 football season.

“We changed the color scheme a little,” Lowe noted. “It

kind of brought new life to it. We went with black end zones and coaching boxes; the orange really pops. It’s a great look. The design looked good, but the pictures didn’t actually do it justice.”

The press box was installed in 2021, and Bowerbank contributed new Play Clocks in 2024. EMATS Stadium remains top-notch.

“The new turf is beautiful. We’re very fortunate,” added Lowe. “I’m very thankful to Mrs. Hooker, Mr. Bostic, and the school board members for giving us this opportunity. The kids are excited. The guys putting it in have worked hard to meet our timetable. The whole town and community are excited. There are a lot of people who benefit from this field, including Little League football, soccer, cheerleaders, and band. We’re proud to have something like this.”



Cole Morrison (19) picks up yardage on the outside against Ridgeview.

Honaker football has been busy this summer

By ANTHONY STEVENS
anthony@virginiamediainc.com

HONAKER, Va. – Area High School football practice begins this Thursday, July 30. Most, if not all, schools have been working non-stop except for VHSL ‘dead periods’ in the weight room and at numerous 7-on-7 competitions.

The Tigers are similar, having worked hard after finishing 7-5. Honaker defeated Northwood in Region 1D playoffs but then lost to Eastside in a regional semifinal.

“We’ve had a good summer,” Honaker coach Aaron Lowe said. “All

CLASSIFIEDS

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION! Lots-capes No Reserve Auction. Land Clearing, Earth Moving Equipment, Trucks, and More. Aug 4, 10am. On-line Only. Hanover, Va. Bid at motleysindustrial.com. VAAL#16/NCAL#5914

HOME IMPROVEMENT

No more cleaning out gutters. Guaranteed! LeafFilter is backed by a no-clog guarantee and lifetime transferable warranty. Call today 1-877-614-6667 to schedule a FREE inspection and no obligation estimate. Get 15% off your entire order. Plus, Military & Seniors get an additional 10% off. Limited time only. Restrictions apply, see representative for warranty and offer details. Safe Step. North Americas #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 1-877-591-9950 Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-844-947-1479 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move. Replace your roof with the best looking and longest lasting material steel from Erie Metal Roofs! Three styles and multiple colors available. Guaranteed to last a lifetime! Limited Time Offer up to 50% off installation + Additional 10% off install (for military, health workers & 1st responders.) Call Erie Metal Roofs: 1-844-902-4611

CEMETERY LOTS

FOR SALE Monuments & Markers. Competitive prices year round. Call Jamie Combs 276-206-7801.

LEGAL NOTICE

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF RUSSELL COUNTY OF RUSSELL, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. T M MULLEN, ET AL. Case No. CL26-683 ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Russell, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Russell, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 165R-176 Account No. 6283 All that certain tract, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being two (2) miles west of Mew, in Castlewood Magisterial District of Russell County, Virginia, on the north side of and adjacent to Virginia State Primary Highway No. 66, and described more particularly as follows: Beginning at an oak on north side of the State Highway, following State Highway in a southwesterly direction to top of hill; thence following the State Highway in a northwesterly direction to the line of the tract of land now or formerly owned by George Hall; thence following the line of the George Hall tract straight up the hollow to the corner of the tract of land now or formerly owned by J. T. Osborne; thence following the line of the J. T. Osborne tract in a northeasterly direction to the State Highway; thence following up the State Highway south to starting point at oak tree, and containing 18.6 acres, more or less. Being the same property conveyed to T. M. Mullen and Blanche Mullen, his wife, by Deed from Luellen Bush Kennedy, widow, dated

ON THE FARM

WORD SEARCH

SEVLAMFPKROINMHNUL
HAA NFOWNAKNOITARUTAS
RUHYNRWKPAPOWOTWUCYF
SEKRELNIRP SWYVSOILA
HITSNMNLWC CIGYURONNA
CSGAPHHP CND CULSVENN M
IODIW ERUSSE RPVIKPSBC
TNRP CFKEENHNTPOPSKEK
ADOBIOAGR ICULTUREOER
MPPI DCNPRHC OOUWM DMGM
OHUC TC RSFY YKLSFAPELU
TLFDGU COETC D O N C O R T M Y
UMWWNCBHPRENRVKRW S L F
AKOCIRFIASVNEAUWN YWM
TILB MICYERNMAITITRC S O L
HEF SRHEY SF T N H T L C I V B F A N
SMAOAEABDFSEBIEIOYHN
VWECFIRIISGILROPFN OA
GEGACC PKFWNMDSVNI F C C
HIMUPHSUM OISTUREVPE N

