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Drumond named chief of police in Vinton

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Fabricio Drumond has been appointed to serve as chief of police in Vinton, effective December 1. He has served as the interim police chief since July 21, assuming the role after former Police Chief Thomas L. Foster left the town to become the United States Marshal for the Western District of Virginia.

Chief Drumond joined the town in 2009 as an officer and was promoted to deputy police chief in February 2017.

“Fabricio Drumond will be a great leader for the Police Department in the Town of Vinton,” said Vinton Mayor Brad Grose. “We are indeed fortunate to have some-

one with his qualifications within our own ranks. Chief Drumond’s experience, training, education, and natural ability are all particularly important factors in making him the perfect candidate for the position of chief of police.

“Fabricio’s outstanding leadership and command abilities are evident to everyone who interacts with him,” Grose said. “However, his concern for his fellow man in general and especially for the citizens of Vinton make him uniquely qualified to be the chief of police in our community. I am convinced that his concern for the safety and well-being of the citizens of Vinton will elevate an already well-respected Police Department to an

even higher level of service.”

Drumond graduated in 2000 from Maynard High School in Maynard, Mass., and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps shortly thereafter and served until 2006. During his time in the USMC, he was meritoriously promoted

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Fabricio Drumond



Richard “Pete” Peters

Peters appointed Vinton town manager

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Vinton Town Council has appointed Richard “Pete” Peters as its next town manager. The announcement was made at the council meeting on December 1. Peters has worked for the town since 2015, first as assistant town manager/director of economic development, and then, since August 1 of this year, as acting town manager after Town Manager Barry Thompson announced he would be retiring on December 31.

“Pete Peters is going to be a great town manager for Vinton,” said Mayor Brad Grose. “Pete has done an incredible job as assistant town manager/economic development director and is already recognized as an accomplished leader in our community. Pete’s years of experience in Vinton and in his previous positions will be valuable as he assumes the role as town manager.

“Pete has many great qualifications such as education, experience, natural talent, and a great small-town demeanor,” Grose noted. “Most importantly, Pete ‘fits’ well into our community. Since Pete grew up locally, many people in Vinton already know and respect him. The business leaders in Vinton recognize Pete’s talent and they appreciate his ability to deliver on promises. Pete understands our community and wants only the absolute best for the Town of Vinton. As mayor, I have been extremely impressed with his performance and I know that he genuinely loves Vinton. Pete knows that the Town of Vinton has an exciting future and has devoted himself to making it happen! I certainly look forward to working with Pete ‘In Vinton.’”

Peters has more than 20 years of experience in local government, including the City of Roanoke and Botetourt County. He is a 1993 graduate of William Byrd High School. He earned his undergraduate degree from Ferrum College in Recreation and Leisure Services and a Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management from Virginia Tech, a program co-sponsored by the Virginia Local Government Management Association.

Before coming to Vin-

ton, he served for 10 years as director of Parks and Recreation in Botetourt County, for two years as director of Athletic Programs and Facilities at Roanoke Catholic School, and for seven years with the City of Roanoke Department of Parks and Recreation.

Peters’ tenure with Vinton has seen many successful projects. He has played a key role in the town receiving and managing numerous state and federal grants, including overseeing a Community Development Block Grant to assist with revitalization efforts and develop business support programs for the town’s downtown business district.

Other major roles include assisting with the redevelopment of numerous properties including the former Vinton Motors property at Vinyard Station, the Lancelot Sports Complex, Gish Mill, the Roland E. Cook Lofts, the Billy Byrd Apartments, the Vinton Macado’s and the recruitment of Rosie’s Gaming Emporium.

Peters is also active in the community, representing the Town of Vinton on numerous regional boards including the Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission, Roanoke Regional Partnership and the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, to name a few.

“Pete has done an exceptional job with the economic growth of the Town of Vinton,” said Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty. “He is extremely knowledgeable and approachable when citizens and business owners have questions or concerns about the town. He has gained the respect of the citizens, business owners, staff and Town Council. His hard work and close attention to detail have paid off. He is a perfect fit for the Town of Vinton. I welcome him as town manager and look forward to the amazing things that lie ahead for Vinton under his leadership.”

“Having the ability to promote someone of Mr. Peters caliber from within allows for a seamless continuity of town government and his promotion reflects council’s confidence in his ability to lead and grow Vinton,” Grose added. “We are thankful to have him at the helm.”

“I am truly honored to

Eric Lynn’s hobby is a blast

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Some people fish; some people craft; some people play golf. Eric Lynn builds and launches high-powered model rockets as a hobby.

Lynn traces his interest in model rocketry to growing up in southern California about 20

miles from Vandenberg Air Force Base. Rocket and missile launches would shake the ground; neighbors would stream outside thinking “earthquake,” and stay to watch the massive trails of smoke in the sky.

Lynn, his dad, and brothers took up model rocketry in the ’90s, when high-powered rocketry

was just getting started, building from kits. It gave them an interest in common – something they could do together as a family. That’s what piqued his interest in the hobby again as “something to do” with his almost 4-year-old stepson.

Lynn has been involved with competition shooting and reloading ammunition for several years, but his enthusiasm has waned over time. Learning there was as local model rocketry organization at Virginia Tech – New River Valley Rocketry (NRVR) – where high-powered rockets can be launched, sparked his curiosity.

