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**RICHARD “PETE” PETERS, ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER
TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA**



Richard Peters' Dual Roles Impacts Life in the of Town of Vinton

By Logan Smith, Contributing Writer

As the Assistant Town Manager and Director of Economic Development for the Town of Vinton, Richard Peters' important dual roles impacts numerous facets of the small-town community bordering Roanoke.

Peters, who has filled this role for four years, works closely with Roanoke County's economic development staff to attract and retain business activity within the town. He also oversees community events like parades, concerts, and festivals and serves on the executive team to

create policies to implement programs and services for the community. Sometimes his connections stretch to the regional and even state level to ensure Vinton's quality of life is at its best.

"The Roanoke area is a wonderful place to live," said Peters, who grew up in the Vinton community. "The access to the outdoors is very important to me, with rivers and mountains. It's the ideal location to live and raise a family."

Peters earned a degree from Ferrum College in Recreational Man-

agement and a Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management from Virginia Tech. Before launching his tenure in his current role, Peters spent 10 years in Botetourt County as Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. He worked as the Athletic Director at Roanoke Catholic School for two years and started his local government career with the City of Roanoke's Parks and Recreation Department where he worked for nearly seven years.



Between assisting with the Town's transportation projects, greenway developments, and facility renovations, Peters often has his hands full, but the positive results make it all worth it.

"It's a team effort," he said. "It's very gratifying to see your results. That's what motivates me. Hurt and Proffitt has been able to work with us to create solutions for several of our projects. My experience with H&P has been very positive and they have been very accommodating. We have worked together to create solutions to make the best project possible, and H&P has helped every step of the way."

Peters recently worked with the staff at H&P to design greenway connectivity between the Town of Vinton and the Greater Roanoke Valley Greenway network, linking all the Star City communities together. Vinton provides the best of both worlds through maintaining its small town character, while also providing walkable access to a variety of urban amenities.

"Creating that sense of walkability is certainly a

benefit for our business recruitment goals and also serves our own residents who utilize those facilities for their entertainment and recreation needs," Peters said.

Peters recently celebrated 20 years of marriage with his wife, and he has two daughters.

"We have had some great success (as a town)," he said. "There's a lot of partners, both internal and external, who have helped make our successes a reality over the last few years."



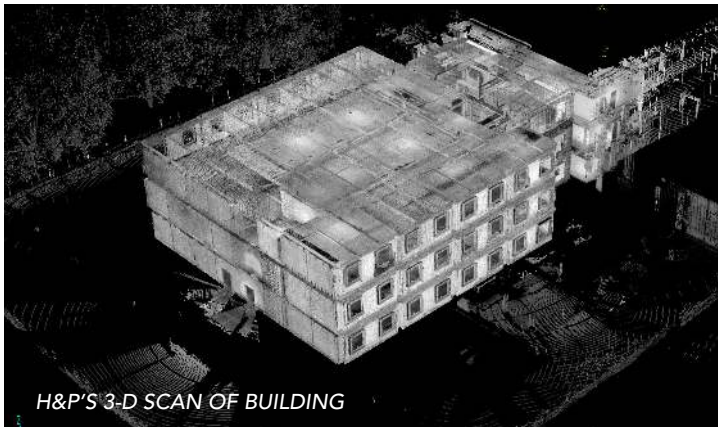
Children's National Hospital and VT Partner on Biomedical Research Facility

Children's National Hospital and Virginia Tech recently announced a partnership for the construction of a 12,000-square foot Virginia Tech biomedical research facility within the new Children's National Research & Innovation Campus. Their inspirational mission is to find new treatments for childhood illness and disease. It is set to open its first phase later this year and will be the nation's first innovation campus focused on pediatric research.

H&P has been performing 3-D survey scanning and construction stakeout services for the project on the 12-acre expansion located on the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

"Virginia Tech is an ideal partner to help us deliver on what we promised for the Children's National Research & Innovation Campus – an ecosystem that enables us to accelerate the translation of potential breakthrough discoveries into new treatments and technologies," said Kurt





Newman, President and CEO of Children's National. "Our clinical expertise combined with Virginia Tech's leadership in engineering and technology, and its growing emphasis on biomedical research, will be a significant advance in developing much needed treatment and cures to save children's lives."

For over a decade, faculty from the Children's National Research Institute and the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at Virginia Tech Carilion (VTC) have worked together, already resulting in shared research grants, collaborative publications, and shared intellectual property. The two institutions will now expand their collaborations to develop new drugs, medical devices, software applications, and other novel treatments for cancer, rare diseases and other disorders.

"Joining with Children's National in the nation's capital positions Virginia Tech to improve the health and well-being of infants and children around the world," said Tim Sands, Virginia Tech President. "This partnership resonates with our land-grant mission to solve big problems and create new opportunities in Virginia and D.C. through education, technology, and research."

Children's National is ranked seventh in National Institutes of Health research funding among pediatric hospitals. As it prepares to open the first 158,000-square-foot phase of its Research and Innovation Campus, it will continue to foster collaborations with key partnerships enabling the hospital to fulfill its mission of keeping children top of mind for health care innovation and research.

Letter From the President



BIF JOHNSON, PE

Spring is fast approaching as we welcome the warmer temperatures. Our mild winter and warmer March weather already have the tulips blooming.