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

AGRICULTURE
AUTOMATIC
CANAL
CHANNELS
CONSERVATION
CROPS
DISTRIBUTION
DRIP
EFFICIENCY
FARMING
FLOW
HYDRATION
MOISTURE
PIPELINE
PRESSURE
PUMP
RESERVOIR
SATURATION
SOIL
SPRAY
SPRINKLER
SYSTEM
VALVES
WATER

Horoscopes

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, your bold approach is magnetic right now. If you have a big idea that you’ve been waiting to share, present it now. Everyone is ready to listen.
TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Think about how you can treat someone else to something nice, whether it is a gift, time spent with you or whatever it is that they desire. Build the foundation for a stronger friendship.
GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
This week is all about clearing out the old to make room for the new, Gemini. Begin decluttering your physical space and then move on to clearing out your mind.
CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, your social circle is a great asset this week. Reach out to a friend you haven’t spoken to in a while. You might find the conversation sparks a great new collaborative idea.
LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, your hard work is finally getting the recognition it deserves. Don’t be afraid to accept any praise that comes your way. You will inspire others with your natural leadership and confidence.
VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, whether it is picking up a new hobby or diving into a book you have been meaning to read, you are craving knowledge this week. Your mind is hungry for growth, so feed it.
LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Right now you are able to resolve lingering tensions with ease, Libra. Lean into your diplomatic nature; you have the power to turn a complicated situation into a win-win for everyone.
SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
The connections you nurture this week will prove incredibly lucky for you, Scor



VCEDA grant approved to expand Breaks Park river access

An up to \$95,000 grant to the Breaks Interstate Park from the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority will help to expand river access within the park.

The grant, awarded recently, will be used to develop infrastructure and improvements at the park's Ratliff Hole River Access area. Improvements planned include renovation of restroom facilities, repaving of the entrance road and parking lot and bank stabilization.

The funds come from the VCEDA Civil Penalties Fund and are being used as match funding for an Ap-

palachian Regional Commission grant received by the park.

"The Breaks Interstate Park is a big tourism destination in our region and VCEDA is pleased to award this grant which will further expand tourism opportunities at the park," said VCEDA Executive Director/General Counsel Jonathan Belcher. "Increased tourism is expected from the expanded river access and increased tourism translates into additional revenues for our counties through the additional lodging, food and gas taxes collected from those visiting the region."

The park currently has 22 full-time and 85 part-time employees.

"Ratliff Hole is a river access area treasured by our guests for providing easy access to the Russell Fork for activities such as swimming, kayaking and fishing," said Breaks Interstate Park Superintendent Austin Bradley. "The VCEDA grant will serve as match funding for more than \$300,000 in federal grants and will allow us to renovate restrooms, improve parking and repair road access to the area. We hope that this will be Phase I in a broader effort to create a riverside camping

area."

Remove or move to a proper photo caption field separate from article body

THE CLINCH CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

WITH THE GILMER BROS.

DIRTY GRASS PLAYERS

\$25 SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 7:00PM

VIRGINIA IS FOR LOVERS

LEBANON, VA

CLINCH

RUSSELL

APPALACHIA

YOUR HOMETOWN NEWS is just a click away!

LOCAL NEWS

SPORTS

OBITUARIES

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Find us online at

WWW.VIRGINIAMOUNTAINEER.COM

ROUTE 80 FESTIVAL

FOOD TRUCKS & CRAFT VENDORS WILL BE AVAILABLE TOWN PARK & SPLASH PAD WILL BE OPEN!!

CARSON PETERS & IRON MOUNTAIN

BASIC GRASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 AT THE ROUTE 80 STAGE 5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. NEXT TO NEW PEOPLES BANK

AMANDA COOK BAND

BRING YOUR CHAIR AND ENJOY THE MUSIC!!

Family is Everything

ARE YOU A KINSHIP CAREGIVER?

The Kinship Navigator Program can help kinship families locate available community resources and help provide individual support to kinship families via telephone, on-line, support group or newsletters