He started off building rockets with small motors from kits – ones that could be safely launched from his backyard, the driveway, or nearby fields. That led to extensive research and building more powerful rockets – and eventual certification in high-powered rocketry.

Since it’s best practice to launch high-powered rockets through affiliation with a club, Lynn joined NRVR, which launches from Virginia Tech’s Kentland Farms, and also the Valley Aerospace Team (VAST) in

northern Virginia near Monterey. Both groups host monthly launches (at least prior to COVID-19) for members. He is also a member of the Tripoli Rocketry Association (TRA).

The most recent NRVR launch at Kentland Farms in Blacksburg was on November 21 with both afternoon and evening sessions. NRVR members, students, and spectators spent a beautiful fall afternoon watching rockets lift off (with such powerful blasts that preschoolers needed earmuffs) and then drift slowly back to earth when parachutes deployed.

The evening session was a spectacular light show. Lynn launched three rockets while it was daylight and a unique spool spinner rocket after dark – which does just what its name implies – with glow sticks attached.

He says that model rocketry is not really a hobby familiar to, or available to, most. Supplies are usually not readily available locally. It can be an expensive pursuit; and there are

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Eric Lynn (right), his stepson, and his father-in-law prepare to launch a high-powered rocket with a G75J motor at the NRVR meet at Kentland Farms on November 21.

Bonsack Elementary holds traditional Thanksgiving Parade with a new twist

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Each year the fifth graders at Bonsack Elementary School parade through the halls on the day before Thanksgiving break in their own version of the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, called “Balloons over Bonsack.”

To complete the yearly project, students read the book “Balloons over Broadway” to learn about the history of the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

In the book, author Melissa Sweet tells the story of Tony Sarg, the puppeteer and marionette master who created the first Macy’s upside-down puppet parade

balloons in 1928. The balloons have become the parade’s trademark in the years since, often with worries about whether the weather will support their inclusion in the parade.

In 2020, the Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade had to make some major adjustments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bonsack students made some adjustments to their assignment, as well.

In past years, after reading the story, the fifth grade students at Bonsack would form groups and take on a “Design Challenge” of creating a “balloon puppet” to represent one of the traditional balloons in the parade

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Fifth graders at Bonsack Elementary School once again celebrated Thanksgiving by creating balloon puppets for their annual “Balloons over Bonsack” parade. Here is the Pillsbury Doughboy.

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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

We hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving. We sure did. We gathered at Angie and Greg's house (our house). Those attending were Bootie and Greg Chewning, Mark Chewning (our cousin that recently moved here from California – we missed his wife Karen who was visiting her mom in California), Michelle and

Brian Barklow, Drake and Abbie Lewis, Hannah Jones, and Vicky and Kent Smith. We missed those that could not join us and hope to see and hug you all soon.

I got to join my future daughter-in-law, Hannah Jones, her mom Tara and sister Emilee on an adventure on Saturday – Hannah had made her appointment and

Angie Chewning

Filling in for Bootie

we all went to Here & Now Bridal and she said yes to the dress! Wow, what an experience! When you watch all those TV shows that the bride-to-be “knows” when it's her dress – it's true! We all did! The minute that curtain opened, tears began to flow! Thank you so much for letting me be a part of that experience with you! I hate

others couldn't join us, but with all the restrictions, guests are limited!

I hope everyone shopped locally this weekend and remembers to continue to do so throughout the holiday season and beyond. It is even more important to support our local stores and restaurants now.

Bank of Botetourt breaks ground for new Vinton office



Participants in the Bank of Botetourt groundbreaking ceremony in Vinton on November 24 included (left to right): Mary Ann Miller and Ned Honts from Bank of Botetourt, Mike Woolwine from Hughes Associates, Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters, Andy Shotwell (Bank of Botetourt), Troy Henderson from G&H Contracting, Marty Francis (Bank of Botetourt), Vinton Town Councilman Mike Stovall, Bank of Botetourt President and CEO G. Lyn Hayth III, Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, Bank of Botetourt Board member H. Watts Steger III, Vinton Councilwoman Laurie Mullins, Vinton Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, Vinton Councilman Keith Liles, Laurie Hart (Bank of Botetourt), Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce President Justin Davison, Chamber Executive Director Angie Chewning, Michelle Barklow from the Chamber Board of Directors, and Kathryn Sowers, Chamber Executive Assistant.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose (center) welcomes Bank of Botetourt to Vinton in a groundbreaking ceremony on November 24.

Bank of Botetourt broke ground on November 24 for its new office at 410 South Pollard Street in Vinton.

The new building will be approximately 2,700 square feet and will include an ATM with deposit capabilities. This office will also house the bank's mortgage company, Virginia Mountain Mortgage.

During the groundbreaking ceremony, Bank of Botetourt President and CEO G. Lyn Hayth III said, “This office will be the bank's third new office in four years, something that is unprecedented these days. As the largest community bank headquartered in the Roanoke Metropolitan Statistical Area, we are pleased

to continue the expansion of our services during a time of consolidation in the region's financial industry. We are looking forward to expanding our footprint to better serve the community, residents and businesses.

“We are excited to be here and to put a shovel in the dirt,” Hayth said.

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose participated in the groundbreaking ceremony, along with Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, and Town Council members Keith Liles, Laurie Mullins, and Mike Stovall. Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce President Justin Davison attended, as did Chamber Executive Director Angie Chewning.

