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**SCHOOL BUS SAFETY**

## CLOSE CALLS SPEEDING VEHICLES CAUSE WORRIES

“You see how fast these trucks are going — they don’t care.”

Tammy Cassada  
resident



TRACI WHITE/REGISTER & BEE

Brooke Cassada, 11, walks off the school bus Thursday on U.S. 58. Cassada’s mother, Tammy, and several other concerned parents met at another nearby bus stop to discuss what should be done about the speed of vehicles, particularly trucks, on the road.

**BY JOHN R. CRANE**  
Register & Bee staff writer

Residents along U.S. 58, east of Danville, say speeding vehicles on the highway endanger their children when they are boarding and stepping off the school bus. One parent has the skid marks to prove it.

“They fly down through here nonstop,” Tammy Cassada, who lives at 4558 South Boston High-

way, said Thursday afternoon during an interview at a bus stop close to her house. Cassada and neighbors were waiting for their children to arrive from school.

“You see how fast these trucks are going — they don’t care,” Cassada said as transfer trucks and other vehicles whizzed by. A sign along the eastbound highway alerts drivers to a bus stop, but fast-moving vehicles narrowly avoid slamming into buses anyway, she said.

Cassada’s two children ride the bus on the way to and from Dan River middle and high schools. On Tuesday, a transfer truck rear-ended another truck that stopped behind the bus, Cassada said. The incident left skid marks in her front yard.

Other residents living on the stretch of U.S. 58 from Virginia-Carolina Homes to the Route 62 stoplight point to

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**WHAT CAN BE DONE?**

■ Dan River Supervisor James Snead hopes the Board of Supervisors will pass a resolution to ask the state to lower the speed limit from 55 to 45 mph in the area. The speed limit in the vicinity is 55 mph until just west of the Route 62 stoplight, where it drops to 45.



Here’s a quick look at what’s inside your newspaper and what’s online at [GoDanRiver.com](http://GoDanRiver.com).

**WORLD**



**Iraqis fight over U.S. pact**

■ Iraq’s parliament persevered Thursday in its debate on a proposed security agreement with the United States despite raucous attempts by opposition lawmakers to disrupt proceedings ahead of next week’s vote on the deal. **A3**

**Military to hold first execution since '61**

■ A former Army cook convicted of multiple rapes and murders is set to die next month in what would be the U.S. military’s first execution in nearly 50 years. **A3**

**REGION & STATE**



**Attorney general hopeful pays visit**

■ As the 2008 elections settle down, candidates are gearing up for the 2009 Virginia state races. Republican Attorney General hopeful David Foster stopped in Danville on Thursday as part of his campaign launch. **A3**

**SPORTS**



**A tough task**

■ Liberty hopes to contain GW’s potent rushing attack in tonight’s Northwest Region championship game. **B1**

## Donating with spirit, and sole, of the holidays



TRACI WHITE/REGISTER & BEE

Rippe’s donated Naot Footwear along with shoes from Rippe’s Shoes to the Salvation Army in anticipation of the holiday season.

**BY TRACI WHITE**  
Register & Bee staff writer

Although Capt. Allen Tanner of the Salvation Army brought a nine-passenger van to pick up shoes being donated by Rippe’s, after the 200 pairs were put in the vehicle, there was hardly room for Tanner and his brother Brandon.

“This is tremendous,” Tanner said. “We don’t get donations of this size too often.”

Rippe’s Shoes provided 110 pairs of its own designer mer-

chandise with discontinued brands or styles, and an additional 90 pairs of comfort footwear by Naot — an Israeli shoe company distributed in the United States by Yaleet.

Yaleet agreed to contribute the shoes to the charitable donation on the condition that they would be given away rather than resold, according to storeowner Ben Rippe.

“We give to the Salvation Army with some regularity, when we have something we think they could use,” Rippe

said. “We want to make sure we can get (the shoes) into the Salvation Army’s hands early so they will have plenty of time to distribute them.”

Rippe’s has a long tradition of charitable activity and annually gives to the Salvation Army, as well as hosts the Fashion Show Benefit for Breast Cancer.

To obtain a pair of the shoes, visit the Salvation Army at 123 Henry St., or call (434) 792-3963.

• Contact Traci White at (434) 791-7984 or [twhite@registerbee.com](mailto:twhite@registerbee.com).

**HERE’S SOME ADVICE**

■ What do you do when it is not your teenager’s friend who is the bad influence but the friend’s mother? You could ask her to please stop undermining your authority as a parent, but don’t think that she’ll actually have the sense to listen. Read more in Annie’s Mailbox, page **B10**.

**TODAY’S TRIVIA**

■ On this date in 1789, which state became the 12th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution? Find the answer on page **A2**.

**WHAT2WATCH4**

■ Gov. Timothy M. Kaine will offer opening remarks at the “At-Risk” workshop as part of the Virginia Student Services Conference. The session will focus on identifying and responding to at-risk students in higher education settings.

**TODAY’S BEST BETS**

■ There will be an Open Mic Variety Show at 7 p.m. at Southern Gourmet, 220 Mount Cross Road, Danville. Bring canned goods for God’s Storehouse. For more information, call (434) 799-0523

**STRANGE NEWS**

**Assault charge, but hold the lettuce:** Florida man accused of hurling sandwich at girlfriend, police say **A2**



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