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AVFD holds dedication event for new fire truck

SHERRI NOURSE
Times Virginian

A gathering of supporters and officials assembled at the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday as the station unveiled its new Fire Engine 1 to the community.

On Dec. 3, the two-year project culminated with the arrival of the long awaited truck. It replaces the department's 30-year-old truck, which has now been donated to the Samburg-Reelfoot Volunteer Fire Department, a tornado-stricken fire department in



Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department/Contributed
Members of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department are shown with the newly acquired Fire Engine 1.

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In 2013, the top two finishers of the National Buffalo Wing Festival received an award. At top, Concord resident Bo Stawicki is shown holding the first-place plaque with Drew Cerza, the founder of the National Buffalo Wing Festival in Buffalo, New York. Below, Stawicki holds the first place plaque after winning the year before as well.

Appomattox County has first snow of the year

Kayla Elliott/
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Kayla Elliott took this photo of Kenzlee, Dagen and Dawson in Appomattox after the area experienced its first snow of the year last week. See more snow photos from Times Virginian readers on Page 16.



Business Spotlight Concord man a 2-time U.S. sauce winner

COURTNEY MENDENHALL
Times Virginian

Affectionately named after the company Tiffany Bo Shades and Lamps (from his father being a welder before retiring), Concord resident Bo Stawicki and his well-known "Bo's Honey Brown Hot

Sauce" continues to be successful and aspiring throughout Lynchburg and the surrounding area. The New London, Connecticut, native was homeschooled until seventh grade where he began his early business-like ventures with

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Charles Conrad/Times Virginian

Above, shown at Thursday's Appomattox County Militia donation of thermal imager equipment to the Appomattox County Sheriff's Office are, from left: Appomattox County Militia members Sharon Harris and B.J. Holman, Appomattox County Militia Chairman Tom Adams, Appomattox County Sheriff Donald Simpson and Appomattox County Sheriff's Office Major Robbie Richardson. Below is a close-up of a SEEK Thermal brand thermal imager that was donated to the sheriff's office.

Militia donates thermal imagers to sheriff's office

CHARLES CONRAD
Times Virginian

Thanks to a donation to the Appomattox County Sheriff's Office, missing persons in Appomattox County may have a better chance of being rescued, and the suspects won't be able to hide in the dark so easily.

On Thursday, three days before National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, members of the Ap-

tomattox County Militia organization stopped by the Appomattox County Sheriff's Office to donate two vital pieces of equipment — thermal imagers — that will assist in a variety of law enforcement situations.

The SEEK Thermal brand devices are about the size of a cell phone and work in a similar fashion as an infrared camera or night



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Ribbon cutting held for new brewery



Charles Conrad/Times Virginian

Loose Shoe Too Brewery staff and customers pose for a picture at Friday's ribbon cutting ceremony. From left: Greg Varga, Bill Harvey, Derin Foor (owner), Phil Rice, Jane Helms, Kim Bass, Maleah Manion (general manager), Tom Adams, Pam Cain, Sharon Harris, Robert Harris, John Redding (Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce president) and Ceara Cullen (bartender).

Wolfbane to have weekend auditions for 2022 season

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"Xanadu." "Into the Woods." "Camp Crystal Lake: the Musical." "Wolfbane's Macbeth." "Noises Off." Wolfbane Productions, a non-profit professional theater company in Appo-

tomattox is preparing a 2022 theatrical season that will bring high energy, surprises and plenty of audience interaction in for its 15th anniversary year.

Auditions for the productions will take place locally on Saturday, Jan. 15, and Sunday, Jan. 16, noon to 3 p.m. both days.

According to the theatre's website, "To be considered for the musicals, actors should be prepared with a 32-bar cut of a song in the style of the show. You are welcome to use material from either musical," ("Xanadu" or "Into the Woods").

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Sauce

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gardening and selling fishing bait and chicken eggs as a youth. Stawicki played soccer and ran track during his teenage years in high school, where he holds a "shared" record for the four-by-four relay team (three minutes and 32 seconds).

He went on to study business management at Liberty University from 1996 to 2000. After graduating, events took a turn as his son, Joseph (who is now 22 years old), needed open heart surgery at five weeks old. Joseph was set to have his surgery at Boston Children's Hospital, and meanwhile Bo Stawicki had to move back to New York. Stawicki described the situation as being difficult but very "life-changing."

Joseph went on to have two more surgeries at age 8 and 13 to replace a heart valve (both times). Stawicki expressed that he was only 24 years old when Joseph needed the first surgery.

"A lot of things I do in my life are drawn from the inspiration comes from him. To see his attitude and outlook on life has been great for me," Stawicki said.

