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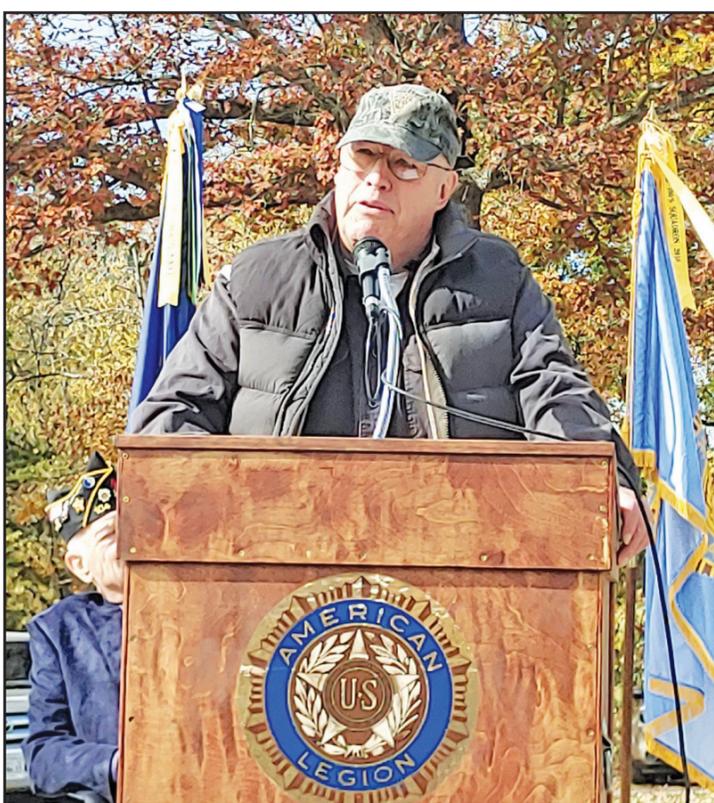
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American Legion Post 104 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9855, both of Appomattox, co-hosted a Veterans Day Celebration on Thursday on the front lawn of the American Legion property. The Keynote Speaker was retired Major John S. Farnam, U.S. Marine Corp and Wisconsin National Guard.

Post 104 Public Relations Officer Howard Gregory served as master of ceremony, welcoming the attendees and introducing the various speakers. He also recognized and thanked all the elected officials, law enforcement officers and other first responders who attended. Post 104 Chaplain Brian Moore offered the invocation, while another Post 104 Chaplain, Gene Riffey, provided the benediction.

Dr. Melissa Small sang the national anthem. Post 104 Commander Ron Krauklis offered some remarks on the occasion and presented some gifts to the speaker following his address (a statue and a Quilt of Valor). Post 104 Bugler Keith Hamilton played Taps at the conclusion of the ceremony.

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Maj. John S. Farnam (ret.) delivers the keynote address at the Veteran's Day Ceremony at American Legion Post 104.

Town manager leaving

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Appomattox Town Manager Gary Shanabeger announced last Wednesday that he will be leaving Appomattox to take on the role of town manager in Altavista. The plan was finalized after The Altavista Town Council voted unanimously in its Nov. 9 meeting to approve an employment agreement with Shanabeger.

Shanabeger has served as the town manager of Appomattox since 2017.

"I would like to thank each of you for the opportunity to serve as town manager for the Town of Appomattox and to thank those council members who believed in me when I was hired," he said in a statement to the Appomattox town council. "I have genuinely enjoyed my time here in Appomattox. It has been a busy four

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County emergency crews team up for Operation Christmas Child project

CHARLES CONRAD
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On Thursday, around a dozen members of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department and Appomattox Rescue Squad teamed up at the firehouse building on Confederate Boulevard

to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

The crew began at 6 p.m. and packed 100 shoeboxes for children throughout the world who could use a special gift and a message of hope during the Christmas season.

Operation Christmas

Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a non-profit Christian missions organization headquartered in Boone, N.C. Shoeboxes full of gifts such as toys, stuffed animals, school supplies, personal hygiene items and more are shipped and distributed to children

in over 170 countries and territories. The gifts serve as an open door to share the Gospel message.

Gifts at last week's event were purchased by fire and rescue personnel and their families, and others were donated by local businesses. Appomattox resident

Susanne Wood, local OCC team coordinator, helped supply the shoeboxes and stayed in communication with the volunteers throughout the process.

Garrett said the shoebox packing event was a fun evening for all involved, especially because of its

purpose.

"We definitely had a good time packing and a good time fellowshiping knowing that we're doing something good for the kids in need," he said.

On a personal level, the

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Weed education event finds home after county bans it

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Tim Johnson of Be Kind Productions LLC told the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors in their October meeting that his organization wanted to host a marijuana education event, but they would "only do it the right way," with approval from the authorities. He was true to his word, and yet the board's denial of the event did not cancel it. The Kind Cup took place on the planned date, Saturday, Nov. 6, but it moved to the Sedalia Center in Big Island, Bedford County.

The original plan was to hold the gath-

ering at DeVault Vineyards in Concord, a property located at the border of Appomattox and Campbell Counties. Johnson applied for the event permit in Appomattox County and received the required approval of various agencies, including the sheriff, fire marshal, public safety director and county administrator. The board of supervisors was split on the matter, with Supervisors Hinkle, Hogan, and Hipps voting nay and Supervisors Carter and Abbitt voting aye.

The organizers of the event switched to plan B: hold it in Campbell County.

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ACHS softball stars sign LOI



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Appomattox Raiders senior softball players (from left) Courtney Layne, Kelsey Hackett and Abby Wilkerson signed their collegiate letters of intent Wednesday, Nov. 10, on National Signing Day at Appomattox County High School. See page 5 for article.



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