“This is an exciting day here in Vinton,” Grose said. “Bank of Botetourt is big in customer service and community service – the kind of business we look for here in Vinton. This has been a significant year in Vinton – a close-knit, strong community. You have landed in the right community. We look forward to working with you.”

Hughes Associates Architects and Engineers are providing architectural and civil engineering services for this project, developing the building and site plan. G&H Contracting Inc. will begin site preparation and building in the near future.

Bank of Botetourt is 121 years old; it was chartered in 1899 and operates 12 retail of-

fices in Botetourt, Rockbridge, Roanoke, and Franklin counties and the City of Salem. The company also operates a mortgage division, Virginia Mountain Mortgage, and a financial services division, Botetourt Wealth Management.

The bank announced in February 2020 that it would be expanding into the Town of Vinton in the former High's Ice Cream location, just across from the Vinton Municipal Building and adjacent to Cundiff Drug Store.

In fact, Hayth said that in visiting potential sites in Vinton for the new branch office with Town Manager Pete Peters, he stepped out of the front door of the Municipal Build-

ing and noted the lot across the street. Demolition of the long-vacant building began on March 9.

Bank of Botetourt is known as a strong community partner, making charitable contributions on a regular basis to support and promote education, culture and the arts, social service agencies, philanthropic activities, community and economic development, and other programs that impact the needs of the communities they serve.

Bank of Botetourt will host a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony and public grand opening celebration with the Town of Vinton and the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce upon its completion in 2021.

Drumond

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to private first class, lance corporal, and corporal and the final rank of sergeant. He spent much of his time in the military deployed overseas in Afghanistan, Iraq and Djibouti, and in Cuba.

He has a multidisciplinary Bachelor's Degree, specializing in both Criminal Justice and Business and a Master's Degree in National Security, both from Liberty University.

Drumond began his career in law enforcement with the Roanoke Police Department in 2006.

During his tenure with Vinton, Drumond has obtained several Law Enforcement specialties, such as field training officer, general instructor, and TASER instructor, and actively trained law enforcement recruits in both formal classroom instruction and officer survival applications.

He has been the recipient of drug recognition awards, personal and unit citations, leadership awards, and Officer of the Year and has attended several critical leadership and management courses, most notably by the Virginia Association of Chief of Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Leadership Development Courses. He is a strong advocate for community policing.

“It is a great honor and privilege to serve as the chief of police for Town of Vinton,” Drumond said. “Together, as a community, we will continue to fortify the relationship with our residents and the people we serve. United, our destiny for success and a safe community will be unshakable. I take great pride in having the privilege to serve amongst the men and women of the Vinton Police Department who have an unwavering passion towards the dedication of service to our wonderful

community.”

“Fabricio came highly recommended from our previous chief, Tom Foster, and he has not disappointed us,” said Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty. “He has gained the respect of the police department, the citizens, the staff and Town Council. He has an amazing resume of past work experiences that truly qualify him for this position. He is a perfect fit for the Town of Vinton. I welcome him as chief of police and look forward to the astounding job that he will perform. It is an honor to have him employed with the Town of Vinton.”

“We are excited to be able to work with Chief Drumond as he transitions into his new role as the town's police chief,” Grose said. “I have had the honor to work with Chief Drumond in many different capacities over the years, and I look forward to watching him as he ensures that Vinton remains a safe community. The chief of police is a crucial position and Town Council is pleased to have such a well-qualified candidate already within the department ready to step forward into this leadership role, and he has our full confidence to serve in this capacity.”

Members of the Vinton Police Department paid tribute to Chief Drumond at their annual awards dinner in October.

“Chief Drumond has distinguished himself as a leader and humanitarian,” said Sgt. Michael Caldwell. “Those who have worked with him have undoubtedly witnessed his approach to policing. He always treats those he serves with compassion, while still doing what is necessary to restore order. He embodies the quote, ‘You can be tough as nails and still be a gentleman.’ He is a leader, and just as impor-

tantly, he is a friend to all who know him.”

Caldwell shared a war story about Chief Drumond from a Marine Corps publication in December 2005, entitled “Marine uses first aid skills, saves children.” Here are some excerpts:

“Improvised explosive devices are unbiased in their targets. It can kill and maim anyone who sets it off, regardless of nationality, religious preference, age, or sex. Cpl. Fabricio Drumond, an antitank assault man with 1st Mobile Assault Platoon (MAP), Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, witnessed such disregard.

“We were escorting combat engineers with dump trucks filled with gravel being taken to Battle Position Iwo Jima,” said Drumond. “After about an hour, my gunner heard an explosion nearby.” Soon after the explosion, which occurred in the Iraqi town of Sa'dah where 1st MAP was operating, Drumond got word from his superiors to check it out.

“We started moving down and as soon as we took a right, an Iraqi woman comes out in the street crying,” Drumond said.

Drumond stepped out of the vehicle and began to talk to the woman, using skills he learned in a crash course on speaking Arabic before deploying.

“She told me a bomb blew up,” he said.

Drumond was faced with what some might consider a living nightmare. Iraqi men, fathers, carried out their children who had been injured by an insurgent buried IED.

“They told me the kids had been out playing soccer when it happened,” Drumond said.

The children had lacerations and puncture wounds to their lower extremities. The scene was a

chaotic mess of wounded children and screaming and crying parents and concerned local Iraqis.

