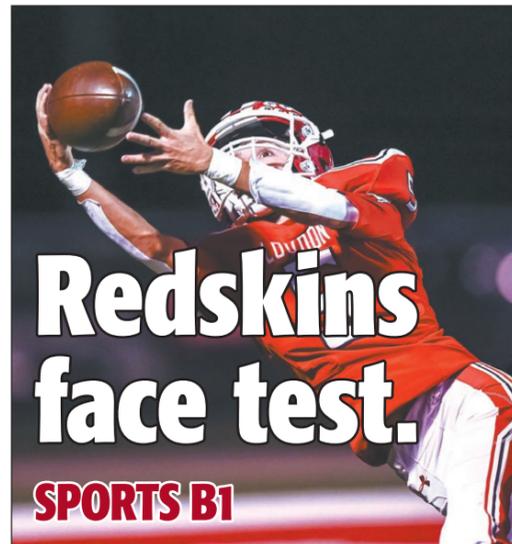


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# Commissioners squabble over BOE

### Brian Brown stepping down because of move, county must decide on replacement

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Loudon County Commission discussed Monday what to do for a successor to Brian Brown, who resigned from Loudon County Board of Education.

Brown told BOE members Thursday that he planned to step down

after Dec. 31 when he moves from the fifth district to the first district.

The move leaves commissioners responsible for finding a replacement within 120 days, which met with mixed response during the workshop.

Commissioners Van Shaver and Harold Duff, who both represent the fifth district, wanted to

let voters decide who replaces Brown.

"This close to election, let the voters decide, and then whoever wins the primary we'll appoint that person," Shaver said. "But that way you let the voters take their pick instead of giving anybody a leg up on the election or anything like that. I think the voters deciding is the way to go."

The May primary is a few days after the 120-day limit.

Shaver and Commissioner Matthew Tinker went back and forth on what to do.

Tinker favored making an appointment, emphasizing the district wouldn't have adequate representation for a short timeframe.

"The district is assigned two people based on their population," Tinker said. "Some districts have two, some districts have one. They have two and they don't need to go months without having their full representation. There's no point in that. It's our duty to assign someone and that's what we should do."

When commissioners ask how many people were interested in the position, Shaver said "it's irrelevant."

Tinker hoped to hear from Loudon County Attorney Bob Bowman by the Dec. 6 regular meeting to see if the county could face fines should an

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# EDA plans impact study

### Wants to hire firm for data-driven approach

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Loudon County Economic Development Agency is working on a study officials hope could help plan for the community's future.

Utilizing a \$50,000 ThreeStar grant from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, EDA plans to hire a firm for a data-driven, county-wide economic impact study to address growth.

Loudon was one of 54 counties in Tennessee to get the grant. "This study is a

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# Community honors those who served

### Numerous ceremonies in county mark significance of Veterans Day

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Residents gathered across Loudon County on Thursday for Veterans Day to pay tribute to men and women who have served their country.

Although conditions were windy and there was a chance of rain, several gathered in front of the Loudon County Courthouse. Members of American Legion Post 120 were present, along with local and state officials.

"Today we come together on this Veterans Day to express our profound gratitude to the sacrifices and the contributions you and your families made when duty calls," state Rep. Lowell Russell, R-Vonore, said. "On this day, Nov. 11, we come together to honor and recognize America's service members past and present."

Russell said Veterans Day was an opportunity to celebrate all American veterans for their willingness to "serve and sacrifice for the cause of freedom."

"Whether you wear the uniform today or wore it decades ago, the true strength of all our armed forces is the men and women who have worn and now wear the uniform of our nation's military," Russell said. "Your courage and skill made our nation a powerful symbol of strength and hope for the world. Every one of you deserves the gratitude of our entire nation for your willingness to lay down your lives."

The ceremony included patriotic tunes from Loudon High School's band, a wreath presentation by the LHS Junior



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Highland Park Elementary School students Summer Brogdon, from left, Nora Mares, Alexa Saucedo and Ezra Lippert recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reserve Officers Training Corps, guest speaker Philadelphia Elementary School Principal Marvin Feezell and a few words from PES eighth-grader Avery Hagen, who detailed her time growing up while her mother served in the military.

"Think about how many people have served or are serving right now, that many people care," Hagen said. "That many people have sacrificed their lives for us, so thank you veterans for caring and thank you for

your sacrifice. To the citizens of Loudon, do not take for granted the opportunities that have been given to us by the generations of those who served to protect our freedom and put their lives on hold to raise us and give us all we need. It is our responsibility to work hard and make the best of ourselves now because one day you'll be the ones others depend on."

Unlike years past, Thursday's guest speaker didn't have military ties. Feezell wanted to

thank veterans for helping make his family possible.

Of Feezell's three children, two were adopted from Asia and Africa. He highlighted each child and talked about their aspirations.

"I love all our veterans, but I wanted to say a special thanks to our Vietnam veterans," Feezell said. "My daughter, she was born in Can Tho City just south of Saigon in a place where many

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Michele Lewis, Loudon County Education Foundation executive director, reviews a proclamation from Loudon County Mayor Rollen 'Bud' Bradshaw for Run LoCo.

# Run LoCo almost here

### Loudon County Education Foundation marathon fundraiser set for Dec. 4

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Loudon County Education Foundation's third annual Run LoCo fundraiser hopes to get back on track one year after cancellation because of COVID-19.

A marathon and half-marathon are scheduled for 8 a.m. Dec. 4 at The Venue at Lenoir

City and end in front of the Loudon County Courthouse. A 5K will start and finish in front of the downtown Loudon fountain.

"Ending in downtown Loudon kind of gives us more of a celebratory atmosphere in itself," Michele Lewis, LCEF executive director, said. "The way the Sterl

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