Stawicki has been married for almost 14 years to Kristin (Mc-

Cullen) Stawicki and has had three additional children: Ryan, 12, Matthew, 10, and Jordan, 6, since the birth of their first child Joseph. They all now live in Concord.

He has always enjoyed cooking with his family and said that it was a tradition that brought them together. He later produced a mind-blowing recipe that would be a national sensation. A friend of his encouraged him to submit an application for the National Buffalo Wing Festival after tasting the sauce. Bo Stawicki said he did not think much of it at first but decided to monetize it after "blowing it off."

The 2012 festival took place on the Buffalo Bisons baseball field (minor league team) in Buffalo, New York, where he faced seven competitors (in-state and out-of-state). In attendance were judges from Disney, and he described the event as being "high energy and very fun."

Judges evaluated the competition and by unanimous vote, Stawicki was the first-place winner.

"It was nerve-racking at first; I had a lot of adrenaline. For the first 30 seconds, I couldn't believe it," Stawicki said.

He was invited back to the well-known festival for a second time in 2013 and placed first-place once again. This time he

decided, "I better come up with a name for this." The name stuck and drew a lot of attention from customers in Lynchburg and surrounding areas.

He received an offer to come to entertainer Wendy Williams' talk show but turned it down because he did not realize the potential it had.

"Looking back, I wish I would have actually gone on the show; that's the only thing I would change," said Stawicki.

He appeared on local radio stations to discuss his business and how it transpired into being a successful venture.

The biggest driving factor besides people tasting the sauce is that 63 percent of consumers are returning customers. Stawicki attended Experience the Holidays in Appomattox at Courtland Festival Park last month with his son Matthew and saw a great turnout there. He also recently attended another event in Amherst.

"One of the goals we have is to find a distributor and get us into stores and markets," Stawicki said. "People send pictures of food that they make with the sauce. We want to grow organically and get more exposure."

Stawicki added that he is seeking local, regional and national suppliers. The company currently offers free delivery for



Contributed

Concord resident Bo Stawicki is pictured with his wife Kristin, their sons Joseph, Ryan, Matthew and Jordan, and their dog Max in December 2020.

any orders within 30 minutes of Lynchburg.

The sauce can be used with everything from wings and soup

to burgers and pizza. For more information about Bo's Honey Brown Hot Sauce, visit <https://honeybrownhot.com>.

Power

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SEC's president and CEO. "I also appreciate the efforts of our SEC employees and our partners from other co-operatives and contractors working so diligently to get everyone's power back on."

The Sunday night into Monday morning storm blasted much of Virginia, as well as parts of neighboring states. The storm started as rain and as nighttime temperatures plummeted, turned to mixed precipitation before changing to heavy, wet snow. Gusty winds made the conditions worse. At one point on Monday, Virginia had more than 435,000 without power, according to power-outage.us.

Up to eight inches of heavy, wet snow fell in parts

of Appalachian Power's Virginia service area, causing damage that left more than 45,000 of their customers without electric service.

For SEC, the number of members without electricity topped 20,000 Monday. Crews worked through the falling snow as they began the chore of bringing that number down. It had been cut in half by Tuesday morning and reduced again by 50 percent by Wednesday morning, according to the company. The army of those working on outage restoration grew to more than 200, and outages decreased further to 1,238 by about 8:30 Thursday morning. They were bolstered by SEC's warehouses and supply yards.

SEC was thankful for the Virginia and out-of-state crews that provided help in the restoration effort.

More storms may sweep through the area before spring. SEC stated that it will be prepared with personnel and equipment, and it encourages members and the public to also be prepared.

One of the best tips is to prepare a storm kit, including such items as food that does not need to be heated, manual can opener, water for drinking and hygiene, first-aid kit, flashlight, battery or hand-crank radio, blankets and towels, cell phone and charger, extra medication, cash and pet supplies. See sec.coop for more tips on preparing for stormy weather.

SEC and Appalachian Power warned the public not to move tree limbs or debris from downed power lines and stay away from those lines because they could still be energized.

Wolfbane

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In order to audition for the plays, "Please have a brief monologue that shows off your acting chops! (Two minutes max)."

To sign up for the auditions, interested actors should submit a resume, headshot and the shows in which they are interested in participating. Email this information to casting@wolfbane.org.

Wolfbane has two theatre locations: indoors at the Wolf Den, located at the Triangle Plaza Shopping Center in Appomattox, and the Wolf PAC (Performing Arts Center),

located on a wooded lot along Country Club Road outside of town. Some of the performances take place on an outdoor stage, so would-be actors and audience members should be aware of that. New for 2022 will be a new stage in an open-sided pavilion, which will have its inaugural production, Macbeth, "the Scottish Play," in the autumn.

