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CVFD celebrates 60 years

Dedicates new building, garden

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Concord Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) celebrated its 60th anniversary Sunday afternoon with an open house and dedication of a new building, Memorial Garden and flag pole. The building was packed with volunteers, family, friends and colleagues from surrounding departments.

The celebration opened with a prayer from Pastor Tim Dooley from New Chapel Baptist Church, who noted the difficulties of being a first responder and the community's ap-

preciation for all the men and women in the department.

CVFD President Jerame Edwards welcomed everyone to the department's 60th anniversary and said, "60 years passes in the blink of an eye." He thanked the men and women who had "set out to start one of the greatest departments in our area," and added that the founders of CVFD "made it happen, they set the pace for generations to come."

Edwards emphasized that fire services are one big family, including the

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Past Concord Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) Chief Claude Owen (center) cuts the ribbon to celebrate a new building at an event Sunday. Looking on are CVFD Chief Steven Hamlett (left) and President Jerame Edwards.

State GOP chairman visits Appomattox



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Pictured at the Fast Terry tour stop Thursday at the empty Thomasville Furniture building in Appomattox are Appomattox County Republican Committee Chairman Christian Raymond (far left), Republican Party of Virginia Chairman Rich Anderson (middle) and several Appomattox residents.

GOP stresses McAuliffe's failed Lindenberg deal

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On Thursday, Oct. 21, Republican Party of Virginia Chairman Rich Anderson held a meeting in front of the still-unoccupied building that once was home to Thomasville Furniture just off the U.S. Route 460 East exit in Appomattox.

The stop was part of a three-day tour across Virginia called Fast Terry's Failure Tour, conducted to "talk about the economic incentive failures that endured during the McAuliffe administration," as Anderson said in a videotaped segment at the Thomasville site.

As many Appomattox County residents will recall, then-Governor

Terry McAuliffe was a central figure in finalizing a deal that was made in 2014 for a Chinese-based company, Lindenberg Industries, to purchase the abandoned Thomasville plant and manufacture parts for clean energy automobiles. The deal was supposed to bring approximately 350

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The Court Report Ex-Pamplin clerk avoids prison time Must pay \$31K

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Paulie Johnson, 66, of Farmville, received a suspended sentence and must pay restitution on four felony counts of embezzlement of public funds.

Johnson was the Town of Pamplin treasurer and clerk when discrepancies in town books from Jan. 1, 2015, through Jan. 31, 2018, were discovered during an audit. The audit had been requested in preparation for work that needed

to be done in the town.

A subsequent investigation by Virginia State Police led to Johnson, who admitted to using town funds to make personal purchases and pay bills with the town's credit card, debit card and checks.

Johnson was sentenced to 20 years, all time suspended, but must pay restitution of \$31,259.27 at \$500 per month, remain on good behavior for 20 years and undergo supervised

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Cannabis education event denied

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The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors considered an application for a controversial special event that ended up being rejected by a 3-2 vote. Be Kind Productions LLC applied to host The Kindness Cup, "promoted as a cannabis education event."

Several organizations and individuals were involved with the event. Tim Johnson, promoter of the event, was on hand at the meeting to present the concept to the board and answer their questions. The venue was to be DeVault Vineyards (owned by Ter-

ry and Sharon DeVault) in Concord. Johnson and his partner, Christie Torrence (who works at the vineyard), lead Be Kind Productions, which is listed as the event organizer. Be Kind Productions and DeVault Vineyards are known for their popular summer music event, the Be Kind Festival.

The Vineyard's outdoor event venue, including stages and camping facilities were to be rented for the Kindness Cup on Nov. 6 and 7 (Saturday and Sunday). The "cannabis education event (would have featured) Virginia NORML,

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Supply yard service opens

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After six years working in landscaping and hard-scaping, Brandon Means has opened a supply yard in Appomattox.

"This has been the end goal since I started in the industry," Means said at his grand opening Saturday. "Once you've been working in the service part

of it, it's the end dream to get into the retail side of things."

Previously based in Concord, Means saw a need for a local supply yard central to Appomattox.

"There isn't any place between Lynchburg and Farmville, so this is something the community needs," he said.

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Brandon and Kelsey Means are shown at Saturday's grand opening of Southern Touch Landscaping Supply Yard located at 7446 Richmond Highway



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