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Fire destroys home in Concord

On Monday evening, Concord Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) Company 13 and Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) were dispatched for a residential structure fire on Winery Lane in Concord at approximately 8 p.m.

First arriving units found heavy fire showing from the charlie delta corner (the back, right side). Crews immediately made an aggressive interior attack and conducted a primary search.

Crews initially got a good knock on the fire but were quickly forced to evacuate the building due to water supply problems.

Once the water supply was fully established, crews again attempted to control the fire, however the fire had grown at such

a rapid pace, the fire could not be contained.

Crews transitioned into a defensive attack and worked to keep the fire from spreading to a nearby structure.

No was injured and all residents made it safely out of the building.

The cause of the blaze has not been reported as of press time.

Units on scene from CVFD were: Engine 13-2, Tanker 13-4, Tanker 13-3, Brush 13-7, and Command 13.

AVFD units on scene were Company 10, Company 12, Company 14, Company 15, and Company 17.

Also assisting were the Monelison Fire Department, Pamplin Fire Department and the Concord Rescue Squad.



Concord Volunteer Fire Department/Contributed
At right: A residential home on Winery Lane in Concord is destroyed by a fire around 8 p.m. Monday night. Nobody was injured in the blaze. Four fire crews arrived on scene.

Return of Raider Ready Day called a 'tremendous success'

CHARLES CONRAD
Times Virginian

On Friday, eighth grade students from Appomattox Middle School paid a visit to Appomattox County High School for what is called "Raider Ready Day." The event is a preparation and preview for what the eighth graders can expect when they move on to the next level of education in ninth grade.

At Thursday's meeting of the Appomattox County School Board, Dr. Amy Huskin, the director of curriculum, instruction and CTE at Appomattox County Public Schools, presented a video that featured high school students describing how their involvement in specific CTE (Career and Technical Education) courses has assisted them in developing skills that will help them in future careers.

CTE offers hands-on experience in a variety of technical and labor-intensive fields. Among the courses featured in the video were commercial graphic design for businesses, auto tech, nursing, agriculture (FFA), child development, CST (Computer System Technology)



Dr. Amy Huskin, Appomattox County Public Schools/Contributed
Appomattox Middle School students listen to an Appomattox County High School student tour guide in the culinary arts department during Raider Ready Day on Friday, Jan. 28.

and culinary arts.

High school CTE students act as tour guides for the eighth-grade visitors, and they are identified by wearing specially made T-shirts. The tour guides show them how their chosen course has helped them grow and learn in their specific area of interest.

Huskin said she was

"excited" for the event to return this year after being canceled the previous year because of strict COVID-19 regulations that relegated a number of students to virtual learning. She believes that seeing the classrooms in-person is the only way for eighth graders to be fully inspired by what they can see.

"For them to actually get to rotate through all the systems and come over and spend the morning, you can't replicate that; you can't do that on a video," she said.

Truist Bank donated string bags the students could use to place items

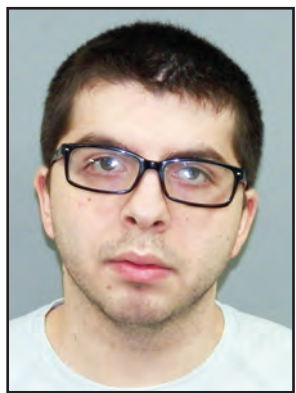
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Spout Spring man charged for communications involving minor

Investigators with the Appomattox County Sheriff's Office have charged Jacob Boni, 22, of Spout Spring, with two felony counts of violation of Va. Code 18.2-374.3, "using a communication system or other electronic means for the purpose of practicing or promoting the use of a minor for an activity in violation of 18.2-374.1."

Boni is currently being held in the Blue Ridge Regional Jail with no bond.

Anyone with any information in regard to Boni's



Boni

online communication with minors is encouraged to call the Appomattox County Sheriff's Office at 434-352-8241.

