

Monocacy Creek bridge in Amity set to reopen Friday

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A bridge over the Monocacy Creek in Amity Township is expected to reopen Friday afternoon, much to the relief of Daniel Boone School District officials.

The Main Street bridge in the Monocacy section of Amity is a link between Routes 422 and 724 and is used regularly by school buses.

Daniel Boone would have been forced to reroute buses if the work had been delayed. Schools open Tuesday.

"I took them at their word," Dr. Gary L. Otto, Daniel Boone superintendent, said of PennDOT. "They said they'd have it done and they did. It's a tiny little bridge, but there would have been big problems if it didn't reopen."

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has worked on replacing the bridge's open steel-grate deck with one that is concrete-filled. Construction began June 15 and cost \$708,000.

The timely completion also is a relief to the Monarch Fire Company in Monocacy, which moved three trucks to a temporary location while the bridge work was in progress.

The move was made so the company could still respond to calls north of Route 422 in the township.

When the bridge reopens, the fire company will again house the trucks in the fire station, Chief Brian D. Gabel said.

Built in 1932, the Main Street bridge is 61 feet long, 23 feet wide and carries about 3,700 vehicles a day.