“I immediately got my combat lifesaver bag and started going through the larger wounds,” said Drumond. “Some had torn arteries; there was a lot of blood.”

Drumond, 23 years of age, started patching up the kids as fellow marines of his platoon arrived.

“We called in a medical evacuation helicopter for them. All the while, I kept pressure on their wounds to stop the bleeding.”

While the MEDVAC

helicopter made its way to them, Drumond and the Marines of 1st MAP took the kids to the nearest major road to await the flight. When the helicopter arrived, the children were loaded up, along with a parent, and flown to a nearby hospital for further treatment.

“The biggest thing that I tried to do was to keep them smiling; I can't imagine how much it must have hurt,” he said. “They were just little kids, seven or eight years old. They were innocent, never did anything to anyone. They just wanted to play.”

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Campbell Memorial to host Christmas Goodie Bag drive-thru

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Christmas Candy Cane Goodie Bag drive-thru event on Saturday, December 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the first 100 cars that come to the church (one bag per car). This is a rain-or-shine event.

Mary Dalton, chair of the church's Outreach Committee, has been busy preparing for the event. The Goodie Bags will include the Story of the Candy Cane, a metal Nativity ornament, a storybook about Christmas, a church brochure, candy bars and

candy canes

Campbell Memorial is located at 1130 Hardy Road in Vinton, next door to W.E. Cundiff Elementary. Enter the church's parking lot from the Hardy Road entrance into the parking lot and wear face masks.

Vinton History Museum hosting Holiday Open House

The community is invited to visit the Vinton History Museum on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for its "Deerly Love Christmas" Holiday Open House. The museum is decked out for the holidays. There will be refreshments, along with Christmas music played on authentic Victrolas.

Enjoy the reindeer decorations on the lawn and use the decorated pergola for a lovely photo opportunity day or night during December.

Shop the gift niche for holiday gift baskets and gift items such as tapestry throws, notecards, Christmas ornaments, t-shirts, and commemorative bricks for sale.

The Vinton History Museum, located at 210 E. Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton, is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In compliance with COVID 19 state guidelines, masks are required and five people at a time can tour the unique house museum.

For more information email info@vintonhistorymuseum.org or (540)342-8634.



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The Vinton History Museum invites the community to stop by for a photo opportunity with the deer on the lawn or in the pergola. The lights are on at night.

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many rules and regulations to follow. Some people are just hesitant about a hobby they perceive as involving flammables.

Decades ago, in the early years of model rocketry, it was considered a more dangerous hobby with metallic frames and mixing of dangerous propellants. Today, model

rockets are constructed of much safer materials – such as cardboard, plastic, fiberglass, and balsa wood – and the commercial motor manufacturers have made it possible for rocket modelers to buy motors eliminating the need to mix propellants or work with flammable materials.



Eric Lynn builds high-powered rockets as a hobby



Blast off.

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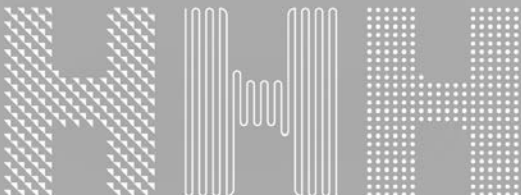
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The Town of Vinton, a community nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, welcomes you to our community. Vinton, a town rich with history, has over the years found itself to be one of a few communities that continue to relish the past by offering an environment of a comfortable lifestyle with the feeling of being a part of a large community family. The town, with its proximity to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Smith Mountain Lake, provides many opportunities for those who wish to stop and shop at our local farmers market or one of our unique specialty shops.

If festivals are your interest, the Vinton area hosts several festivals throughout the year from the Vinton Dogwood Festival to the Vinton Fall Festival. Each festival offers its own unique atmosphere. When you are away from home it's always nice to feel as if you never left.

The Town of Vinton provides small town character with urban services and amenities located nearby. The small town atmosphere is characterized by a low crime rate; small, locally, and regionally owned businesses; and moderately priced homes. Views of the mountains and Blue Ridge Parkway abound.

Vinton represents the ideal type of community, small enough to provide a feeling of belonging, yet progressive enough to provide the facilities, services, and conveniences that are necessary to make a community feel like home to its citizens.



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Vinton Breakfast Lions give Santa a helping hand

By Debbie Adams

Members of the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club sponsored their annual Christmas shopping trip for local students in need at the Bonsack Walmart on November 19.

Vinton Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty and Councilman Mike Stovall, who are both Breakfast Lions, headed up the project. They worked with guidance counselors at Herman L. Horn and W.E. Cundiff Elementary Schools to select children to participate.

Twenty children were included this year, but were unable to accompany the Lions on the shopping trip due to COVID-19 restrictions.

About 10 Lions and vol-

unteers met at Walmart to purchase clothing, shoes, and coats for the students, who were also able to obtain one toy. About \$135 was allocated per child.

The Lions will also be helping several older students from William Byrd High School in the weeks before Christmas.

Members of the club will gather to wrap the gifts the first weekend in December at the Vinton Moose Lodge and then deliver the gifts to the schools just before winter break for them to take home to open for Christmas.

For many years, the Christmas shopping trip was headed up by Lion Galen Conner and his wife Laura. Originally the Lions did their shopping at

the G.C. Murphy store in downtown Vinton which is no longer in business.

