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Grant award for women’s drug recovery center in Lynchburg gets council approval.

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Rustburg resists Amherst Co. for sweep to claim Seminole District volleyball crown.

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WARDS ROAD

WELCOMING WAWA



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Wawa held its official grand opening Wednesday morning at its new location on Wards Road near Liberty University and Cook Out. Above, Del. Wendell Walker, R-Lynchburg, joined by Wally Goose, speaks during the grand opening of the Wawa on Wards Road in Lynchburg on Wednesday.



Firefighters compete against the Police Department in the Hoagies for Heroes contest during the grand opening of the Wawa on Wards Road in Lynchburg on Wednesday.



Wawa’s introductory prices after recently opening the Wards Road location in Lynchburg on Wednesday.

LYNCHBURG COUNCIL

Threats of legal action made says city activist

Says their political views, pronouns targeted after reading posts by Misjuns

MARK HAND
The News & Advance

A Lynchburg resident who read several social media posts of At-large Councilman Martin Misjuns at a recent meeting returned to city council on Tuesday to talk about lawsuit threats they are receiving.

A video of Fable Forest quoting Misjuns’ social media posts went viral, receiving millions of views. In one post made by Misjuns on X, read by Forest at the Oct. 13 meeting, the councilman responded to a video of a U.S. Senate candidate from Michigan lip-syncing to a song by Whitney Houston by writing, “In the 90’s we would have called this guy a f@g.”

In another post from August, Misjuns wrote “God bless 250 years of white boy summers,” using a term that has been co-opted by far-right and white supremacist groups.

At Tuesday’s meeting, Forest said they have received attacks based on their political party and pronouns, which are “they” and “them.”

Forest is the treasurer of the Central Virginia Young Democrats but was not speaking on behalf of the group at the Oct. 13 meeting.

“I’ve been called a liar and the pronoun police as well as a Democrat operative sent to destroy and take out conservatives,” Forest said during their three-minute public comment period.

Forest said they will not be “threatened or scared into silence” in response

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TOWN OF BEDFORD

Council votes to keep power cost adjustment level

Moves to OK no changes, cites utility’s cash position

JUSTIN FAULCONER
The News & Advance

In one of the easiest votes on its electric utility operations, Bedford Town Council voted unanimously and enthusiastically to approve no changes to its power cost adjustment.

Town Manager Bart Warner has said the power cost adjustment (PCA) is applied twice a year, on May 1 and Nov. 1, and reflects recovered power costs that exceed those included in base rates.

According to the town government’s official website, the Bedford electric department serves just more than 5,600 residential customers and a little

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LYNCHBURG CITY SCHOOLS

LCS secures Glass band charter transportation

Leaders urge patience as concerns, backlash heard on social media

MADI KIRKMAN
The News & Advance

Lynchburg City Schools leaders are asking the community for patience after concerns about transportation for the E.C. Glass High School marching band’s trip to the state championships spread on social media.

The division has secured

charter transportation for the band’s Nov. 7 trip to the Virginia Marching Band Cooperative Championships in Virginia Beach. The arrangement follows weeks of concerns raised on social media and before the school board about funding for the program, which won a state title last year.

LCS said its transportation department was unable to accommodate the program’s transportation request due to “route scheduling conflicts and

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The Lynchburg City School Board holds a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

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