Some of the roles require certain skills, such as "a killer Australian accent," or "must be able to roller skate," the latter applicable to most of the cast of "Xanadu." To learn more about each production and the roles, including vocal ranges for the parts in the

musicals, visit wolfbane.org/auditions. The page also includes rehearsal start dates, opening and closing dates and which venue each will take place.

In addition to local talent, the theatrical company also holds auditions in New York City, putting together Virginians with actors who have performed all over the nation.

The auditions will take place at the Wolf Den, 197 Old Courthouse Road, Appomattox.

For those interested in attending the theatrical performances of Wolfbane, visit the website at wolfbane.org to see ticket information and details about the upcoming shows.

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Raiders Rule Region 2C!



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The Appomattox Raiders indoor track and field team won both the boys and girls Region 2C Championships held Friday at Roanoke College. Top row, from left: Quamea Gray, Savion Vaughan, Micah Johnson, DiTavion Mosley, Mannix Wilhoit, Vori Copeland, Collin Slagle, Matt Epperson, Marissa Perry, Head Coach Tim Crossin, Assistant Coach Paul Napier and Assistant Coach Brittany Pennix. Middle row, from left: Amyah Bolar, Kelsey Hackett, Aubrey Fulcher and Nadiyah Abdussalaam. First row, from left: Assistant Coach Jamie Martin, Madison Martin, Dezyre Christian, Ella Dudley and Morgan Flamm. Not available was Blake Fulcher. See article on Page 5.

Man granted \$25K bond in abduction, assault case

CHARLES CONRAD
Times Virginian

evidence summarized in court, Hamlett was allegedly involved in an altercation with a female whose eye was injured and swollen shut. Hamlett and the female went to a Lynchburg MedExpress for treatment when another altercation allegedly ensued.



Hamlett

David Lawson Hamlett, of Pamplin, was granted a \$25,000 secured bond on Thursday, Feb. 17, in Appomattox County Circuit Court. Hamlett has been charged with four felonies: two counts of abduction by force, one protective order violation (third or subsequent offense), and one count of assault on a family member (third or subsequent offense).

Online court records show the alleged offense as occurring on Dec. 26, 2021. According to initial

Defense attorney Mark

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Children's library expands to Pamplin area

COURTNEY MENDENHALL
Times Virginian

The Pamplin Area Legacy Supporters (PALS) organization is now an affiliate of the internationally recognized Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

There are 28 affiliates in the state of Virginia. PALS became an affiliate since there wasn't one within 25 miles. Since Pamplin lost its neighborhood library years ago, the new library is looking to give back to children in the community and give them access to free books.

"It is an amazing organization to work with," said Anne Jacobs, a member of the local Dolly Parton Imagination Library affiliate. "Our passion is to help kids learn to read and help them be passionate about reading."

The 2021 annual report

states that a Google translation option was added to the library website to "enhance accessibility for Spanish bilingual families." Jacobs added their additional goal was to "get books in the hands of children who won't be able to have access to them."

Anyone who lives in the 23958-area code — which covers Pamplin and areas toward Prospect, parts of Appomattox County, Charlotte County and Darlington Heights — qualifies for this program and must submit an official registration form by an authorized adult. Books are received within eight to 10 weeks after registration. Books are then continuously mailed to the child's home until he/she reaches the age of five. More than 1.8 million books are mailed each month to registered children.

"People can go online

to see if its available for their zip code and easily register," said Dolly Parton Imagination Library Affiliate Coordinator Libby Dorris, who describing it as very "user-friendly."

Last year, "The Library That Dolly Built" documentary began streaming online with Apple TV, Amazon Prime, Google Play and Cable on Demand. The impact of the program has been widely researched, and results suggest positive increases in key early childhood literacy metrics.

In a brief amount of time, the nonprofit organization has expanded into Kentucky, Kansas, Tennessee, Colorado and West Virginia (these states have county-wide coverage). There has been growth of participation with more than 160 million free books given to children in

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Courtney Mendenhall/Times Virginian

Shown from left are Dolly Parton Imagination Library Affiliate Coordinator Libby Dorris, Pamplin Area Legacy Supporters member Mary Cush, and Dolly Parton Imagination Library committee member Anne Jacobs.

Small Business Spotlight

20-year-old opening Branded Boutique store in Appomattox

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Hannah Dalton, 20, will have a grand opening of Branded Boutique at Main Street in Appomattox on March 7.



COURTNEY MENDENHALL
Times Virginian

Despite being one of the Appomattox's youngest business owners, 20-year-old Hannah Dalton is optimistic that her emerging store "Branded Boutique" will be successful at its Main Street location.

She will have an open house for the new location March 5 and a grand opening March 7.