Lions Club International was founded in 1917 and is most recognized for championing the blind and visually impaired. The club contributes to eye research and conservation. They fund eye exams, eye surgery, and eyeglasses for disadvantaged children and adults.

The local Vinton Breakfast Lions Club was chartered in 1985. Chris McCarty currently serves as president. While the members collect and sort used eyeglasses for distribution, they also sponsor many other service projects throughout the year that help the Vinton community.



PHOTO COURTESY OF VINTON BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club continued their annual tradition of supplying Christmas gifts of clothing and toys for children in the Vinton area. Ten Lions and volunteers shopped at the Bonsack Walmart on November 19. Chris McCarty (left) is the current president of the Vinton Breakfast Lions. He is shown with Jeff Mason (center) and Mike Stovall, who chairs the shopping trip project with Sabrina McCarty.

School Board Chairman Wray recovering from COVID-19

Roanoke County School Board Chairman Mike Wray is recovering from COVID-19 following an eight-day hospitalization that began on November 22. Wray says he contracted COVID-19 in a community setting and not at a school or from any students or staff.

“At one point this was a very serious situation,” said Wray. “My oxygen levels dropped significantly, and the medical staff had to take action. While my condition never became life-threatening, I was in bad shape for a few days. I’m incredibly grateful to Dr. Price and the staff at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital for their care and helping me overcome this virus.”

Wray says he’s sharing his story because he wants others to take this pandemic seriously. “I now have first-hand experience with the coronavirus, and I can tell you it’s nothing to take lightly. We have got to have the entire commu-

nity come together to beat this virus. We all must be serious and vigilant about wearing masks, being physically distanced, and washing hands. Our schools are doing a great job of this. It’s time everyone in our community does the same thing. Trust me, you do not want this,” Wray said.

Roanoke County Public Schools continues to encourage parents, students and staff to maintain at least six-foot physical distancing. All staff and students are required to wear masks in keeping with the governor’s updated mask mandate. Additionally, students and staff are encouraged to wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizers that are placed throughout school facilities.

The district has implemented a comprehensive cleaning and disinfecting program with multiple levels of cleaning with an anti-viral solution throughout the day and weekly deep cleaning us-

ing electrostatic sprayers.

The district also asks parents to review the daily health checklist with their children each morning (www.rcps.us/covid-checklist), and strongly recommends parents keep children home if they are sick, displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

School Board member Don Butzer shared the news from Wray during a School Board work session on December 1.

Dr. Rhonda Stegall, director of administration for RCPS, updated board members on the COVID-19 pandemic in the school system. She explained that there is no significant transmission of the coronavirus within the schools. No Roanoke County schools have recorded outbreaks. Local health authorities are anticipating an impact from the Thanksgiving holidays, however.

RCPS has recorded 248 positive cases among stu-

dents and staff as of November 30. According to the data Stegall presented, there are 68 staff members and 317 students under quarantine.

In the William Byrd area, with a total of 3,769 students and staff, 51 have tested positive as of November 30, a percentage of 1.4 percent (positive cases relative to total students and staff). The Cave Spring area has seen the highest number of cases at 65 (students and staff combined), followed by Northside (63), the Byrd area, Glenvar (22), and Hidden Valley (17).

The student cases have come from community activity, Stegall said. She emphasized the need to “tighten up, follow protocols, and consistently reinforce” mitigation strategies. She also encouraged parents to be prepared with back-up plans in case the COVID situation worsens.

Stegall noted that while Operation Warp Speed has resulted in the devel-

opment of a vaccine for COVID-19, school age children are not likely going to be high on the priority list to receive the vaccines. School Board members expressed their consternation that teachers are not, as of yet, on the top of the list to receive vaccinations either.

Tim Greenway, Vinton’s representative on the board, said that “teachers should be put up front on the list to receive the vaccine.”

Dr. Cynthia Morrow, director for the Virginia Department of Health’s Roanoke City and Alleghany Health District, talked with School Board members over speaker phone. She commented that students being in school seems to be “protective” at this point but expressed her reservations about proceeding with re-instituting sports programs at this time, in an effort to minimize intermingling. Mitigation strategies are difficult to reinforce in

sports settings.

The School Board and school administration continue to discuss adding more students back for full-time or increased in-person instruction. The talk centers around fourth graders at this time, but School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely emphasized that this won’t happen before the end of January at the earliest. Considerations include space, staffing, and bus capacity. He praised school nurses in Roanoke County for the “stellar job” they are doing in dealing with students, families, and contact tracing.

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Prayer Suggestion: Thank God for bringing you into His Kingdom.

Quicklook: Ephesians 2:11–22 13

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Legals - Botetourt County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ014065-08-00
BOTETOURT JDR DISTRICT COURT
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MOORE, ESA LEE
PRICE
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
/v.
KASHUANA TACKETT
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATION OF RESIDUAL PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR ESA LEE PRICE MOORE.
It is ORDERED that KASHUANA TACKETT appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/21/2020 01:00 PM.

10/15/2020
Pamela Jarvis Clerk
Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ014065-09-00
BOTETOURT JDR DISTRICT COURT
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MOORE, ESA LEE
PRICE
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
/v.
UNKNOWN FATHER
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATION OF RESIDUAL PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR ESA LEE PRICE MOORE.
It is ORDERED that UNKNOWN FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/21/2020 01:00 PM.

