Renewing our Old Coal Towns

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are allowed to develop their own compliance plans.

Recreational upgrade

Claytor Lake State Park is in the process of reviewing an updated master plan to include construction of new cabins, shelters, boat dock, amphitheater, welcome center and other restorations.

Veterinarian

Jefferson College of Health Sciences received a $1 million grant from Health Resources and Services Administration.

Bureau of Health Professions for the development of a nursing degree program for veterans.

Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Repeal on mining ban sought

Virginia Uranium, owner of a large uranium site in Pittsylvania County, has filed a federal lawsuit against the state's ban on uranium mining.

Beware the path

A bicyclist who crashed and was injured in June 2012 when avoiding a jogger who "turned around suddenly without determining that it was safe to do so" on the Roanoke River.

Greenway was awarded $300,000 in a negligence suit in Roanoke Circuit Court.

Toys for two valleys

Toys and Furniture in Blacksburg is opening a new Imagination Station store in Roanoke.

Retail wagging

PetCo, a global pet supply store, has filed permit to build a second store in Roanoke at Towne Square Shopping Center.

Burritos at base of Mill Mt

Moe's Southwest Grill, with restaurants in Blacksburg and Lynchburg, is opening at The Bridges complex in Roanoke.

Electrical outlet

Williams Supply in Roanoke has been acquired by Raleigh NC-based Electrical Equipment Co.

Pig out

Piggly Wiggly grocery store in southeast Roanoke has closed; owners citing lack of business.

Carillon life

Carillon Clinic has purchased the Shenandoah Life headquarters building and 27 acre campus on
Brambleton Avenue for $4.6 million; the life insurance company will relocate.

IA contract

Roanoke-based Interactive Achievement, an educational software developer, intends to add approximately 35 jobs upon its award of a contract with Virginia Department of Education.

Co-op—co-op

Southern States Roanoke Cooperative has merged with Rockingham Cooperative Farm Bureau.

Cuts in Advance

Advance Auto Parts is eliminating 50 positions at its corporate location in Roanoke (and another 50 jobs in Raleigh).

Chip check

October 1 is the deadline set by credit card issuers to mitigate liability for fraud by requesting businesses and merchants to transition to the more secure computer chip-embedded credit cards versus magnetic strips; despite reports that less than half of U.S. small businesses are ready to adopt the technology or are even aware of the deadline.

Coal-related business export

Go Global with Coal & Energy Technology (GCCET) has launched in Virginia, an economic development program for companies in the coalfield region to market their products and services overseas.

Bye, bye, BEV

Blacksburg Electronic Village (BEV), a technology network organization that made an historic milestone out of the town of Blacksburg with its mission to connect a whole community to the internet in 1993, is closing its email and website hosting service at the end of this year.

Wireless acquired

Shenandoah Telecommunications (Shentel) is purchasing Waynesboro-based wireless provider nTelos for a reported $640 million; the nTelos name will drop (the company has an agreement with Sprint), and the newly expanded company will operate from Shentel's headquarters in Edinburg.

Forestry equipment supplier shines

Jewell Machinery, a forestry and heavy equipment service and maintenance shop in Rocky Mount, has been named to the 2015 Inc. 5000 list ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies.

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