The Appomattox native said she created the name for her business because she is inspired by the culture of Western-style clothing. She graduated from high school in 2020 and said she never got to finish her senior year in person

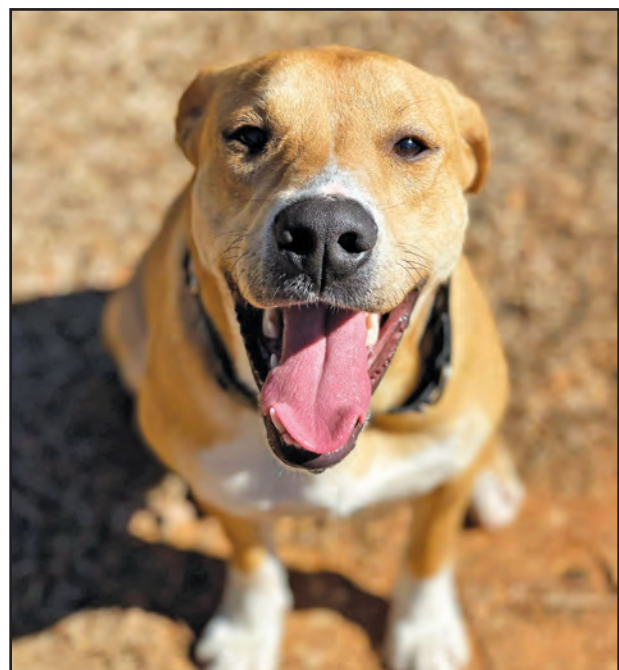
due to the pandemic. As a student, she didn't picture being a business owner even though she worked at a boutique in Appomattox. She was previously interested in becoming a dental hygienist but later realized it wasn't her calling.

She started with T-shirts in April 2021 after realizing that boutiques are not common in the area, and it "snowballed" "into a thing that she never imagined. She was working full-time elsewhere at the time but took a "leap of faith" to begin her business full-time.

"I prayed about it and asked God to send me a sign, and he sent a big one," she replied with relief.

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Animal shelter full



Appomattox County Animal Shelter/Contributed

The Appomattox County Animal Shelter at 3074 Morning Star Road recently announced that the shelter is full after just reopening at the beginning of this year. Shown is Yeti, who loves chasing after tennis balls in the play yard or just sitting next to someone, soaking up all the rubs. He needs a patient home that's going to work with him on his socialization and manners. He would be best in a home without other dogs. Their fast movements make him nervous. See article on Page 3.



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Store

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She added, "I've always wanted to be my own boss and set my own hours." Dalton is attending Southside Virginia Community College in Keyesville (majoring in business administration) and hopes to transfer to Liberty or Longwood for marketing. "I taught myself a lot of business (aspects) from working," she said. "I like to keep my prices fair." Items sold will include jewelry, clothing for juniors and ladies, bags and purses, and handmade local items (from other local residents). "Eventually I'm hoping to grow into hats and shoes," she added. Dalton and her mother,

Shauna Dalton, have been working together to remodel the business space that was previously a barber shop. They have painted, added flooring, remodeled the bathroom and added other walling features to it. "All I see is big things that are going to happen for her — a bigger picture," Shauna Dalton said. Shauna Dalton described her daughter's experiences as being "successful" at previous festivals such as the Christmas Market Festival in December and at the 2021 Railroad Festival (her first event). She had 70 handmade shirts that sold out by lunchtime. Hannah Dalton became an independent contractor of a Lynchburg business, which she described as a "blessing" because it allowed her to sell her custom made shirts and she because has seen

great business. "It still hasn't hit me yet, but I think it will hit me until the first day when people start coming. Everyone has a dream, and I had a dream, but I didn't see how it would be possible. I prayed and prayed about it. If you have a dream, you need to follow through with it, and it can happen. I want to be a role model for younger girls. If they see, 'Hey, if she can do it, I can do it, too,'" Hannah said. Hannah is hoping to eventually open different locations. Hours for the boutique will be Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; it is closed on Sundays. Hours will be adjusted over time. She encourages everyone to visit the Branded Boutique website at brandedboutique-bb.square.site.

Court

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Office deputy pulled Harris over for speeding on Court Street. When the deputy requested Harris's drivers license, he found that it was suspended. Harris admitted to having a machete in the vehicle, a blue Ford Mustang. Upon further search, a bag with a powdery substance was found in the center console, as well as other drug paraphernalia. The powdery substance tested positive for methamphetamine at the state's Department of Forensic Science. Conditions of the suspended sentence time include 15 years good behavior and three years supervised probation.