10/15/2020
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Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 79 MT. MORIAH ROAD, EAGLE ROCK, VA 24085.
In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 21, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$87,290.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 070007474, re-recorded as Instrument No. 080005399. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on December 28, 2020, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THAT PARCEL KNOWN AS NEW TAX ID #38(1)6B, CONTAINING 2.617 ACRES AS SET FORTH ON THE PLAT FOR DAN D. CLIFTON AND SHARON B. CLIFTON SHOWING A REALIGNMENT OF PROPERTY LINES BY CHARLES R. MCMURRY, CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYOR, P.C., DATED JANUARY 14, 1998, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 13. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW CDC GUIDANCE AND WEAR A COVER OVER BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE AUCTION. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-347301-1.



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Legals - City of Salem

PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the FY 2021-22 budget on Tuesday, December 8th. The hearing will begin at 7:00 PM at South Salem Elementary School, 1600 Carolyn Road Salem, VA 24153. Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Kathy A. Jordan, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Friday, December 4, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring a copy of their remarks for the record. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:
• provide their name and address,
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Legals - Craig County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CA 20-12
Craig County Circuit Court
182 Main St. Suite 4,
New Castle VA 24127
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Akira Leanne Nickels William Eugene Songer Michelle Diane Songer v.
Derek Lee Nickels
The object of this suit is to: Adoption
It is ORDERED that Derek Lee Nickels appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before February 22, 2021 at 11:00 am.

11-6-2020
Sharon P. Oliver
Clerk

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY

IN RE: ESTATE OF THELMA C. HOLDREN, DECEASED
NOTICE
Having been requested to do so by Dean M. Gibson., Executor of the estate of Thelma C. Holdren, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Thelma C. Holdren, and all persons in any way interested in her estate are hereby notified that I have fixed the 30th day of December, 2020 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Thelma C. Holdren or her estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Thelma C. Holdren, deceased, and persons interested in her estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest. Given under my hand this the 20th day of November, 2020.

Malcolm McL. Doubles
Commissioner of Accounts

Legals - Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

1. A Rezoning request by Balzer and Associates, Inc., on behalf of RWW36, LLC (applicant), for an approximately 4.306 acre property owned by Mary Maxie Jewell Trust, Mary Stewart, Janet Epperly, Bill Jewell, Trustees, located west of Weddle Way, N.W. (tax map no. 435-A-13). The request is to rezone the property from R-1A, Rural Residential to R-2, Two-Family Residential with proffers in order to create 7 two-family dwelling lots for a total of 14 units as well as a lot designated for stormwater management. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.
2. A proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 42, "Zoning" of the Christiansburg Town Code for the purpose of clarifying the allowance of structural projections such as awnings, canopies, roof eaves, gutters, architectural features, porches, and decks into minimum required yards.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/youtube and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit www.christiansburg.org/publichearings.

Copies of the application and the draft ordinance amendment are available for review at the following link: www.christiansburg.org/publichearings. A copy of the application, the draft ordinance amendment, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, by phone at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ004494-01-00 & JJ004494-02-00
RADFORD J&DR- JUVENILE DIVISION
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re CARSTENS-ZIEGLER, ARIANA LEIGH EAST, AMANDA /v.
CARSTENS, RICHARD FRANK; III
The object of this suit is to: GAIN CUSTODY.

It is ORDERED that CARSTENS, RICHARD FRANK; III appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 2/16/2021 2:00 pm.

10/30/2020

Sally Davis
Clerk

Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ004492-01-00 & JJ004492-02-00
RADFORD J&DR- JUVENILE DIVISION
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re BOWLING, ALAYNA DAWN RENEE HILL, STEPHANIE /v.
LAPP, KRISTEN

The object of this suit is to: LOCATE PARENTS.

It is ORDERED that LAPP, KRISTEN appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 1/19/2021 2:00pm.

11/16/2020

Sally Davis
Clerk

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Legals - Town of Vinton

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Basketball practice opens Monday under COVID restrictions

Ready or not, high school basketball practices for both boys and girls are scheduled to begin next Monday, December 7. It's fitting that "Pearl Harbor Day" will mark the occasion, because most folks think there will be surprises to deal with due to the pandemic.

As of now the teams will be practicing under "Phase 2" guidelines. Each player must have their own basketball and there's no sharing or team play.

"We are planning to have tryouts beginning Monday as of right now," said Byrd boys coach Josh Cunningham. "To be honest, we are extremely limited in what we will be able to do. I'm still deciding on exactly what tryouts should look like. Every player has to have their own ball, no live competition, no one within six feet, no passing, etc. It makes it difficult. With that said, we want to do whatever we can for our guys, even if that looks like just continuing workouts similar to what we've been doing for the past couple of months."

Girls' coach Brad Greenway has been holding open gyms for those hopeful of making the team since October, when the guidelines weren't as strict.

"I use that term lightly because they are anything but 'open'," said Greenway. "We were allowed to share a basketball, do some team activities, but never actually compete against each other. There was never any offense versus defense but we could at least work some 5-0 and that type of thing."

When practice starts Monday Byrd will have to abide by Roanoke County rules.

