

Quad Cities

Our two large construction projects are on pace (or ahead of pace) for completion. We look forward to the grand opening of the MECC in September 2021.

The Lundeen Group was hired to promote the MECC. They have been working closely with Virginia Parks and Recreation to develop a plan to market the facility. They just issued a request for bids for alcoholic concession sales.

The MECC is currently seeking partners for naming rights and other major sponsorship opportunities.

You can see more about the project at meccmn.com

Pictures of the MECC:



Rock Ridge School open dates:

Eveleth-Gilbert elementary school will open in the fall of 2022.

Rock Ridge High School will open in the fall of 2023.

Virginia elementary school will open in the fall of 2024.

The sports stadium scoreboard will be named after the late Steve Kerzie. There is an effort to raise an additional \$120,000 to also name the track after Mr. Kerzie.

They are seeking additional major sponsorships to provide extra items that are not included in the school's construction plans.

Downtown:

Virginia is working to start an Art Walk program this summer. They've secured a large portion of the grant funding they need for the project and are awaiting news on one last remaining grant request.

A group of community leaders came together to reopen the coffeeshop in downtown Virginia. Loonies offers coffee, pizza and other options as well as a small event space we expect to bring excitement to downtown Virginia this summer.

Professional Development:

The 2021 Laurentian Leadership Program is running with 11 participants. They have completed 8 of their 20 hours of classroom instruction.