Man sentenced for meth distribution
Verne Lester Jr., 30, of Appomattox, was sentenced to serve one year with four years suspended for possession with in-

struction. Lester expressed remorse when given a chance to speak to the court. Suspended time is conditioned upon 20 years good behavior, two years supervised probation, and fulfilling any required drug treatment. Lester has been incarcerated since October, so credit for time served is applied to the active sentence.

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countries such as Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and Ireland. Mary Cush, a member of PALS, mentioned that 49 children in the Pamplin area are registered for the program, and they are looking for more participations. For more information, visit imaginationlibrary.com. Donations are welcome.

to sell or distribute methamphetamine. Lester had pleaded guilty to the charge Oct. 28, 2021. Four other charges are involved in the case, for which Lester received suspended sentences. Lester had also pleaded guilty to possession with a gun with a Schedule I or II drug, possession of a gun on person with a Schedule I or II drug, possession of methamphetamine, and receiving or buying stolen goods. Total suspended time on all charges equals 20 years. The stolen property, as reported in the Times Virginian following the October 2021 trial, was a generator traded for meth. At Thursday's sentencing hearing, Lester claimed he did not know the item was stolen. In regard to the firearms, Lester stated that he owned a gun long before he began drug use. Another gun had been held as collateral in a drug deal. The firearms were confiscated by the commonwealth for

Water

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\$650,000 to be used toward the project's construction costs. The total amount of the project is estimated at \$2,275,000. Work on the project will commence when detailed matters are all set, such as the financial considerations and delivery of materials. The estimated time of completion after the construction work begins is 180 days.

Hamlett

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Cook asked Circuit Court Judge Andy Nelson for a secured bond, stating that Hamlett has lifelong ties to Appomattox County and is therefore not a flight risk. Cook also stated that he believes there are some factual discrepancies in the case. Appomattox County Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Kia Scott asked for no bond or a high secured bond, asserting her belief that Hamlett is a danger to the community and the alleged victim. In making her argument, Scott cited Hamlett's past criminal record, among which are past failure to appear and protective order violations, assault and battery of a family member, petit larceny, contempt of court, drug charges and more. Conditions of bond are that Hamlett is placed on house arrest except for employment and attending to legal matters, no weapons possession, staying within the state of Virginia, and no contact with the complaining witness or her family. The case is scheduled to go to a grand jury April 7.

OBITUARY

Wade Hiram Baldwin

Wade Hiram Baldwin, 81, of Pamplin, died at Lynchburg General Hospital on February 17, 2022, after a long illness. He was the husband of Hallie Simmons Baldwin.



Wade Hiram Baldwin

Born on October 4, 1940, in Charlotte County, he was the son of the late Cleve Willis Baldwin and Laura Ferguson Baldwin. He sold vegetables and plants in Appomattox for 36 years and loved to fish and play poker. Wade was an avid hunter of old bottles and clay pipes and enjoyed singing old gospel songs. He was a member of Beale Memorial Presbyterian Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sister, Eva Tolbert of Maryland; his sister-in-law, Patsy Price of Pamplin; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Willis Baldwin, Wiley Baldwin, Howard Baldwin, David Baldwin, and Ernest Baldwin; and four sisters, Mary Ellen Hamlett, Grace Bucknam, Ann Lee, and

Janie Chapman. A funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Monday, February 21, 2022, at Robinson Funeral Home with Rev. Sidney Wade officiating. Burial followed at Rocks Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the funeral service. Those wishing to make memorials please consider Appomattox Pet Center 3074 Morning Star Rd, Appomattox, VA 24522. Robinson Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family. An online condolence may be sent by visiting www.robinsonfuneral.com.

The family of *Rebecca Babcock Rosser* would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the community for the countless expressions of love and care during mother's illness and our bereavement. She loved the folks in Appomattox, and for good reason. Blessings to all.

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Raiders are region champs!



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The Appomattox Raiders pose with the VHSL Football Region 2C Championship trophy after defeating Glenvar 38-34 on Friday night. See more photos on Page 12.

ACHS football team wins Class 2C Region Championship in wild finish

Open state playoffs Saturday vs. Graham

CHARLES CONRAD
Times Virginian

The 2022 season flashed before the eyes of the Appomattox Raiders late in the fourth quarter Friday night as Jackson Swanson

of Glenvar fielded a Raider punt and returned it 75 yards for a touchdown that was supposed to have given the Highlanders a 40-38 lead (before the extra point attempt) in the Region 2C Championship game.

However, Raider Nation breathed a collective sigh of relief when a flag was thrown against Glenvar for an illegal block, which nullified the touchdown.

Still in possession of the ball at the Appomattox 43-

yard line, Glenvar freshman quarterback Joshua Dawyot connected with wide receiver Nicholas Woodson on a 3rd-and-5 pass that placed the Highlanders at the 29-yard line.

