OVERSEEING THE DECONSTRUCTION — Jason and Joanne Marsch, residents who met in high school, married and later founded Marsch Brothers, is imploding the old Highway 47 bridge in Washington. They are two of the old bridge, by local artist Jim Peters.

Warrenton High School in 1993. They were homecoming king and queen together. They went to separate colleges, Joanne earned a degree in business administration.

Jason was studying aviation to be a pilot but ended up taking some time off. It was during his time away, when he discovered a new career path, one that eventually led the couple to starting their own wrecking company in Fenton in 2007, Joanne said.

Since then, the company has grown to employ people and has some 20 to 25 jobs going on throughout the day, Jason said. Jobs take them throughout

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Concrete deck, sections of beam removed, anything that’s nonstructural, and then we go back and precut the bridge to weaken predetermined parts," he explained.

It’s very precise work, and must be considering the health and welfare of the crew, residents, the river, and the new bridge. Just 10 to 12 feet separates the two.

"We have 200 pages of calculations that engineers did for the weakening and precutting for the blast," Frye said, noting that they aren’t ordinary fireworks.

"These explosive are specifically designed to cut steel."

It takes days for the explosives to be put in place.

Like the Marschels, Frye appreciates working on this special project.

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