Man gets 3 years for assaulting woman holding a newborn

CHARLES CONRAD
Times Virginian

Christopher Michael Norfield, 23, of Appomattox, was sentenced to three years of imprisonment for felony malicious wounding

in a domestic incident that took place Jan. 30, 2021. Norfield pleaded guilty to the charge Aug. 10, along with a misdemeanor charge of destruction of property.

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Small Business Spotlight

Perimeter Roofing recently celebrates 5th anniversary

COURTNEY MENDENHALL
Times Virginian

Perimeter Roofing recently celebrated its five-year anniversary.

Although it is located in Lynchburg, it services customers for commercial and residential renovations in Appomattox County and other locations in a 90-mile

radius for replacements and 45-mile radius for repairs.

The company serves more than 500 customers each year with exterior services, including roofing, gutters, siding and window replacements.

Brothers Philip and Andrew Pantana are the owners of Perimeter Roofing. Philip Pantana is the busi-

ness development manager, and Andrew Pantana is the general manager. Andrew Pantana is a former police officer, and Philip Pantana worked in sales and advertising, and managed housing properties. The brothers realized their individual skills and knowledge complemented

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Contributed

Shown above is a roof done by Perimeter Roofing, a Lynchburg roofing company that also serves the Appomattox community. Perimeter Roofing just celebrated their five-year anniversary. The company serves over 500 customers each year with exterior services, including roofing, gutters, siding and windows replacements.



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45 units fight fire 4 high speed chases!

Bane among those arrested



Concord Volunteer Fire Department/Contributed

At 12:34 p.m. Sunday, Concord Volunteer Fire Department (Company 13) was dispatched to reports of a brush fire that spread into multiple structures.

According to the Appomattox Traffic and Awareness online news page, the large brush fire was off Archer Creek Road (off Stage Road).

First arriving units advised that approximately two acres were on fire and threatening a structure. While attempting to contain the fire, high winds pushed the fire into nearby structures, the fire department stated.

The call was upgraded to multiple working structure fires. Crews worked on scene for six hours putting the brush, house, shed, and car fires all out.

“Great work from all involved,” the fire department stated. “Thank you to the multiple surrounding agencies involved.”

Appomattox Traffic and Awareness stated that most surrounding counties assisted, so Lynchburg City covered Concord calls and Pamplin covered Appomattox.

There were 45 units on scene, according to the Concord Volunteer Fire Department:

- Company 13 with seven apparatuses

Pursuant to an ongoing law enforcement investigation, Appomattox County Sheriff’s Office deputies attempted to stop a wanted individual in the 6000 block of Richmond Highway (Route 460) at approximately midnight Friday.

The driver refused to stop and led deputies on a 15-minute chase through the area, according to the sheriff’s office.

The pursuit ended in a motor vehicle accident in the Town of Appomattox near the intersection of Church Street and Lee Grant Avenue.

The suspect, Carl Tyler Bane, 28, of Madison Heights, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Amherst County. Bane also was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

This investigation is ongoing, and additional charges are pending. Anyone with any information concerning this individual is encouraged to call investigators at 434-352-8241.

This was the fourth high-speed pursuit this week for the Appomattox County Sheriff’s Office. In three of these incidents, illegally possessed firearms were recovered.



Bane

Shown is the scene of a brush fire that spread to multiple structures Sunday.

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FFA & First Responder Club team up for safety

CARTER SWANBERG
FFA Reporter

important attitude to incorporate into the agricultural lifestyle.

Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department for taking their time to teach high school students about farm safety.

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At right, Appomattox volunteer firefighters demonstrate how to use cribbing while stabilizing the flipped tractor during a Farm Safety Workshop on March 15. In the rear, Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief and First Responder Club Advisor Jonathan Garrett speaks with FFA members about safe use of agricultural tractors. Below, Appomattox Senior FFA and First Responder Club members observe a simulated PTO shaft injury during the workshop.



On March 15, the Appomattox Senior FFA and the Appomattox County High School First Responder Club held a joint meeting with the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department about the importance of farm safety.

There they simulated a tractor rollover.