"The governor and the VHSL have since opened everything up full go for December 7, but at the

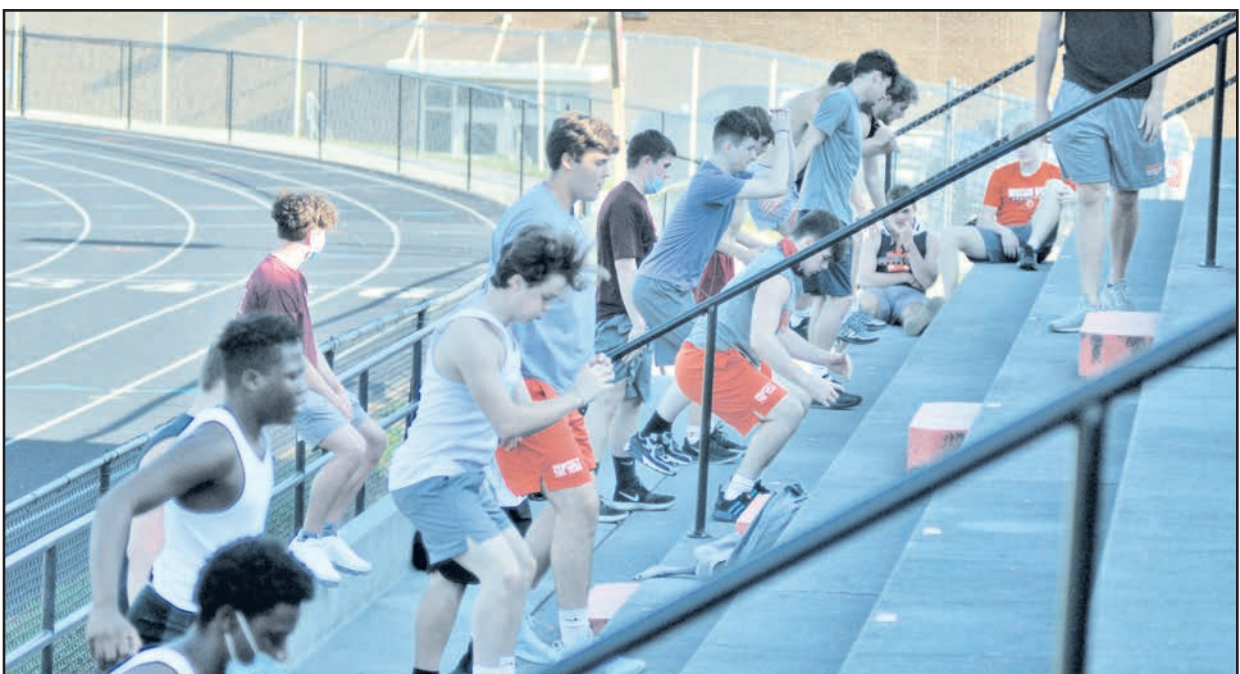
same time the Virginia Department of Health is saying it's not safe for kids to play sports so Roanoke County has decided to go back to Phase 2 guidelines," said Greenway. "For basketball specifically, there is no longer any sharing of the basketball and we must remain 10 feet apart, wear a mask, etc."

Coaches must choose a team under these circumstances, and Greenway finds that impossible to do.

"There's no way to hold a fair tryout under these

conditions, nor is there any way for us to play under the metrics that the VDH has set to determine it is safe," he said. "So, the bottom line is we will continue our open gyms under these restrictions until it's deemed safe to play or until they cancel the season officially."

Practices for high school wrestling, swimming, sideline cheering and indoor track are scheduled to begin on December 14.



Byrd athletes have been staying in shape by doing things like running the stadium steps during the pandemic.

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Brian Hoffman



Do as your toad

Today is day 264 AG, or eight and a half months "After Gobert" came down with the virus and the Utah Jazz walked off the court. Since then sports events have become a week to week adventure with few or no fans in the seats and many things being called off.

It's been better lately, at least for fans, with some decent stuff to watch on TV. Remember how it was back in mid-summer, when Korean baseball was a highlight of the week and most of the sports we watched were replays of games from years gone by? Well, last weekend's fight between Mike Tyson and Roy Jones, Jr. was something that would have been a big event in June, but not now.

Tyson, 54, and Jones, 51 fought to a draw over eight two-minute rounds in Los Angeles Saturday night. I discovered this "event" was going to happen last Friday and thought it might be interesting to tune in. So, I checked to see what channel it would be on and found it to be on "FITE TV" and "Triller."

I get hundreds and hundreds of channels on my TV but I never even heard of those two. I get a dozen or so Spanish speaking channels and international soccer games and the golf channel. I watch old Jack Benny and Groucho Marx shows on the Jewish station and every gangster or Nazi known to exist is on some channel or another late at night. But the "Triller" channel? Is that 24 hours of Michael Jackson dancing or what?

I found the easiest way to get the fight was on pay per view, and you could buy it for "only" \$49.99. If you think 50 bucks is a little steep to see two guys box whose combined ages are 105, join the club. I wonder if anyone actually signed up for that? Not me.

As most of you realize, Tyson is one bizarre character. Anyone who gets tattoos on their face is either a couple bricks shy of a load or planning to be in prison for a good number of years. From what I understand if you're in prison and you look really crazy they'll leave you alone. Never been there so I can't say for sure.

Tyson was at one time the heavyweight champ and a feared opponent, but that was many years ago. His explanation for his return to the ring is as strange as the man himself. He claims "Toad Venom" made him do it.

"I took the medicine, and the medicine told me to get into shape," he said, via USA Today. "It really blew my mind. It told me to come back and start getting in shape."