Dawyot rifled the next

pass up the middle to Gabriel Ford, who dropped the ball with open space in front of him. On 3rd-and-10 with time ticking away, Dawyot scrambled right on a rollout and threw the ball toward the end

zone, but Jonathan Pennix intercepted the pass with eight seconds left to play to seal the championship for Appomattox.

"My defense got great pressure on (Dawyot)," Pennix said as he described the interception play. "He had to roll out, so — young

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Additional SRO will not be hired for high school

CHARLES CONRAD
Times Virginian

The Appomattox County Sheriff's Office will not be adding an additional full-time school resource officer (SRO) to work at Appomattox County High School at this time. The decision was formally announced at the Nov. 21 meeting of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors.

SROs are police officers employed at schools for security purposes to deal with internal and external threats and other issues as necessary. They are also utilized to provide security at school events.

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Grant OK'd to fund school health services

CHARLES CONRAD
Times Virginian

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors approved a request to appropriate federal grant funding in the amount of \$56,835 to Appomattox County Public Schools (ACPS).

ACPS Superintendent Dr. Annette Bennett had written a letter to the board in making the request for the School-Based Health Workforce Grant.

Bennett told the Times Virginian via email that the funds will be distributed to all four schools within the district — high school, middle school, elementary

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Small Business Spotlight

Appomattox Health and Rehab continues 'world-class' rehab

COURTNEY MENDENHALL
Times Virginian

Recognized as one of the "Best Nursing Homes" by U.S. News and World Report (in 2019 and 2020), Appomattox Health and Rehabilitation continues its effort to provide "world-class rehabilitation" for its local patients.

The facility has a "state-of-the-art gym" with the latest advanced therapeutic technology. In the gym, residents have access to qualified physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech-language pathologists. The rehabilitation staff assists in providing specialized testing and exercise programs to improve balance and coordination, and to increase physical function, mobility and safety.

Also, they help patients improve their ability to communicate when recovering from incidents such as a stroke or other neurological conditions. Speech therapists work with patients to assess and treat how to "regain" communication, swallowing function and other vocal impairments.

This business also specializes in stroke care, cardiac care, respiratory diseases, orthopedic surgery



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At left is Admissions Director/Marketing Director Crystal Butler next to the sign for Appomattox Health and Rehabilitation. Below are staff members at the business. Recognized as one of the "Best Nursing Homes" by U.S. News and World Report (in 2019 and 2020), the business provides "world-class rehabilitation" for its local patients.



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OBITUARIES

Ruby Garrett Cyrus

Ruby Christine "Chris" Garrett Cyrus, 70, of Old Grist Mill Rd., Appomattox, died Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

Born in Lynchburg, Va., on March 31, 1953, she was a daughter of the late Dorothy Ferguson Garrett and Carlton Rosser Garrett. She was a member of New Hope Baptist Church and was a sales associate

for Schewels Furniture in Appomattox.

She is survived by her son, Carlton Lee Cyrus and wife, Cindy; three grandchildren, Aiden Lee Cyrus, Taylor Woodard, and Sabrina Woodard; and a special friend, William Henry.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 1, 2022, at New Hope Baptist Church

Cemetery officiated by Rev. Ron Moore. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service.

Robinson Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family. An online condolence may be sent by visiting www.robinsonfuneral.com.

Roland Baxter "R.B." Parris

Roland Baxter "R.B." Parris, 95, of Appomattox passed away on Sunday, November 27, 2022. He was the husband of Louise Nelson Parris.

Born in Asheville, N.C., on August 30, 1927, R.B. was the son of the late Roland Baxter Parris, Sr. and the late Alva Teague Parris. Educated in Asheville Public Schools, R.B. joined the U.S. Marine Corps near the end of World War II. After serving in the Marine Corps, R.B. attended N.C. State University and majored in forestry. He then worked with the U. S. Forest Service in California and Arizona. He started work for Continental Can Company in 1953 as an area forester and continued until his retirement in 1986.

R.B. and Louise were married November 19, 1955. They joined Memorial Methodist Church in Appomattox. He taught Sunday School there for several years. R.B. was a Mason and a member of the Lions Club. He was a devoted husband, father, and Papa Bear.