According to the Department of Labor, tractor roll-overs account for 44 percent of all tractor fatalities. The volunteer firefighters and First Responder Club members demonstrated how to safely extricate a mannequin from underneath the tractor.

Afterward, there was a power take off (PTO) shaft injury simulation using a bush hog. A straw scarecrow was drawn into the rotating PTO shaft.

According to the CDC, about 167 agricultural workers suffer a lost work time injury every day. Five percent of the injuries result in permanent impairment.

Each participant was reminded that safety is an

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AD no more

Dodge still with school as teacher

Appomattox County Public Schools (ACPS) has confirmed that Chris Dodge, the athletic director at Appomattox County High School (ACHS), has been reassigned from the position but is still employed by the school district.



Chris Dodge

“Mr. Dodge has been reassigned to a teaching position for the 2022-23 school year. I am not able to comment on any details as it is a personnel matter,” said ACPS Superintendent Annette Bennett in an email to the Times Virginian.

The Times Virginian contacted Dodge by email for a statement. He replied, stating he is “unable to comment at this time.”

Dodge was hired as ACHS athletic director in 2013. During his tenure, the school has won multiple state athletic team and individual championships in football, softball, baseball, golf and track and field, as well as marching band competitions.

According to a Times Virginian article in 2013, upon being hired as athletic director, Dodge had worked at Brookville High School in Lynchburg as a physics teacher before coming to ACHS. While at Brookville he coached several junior varsity sports including

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What’s in store for building?



Sharon Walker/Times Virginian

Bobby Wright moves steel away from the old Thomasville Furniture and crushes it in a dumpster. He is a cranes and rigging equipment operator for CSE, Madison Heights, Virginia.

‘Thomasville’ property discussed at meeting

STAFF REPORT

At the Appomattox Town Council meeting May 24, an update on the old Thomasville Furniture property was discussed.

Appomattox Town Manager R. Terry McGhee said that according to a business associate, the property’s owner, George Aznavorian, hired a

property manager and that a crane has been performing roofing work by pulling steel and putting up new roofing panels.

“I did spend time with the prospect last week, and I’m looking forward to executing on that,” McGhee stated at the meeting.

According to Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce President

John Redding in his March 2 and May 18 “Words from the Chamber” columns in the Times Virginian, Ron Martin is relocating his Stallworks and Virginia MetalFab companies to the building.

The Times Virginian has attempted to contact the new business owner

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Above at left, Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jonathan Garrett shares information with children at the Fun and Craft Day on June 8 put on by the J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library in Appomattox. Above at right, Easton Page, 7, son of Brian and Shana Page, shares a high five with Ranger Megan Saul, an interpretive ranger from Holliday Lake State Park. Participating in the “nest test,” Easton successfully built a nest worthy of three golf balls, each the size of one egg.

Fun & Craft Day was a hit

SHARON WALKER
Times Virginian

Every year, the J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library staff teaches crafts and offers numerous activities with only the sky as the limit.

At Fun & Craft Day on June 8, the excitement started at the library on Main Street in Appomattox, then flowed out of every library door into Abbitt Park next door, spilling out into a combined parking lot at the back.

All kinds of organizations were there to show their support.

The Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department set up a fire engine for anyone to explore. The Appomattox County Sheriff’s Office set up inside the park to share

tips and important safety information with everyone. The representatives of these first responder operations happily posed with festiva-goers for photos (hero selfie-shots complete).

Appomattox for Equality was on hand to talk about Juneteenth and share history with participants.

Local folks from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Conservation were available to discuss how to make farms better and how to keep the Chesapeake Bay cleaner.

Head Start and Early Head Start representatives were there presenting their early intervention program for eligible youngsters — a way to give them a head start.

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At left, Jaclyn Wilt, 6, daughter of Ashley and Matt Wilt, fishes for plastic sea creatures at the Fun and Craft Day in Abbitt Park next to the J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library. At right, Sgt. Andre Austin, representing the Appomattox Sheriff’s Office, is shown with Jay Seller, 14 and his sister Mya Vasquez, 8. They are the grandchildren of Traci and John Davids.



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