Now I went to college in the '70s and I did some things I'd just as soon not reveal in my column, but "Toad Venom" was never an option in my social life. I never heard of it, or knew toads had venom to begin with. After some research I found the following on the internet.

"The Addiction Center released a report in October 2019 calling toad venom a 'trendy new psychedelic' and comparing it to mescaline. The drug comes from a toad native to the Sonoran Desert that produces venom known as 5-MeO-DMT. It's reportedly about six times more powerful than the hallucinogenic DMT, or n n-dimethyltryptamine."

If you can understand that you did better in chemistry than I did, and that's not a misprint, the two n's are like that. Sounds to me like it's something you might take before a Pink Floyd concert. I would think it's likely illegal, but so strange there might not be a law to cover it. Can you see a security guard stopping you at the door and asking, "hey buddy, what's that croaking under your sweatshirt?"

The internet study I found went on to report. . . . "It's such an intense experience that, in most cases, doing it at a party isn't safe. It's not a recreational drug. If people get dosed too high, they can 'white out' and disassociate from their mind and body," Alan K. Davis, a clinical psychologist and assistant professor at Johns Hopkins University's psychedelic research unit, said in the report.

I knew some folks who would pay good money to feel like that, borrowing a line from Christopher Lloyd's "Reverend Jim" character in the classic TV sitcom "Taxi." Most of them never graduated but they were a lot of fun to be around until they flunked out.

I wonder if they checked the fighters for toad venom prior to Saturday night's "big bout?" From what I read Tyson won the early rounds before Jones came on in the last few to earn the draw. Tyson hasn't ruled out fighting again, but only exhibitions and not as a professional. I guess it depends on how many toads they can find in the desert.

Also on the card was a bout between someone named Jake Paul and former NBA basketball player Nate Robinson, who was known for his thrilling dunks despite being one of the shortest players in the league. Paul knocked Robinson out with a "brutal right hook" in the second round, leaving the former

baller unconscious. I guess playing for the Knicks doesn't seem so bad after that.

And that's the way things are in 2020. Maybe instead of stimulus checks they ought to send everyone a little toad venom to help get us through the year.

Croak, croak!!!

HOKIES LOOKED GOOD AGAINST VILLANOVA

Only in 2020 could a Virginia Tech team beat third ranked Villanova in basketball and a day later Richmond beats Kentucky while Virginia, who's supposed to win, loses to San Francisco!

Did you watch the Hokies on Saturday night? They were expecting to play Temple at the Mohegan Sun casino and resort in Connecticut and you know most of the money was on the Wildcats. The majority of Tech's players are newcomers in the era of the "transfer portal," and with the virus raging I can't see where there was much chance to develop teamwork this early in the season.

However, the Hokies took it to the Wildcats for an impressive 81-73 overtime win that had a bizarre finish to regulation play. Tech's Keve Aluma put the Hokies up by a point with 1.3 seconds on the clock and was fouled in the process. Aluma went to the line and the folks on the broadcast suggested he miss the free throw, giving Villanova 1.3 seconds to snatch the rebound and score at the other end, a near impossible scenario.

Aluma was told to miss the free throw, but it banked in anyway for a two point lead. Then, Villanova ran the baseline on the ensuing throw in and drew a foul on Tech's Justyn Mutts, who was guarding the inbounds pass. The Wildcats made two free throws at the other end to tie the game and send it into overtime.

At that point, I expected third-ranked Villanova would be so glad to be in overtime they would turn it up a notch and escape with a win. But not so, the Hokies dominated the OT and came out with a huge win.

When Aluma went to the line I was thinking how I might miss a free throw on purpose in that situation. Instead of shooting it straight and trying to make it long or short, I figured the best way would be to move right from my normal spot and shoot it as usual, trying to hit the side of the rim. I'm going to have to practice that on my court at home to see how that would work.

Whatever, it was a great win for Tech and you have to give coach Mike Young lots of credit for having this good a team in just his second year as coach.

What was the name of that last coach that left for Texas A&M? I can't remember, but Mike Young certainly has the Tech fans buzzing.

VHSL clarification

The Virginia High School League (VHSL) has clarified the difference between spectators and participants in regard to Virginia Governor Northam's new statewide measure to contain COVID-19. Specifically the VHSL has addressed the reduction from 250 to 25 spectators for in-person gatherings at VHSL sports and activities.

The reduction in public and private gatherings to 25 individuals applies to "spectators" and does not include participants at those events. The Governor's order defines "participants" as players, coaches, officials, school event staff and school administration critical to the operations of the contests, media, law enforcement, and medical services. Cheerleaders, pep bands, etc., and other student support groups, are counted as spectators in the limit of 25 allowed at events.

According to Amended Executive Order 67 guidelines for recreational sports, which emphasizes that sports activities are permitted but must comply with the following requirements:

The total number of spectators cannot exceed the lesser of 30% of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue, if applicable, or 25 spectators per field. Races or marathons may have up to 250 participants, provided staggered starts separate runners into groups of 25 or less.



Chicken eaters prevail

Three former William Byrd standouts were on the "Eat More Chicken" co-ed slow pitch softball team that won the "Toys For Tots" tournament championship in Burlington, NC the weekend of November 21. Kneeling, third from left, is former Byrd softball player Danielle Powell and on the far right is baseball player Troy Beckner. In the back row, third from left, is Terrier grad Bryce Boothe.

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