Survived by his wife and children, Mary P. Goin (Gary), R. Baxter Parris, III (Debbie), Donald N. Parris (Kathy) all of Appomattox, Susan P. Prillaman (Mike) of Forest; ten grandchildren, Sarah Beth G. Waddell (Nick), Kimberly G. Elliott (Will), Donna P. John (Phil), Kathlyn P. Wade (Seth), Seth G. Parris, Ashleigh E. Parris, Roland B. Parris, IV (Elizabeth), Savannah P. Webber (Samuel), Heather P. Loftis (David Ray), and J. Bennett Prillaman; and 11 great-grandchildren, Caleb, Lorelei, Everly and Cora Wade, Easton, Taylor and Lelia John, Kayden, Kruz, and Kali Alzugaray, and Frances Waddell. He is also survived by three brothers-in-law, John M. Nelson (Carolyn), Robert S. Nelson, and Thomas L. Nelson; three nieces, Pamela Goldrick, Sherry Watts (Jeff), and Nancy Quisenberry; and numerous Nelson nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Donald T. Parris; nephews, Jeff



Roland Baxter Parris

Parris and Steve Parris, and a brother and sister-in-law, Ben and Alice Nelson.

A graveside funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, December 2, 2022, in Old Herman Cemetery officiated by Rev. Norman Ramsey.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to The Salvation Army, 2215 Park Ave., Lynchburg, VA 24501 or the National Foundation for Gun Rights at NationalGunRight.org.

Robinson Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family. An online condolence may be sent by visiting www.robinsonfuneral.com.

For information about placing an obituary, contact the Times Virginian at: accounts@timesvirginian.com.

Wolfbane

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Loose Shoe Too (brewery) is the second brewery location to its sister location in Amherst offering "comfortable taprooms and friendly customer service." Both locations feature 14 taos that offer a variety of craft beers to

suit every palate.

Wolfbane Productions was founded in 2008 by Dustin Williams and became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 2015. Wolfbane is a professional performing arts and community enrichment organization focused on providing high quality theatre, premium arts education and community driven health initiatives. Wolfbane

approaches all its programming in a unique way by leveraging both local and national resources to bring a special magic to Central Virginia audiences. Many of its company members have gone on to forge careers on Broadway and beyond but always come back to support their theatre family they have created with Wolfbane.

Champs

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freshman looking to make a play — he saw (Reed Hutchison) had dipped off at the inside corner a little bit. He threw a little over the top, you know, he saw a dude in front of him. He threw it a little too high — I seen it, rolled over and picked it off. At that point, the emotions came in."

Raiders head coach Smith also credited Appomattox defensive coordinator Stephen Castello for his role in the Raiders' defensive stand on Glenvar's final possession.

"Coach Castello did a great job defensively in putting a defense in that would keep them from throwing the long one," he said. "So, it was just basically — we knew they didn't have any timeouts and everything that they catch or whatever they do, just keep them in bounds and just don't let them get the big one."

The win was the fourth straight regional championship for the Raiders, who begin their quest for a sixth Class 2 championship Saturday, Dec. 3, when they travel to Mitchell Stadium in Bluefield to face the undefeated (13-0) Graham G-Men, winners of the Region 2D Championship with a 56-35 win over Ridgeview. Appomattox's overall record is 10-3.

Appomattox and Glenvar opened Friday night's game at Glenvar High School by trading field goals from the Raiders' Mario Rubio and Highlanders' Tyler Pierce to even the score at 3-3.

The Raiders pulled ahead 10-3 early in the second quarter when Pennix burst down the left sideline for a 99-yard touchdown run. The play was set up by a Gray Peterson interception that was tipped into his hands, giving the Raiders the ball at their own two-yard line. The Raiders lost a yard on their first play of the drive before Pennix's long run.

Glenvar wasted no time in giving Appomattox a little payback when Swanson showed his own speed and elusiveness with an 85-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to tie the game at 10-10.

On the Raiders' next possession, Peterson was sacked by Nathan Johnson, forcing a punt. Glenvar then drove 72 yards, capped off by a 22-yard touchdown run by Shane Gibson for a 17-10 lead.

Before halftime, Appomattox tie the score again at 17-all on a 14-yard touchdown pass from Peterson to Demontay Fleshman, but Glenvar went into

the locker room up by three on a 36-yard field goal by Pierce.

Pierce connected on another 36-yarder early in the third quarter before Pennix put the Raiders ahead 24-23 on a 22-yard touchdown run.

Down once again after a third Pierce field goal, Pennix scored his third touchdown of the game on a pitchout to the right for a seven-yard run, putting the Raiders back on top 31-26 with 9:35 to play in the fourth quarter.

Glenvar got the ball back and moved to the Raiders' 14-yard line, aided by a 15-yard facemask penalty called against the Raiders. Ford then caught a pass from Dawyot at the 3-yard line and sidestepped a defender for a touchdown. With the two-point conversion, Glenvar was up 34-31 with 7:02 remaining.

The Highlanders aided the Raiders on their next possession with a facemask penalty in their own territory, giving the Raiders the ball at the 11-yard line. On 3rd-and-2, Pennix scored what would be the game winner on a three-yard touchdown run with exactly four minutes showing on the clock.

Glenvar converted two fourth downs on their next drive, but a fumble by Ford was recovered by Pennix. The Raiders were forced to punt on 4th-and-18 and the aforementioned score by Swanson that was wiped out by a penalty ensued.

Appomattox has come a long way since their 1-3 start, with all three losses coming against Class 3 teams.

"It's just great to see this team fighting," Pennix said. "We started the season 1-3; that's not Appomattox football. Just to see how we fought adversity — we came here, and we were losing this game, and everybody kept fighting and believing. The coaches never gave up on us; the players never gave up; the fans didn't give up. So, that's all we can ask for; win or lose, we gave our all."

Pennix said that building team confidence as the season went along made the difference in results.

"We got a lot of changes, young guys were starting getting more reps, and once we went to the Dogwood District teams, they were making more plays," he said. "So, that really installed confidence in them ... Confidence is a big thing in football — 80 percent mindset. So, once we kinda got on a little winning streak, the mindset changed, and we realized we can do this, especially after last week's win (over Radford). Now after this

team win, we feel like the confidence booster has went up even more, and that's a scary thing — as long as we can come into every game confident, there's gonna be a lot of teams that have to deal with us."

After the game, Smith spoke of Glenvar's football program in high praise following the back-and-forth battle that produced eight lead changes, and called Swanson an "exciting" player.

"Glenvar's so good, you don't know when they're gonna score," Smith said. "They're just that great of a team, and coach Kevin Clifford is just unbelievable. They have such a classy program, and so you just have to battle and battle and hope and pray that things go your way."

Raiders senior offensive lineman and linebacker Gabe Nitti described the nail-biter against Glenvar as "definitely the most exciting game I've ever been in ... I got that false start, too, at the end, and thought I shot us in the foot. But we came back; we fought adversity down at halftime. It was a great team win."

Nitti's false start came on the Raiders' last offensive drive on a 3rd-and-13 play and pushed them back five more yards before the last punt that Swanson returned.

Considering the fact that Appomattox had a tough start to the season with a young roster and new starting quarterback who replaced four-year starter Tre Lawing, Nitti said the team was able to overcome early season doubters.

"I believe we overcame expectations," he said. "I feel like after that three-game losing streak, a lot of people started doubting us and slept on us. We knew what we were capable of; we just had to come out and compete, work hard, stay focused, and that's how we got here."

In looking forward to this week's rematch against Graham, to which Appomattox lost in the 2021 state semifinal, Nitti plans for himself and the team to work hard and be prepared.

"I look forward to just going out every day, getting after it," he said. "It's my senior year lastly, but I plan on winning it all. I just wanna work hard, stay focused, me and my team grow even stronger together and prepare for the state tournament."

Tickets for the Class 2 State Semifinal game are only available on the GoFan website. Tickets cannot be purchased by cash at the gate. Tickets are \$10 plus a \$1.50 convenience charge. Children age 6 and under can attend for free.

Rehab

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care, accident recovery, skilled nursing care and post-surgical care.

Admissions Director/Marketing Director Crystal Butler has been working at Appomattox Health and Rehabilitation for five years and said that she enjoys the "small, family-oriented" facility. They have 60 beds in the entire building, and she added that they strive to keep patients and their visitors/families safe.

"Adjusting to COVID has been difficult," she said. "Residents didn't

have any visitors for a period of time."

Butler loves being able to work with "the team" and host several events such as bingo, birthday parties, holiday parties, games, community carnivals and cookouts. She said that they are hoping to start these events again now that COVID-19 numbers have decreased.

Appomattox Health and Rehabilitation offers therapy seven days a week for up to three hours each session. Therapy may include: exercises related to activities and function of the upper body; training to improve self-care; dressing

and activities of daily living assessment for visual and spatial impairment; home improvements for safety and increased independence; and training on the use of adaptive equipment to improve independence and safety during daily life tasks.

"Being able to see patients walk out of the facility with smiles on their faces is the most rewarding thing," Butler said.

The staff even sings a personalized "cheer" when patients complete their therapy program.

Scheduled tours are offered for all guests and potential residents.

Grant

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school and primary school.

"That is a grant we applied for and were awarded to support student health services," she stated. "The grant is written to provide stipends for the school nurses and clinic supplies at each school. Supplies would include consumable items such as gloves and paper products. We also will be able to pay for training materials and opportunities for the nurses, and license renewals. Also included in the grant is the purchase of several portable defibrillators for our schools and athletic teams."

According to the request submitted by Bennett, and the board of supervisors' meeting agenda, no new local funds will be required to complete the request.

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