We are excited to be announcing the appointment of new members of leadership here at Hurt & Proffitt. Adam Bryant, Bradley Tate, Chris Nixon, Ken Meritt, Dennis Amos and Stacie Castro have all been appointed by the Board of Directors to the Executive Leadership Team of the firm. Stacie was promoted to Controller last year and Adam, Bradley, Chris, Ken, and Dennis have been promoted to Vice Presidents. The bios for each of these individuals are included in this edition of our newsletter. I am proud of the personal accomplishments of each of these individuals. And having them be a part of our leadership team will help make a richer experience for our clients and engagement for our employees. Please join me in congratulating these leaders as they assume their new responsibilities.

We are also honored to have taken the GOLD again this year for Lynchburg Business magazine's Reader's choice for "Best Engineering Firm." Thank you to all those who voted for Hurt & Proffitt.



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PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

KEN MERITT, PG, PE

Ken is the Director of Geotechnical and Materials Testing services. With over 32 years of experience in the Geotechnical/Materials testing field, he brings an amazing dynamic to our firm. He has been able to develop our Geotechnical and Materials Testing Department into an industry leader; the "Go To" for most local and/or state licensed contractors.

Ken has been instrumental in the development of a great team of technicians and engineers, with the lat-



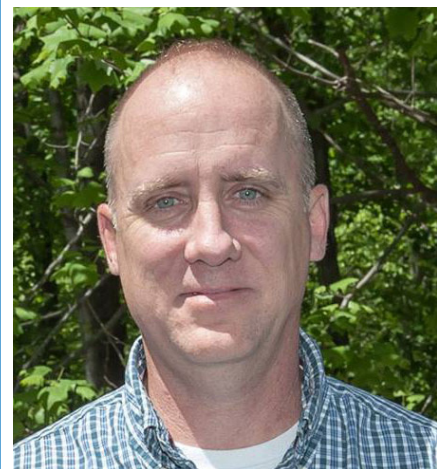
est technical means and methods for reporting and data collection.

Ken is a graduate of Virginia Tech. He is a licensed Geologist and Professional Engineer.

W. CHRIS NIXON

Chris is the Director of Environmental Services. With over 28 years of related experience in the industry, he has doubled the capacity of work through his oversight to his department.

Chris is very dynamic and takes pride in his ability to communicate with clients to determine their needs. He has built great relationships with regulators at the local, state and federal levels, providing peace of mind to his clients as project work is performed.



Chris is a graduate of Central Virginia Community College and Warren National University with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management.

Chris has been married to his wife, Karen, for over 28 years and they have two daughters, Emilee and Gabbie.

Bif Johnson, CEO/President of Hurt & Proffitt, announced in February the promotion of five (5) directors within the company to Vice President. As Vice Presidents, these directors will be responsible for leadership oversight in not only the departments they manage but in corporate policies and procedures and will continue to play a key role in the success of H&P.

"Each of these employees has shown what true leadership is all about. Their skills, expertise and strong business acumen have contributed to the solid execution of our operational strategies and substantial growth in their respective departments. They are all well deserving of this title," said Johnson.

ADAM BRYANT, LS

Adam is the Director of Surveying in our Lynchburg office, and has played an integral part in developing relationships with his clients. He manages the survey department in Lynchburg while continuing to manage projects for several existing and new clients. He has overseen a broad spectrum of survey projects with a focus on large scale boundary surveys at private, state and federal levels. He is currently licensed in Virginia, West Virginia and the U.S. Territory of Guam.



Adam is a graduate of Emory & Henry College with a Bachelor of Science in Geography. He has worked at H&P for over 17 years.

Adam is married and has three children residing in Amherst County.

BRADLEY TATE, LS

Bradley is the Wytheville Office Branch Manager for H&P's Survey Department. He has a wide range of surveying experience and has worked on everything from airport design surveys to subdivision roadway design and layout.

For the past several years, Bradley's surveying experience has been in the utility sector where he has successfully completed numerous overhead and underground utility transmission lines and fiber optic projects.



Bradley is a graduate of Emory & Henry College with a Bachelor of Science in Geography. He also has a Master's Degree in Engineering Technology from East Tennessee University. He is currently licensed in Virginia and North Carolina.

DENNIS AMOS, PE

Dennis was recently promoted to the Director of Engineering Services in our Blacksburg office. He has embraced all of his responsibilities, but gets the most satisfaction out of working on projects that help other people.

Many of the projects that Dennis manages involve assisting municipalities get clean water to their citizens. He most enjoys interfacing and visiting with clients and is well versed on government funding.

Dennis and his wife Amy live in



West Virginia with their two children, Elijah and Paige. He spends time volunteering for his church, camping and woodworking.

Dennis is a graduate of West Virginia University.

David Wilmoth Joins H&P's Engineering Staff

H&P is pleased to announce the addition of David Wilmoth, PE, to our engineering staff. David has over 15 years of experience in engineering design in the areas of residential and commercial development, municipal, government, private business, utilities, and environmental.

He specializes in the engineering analysis and design of earthen dams, floodplain management projects, drainage and stormwater management facilities. This includes design of stormwater systems, dams, and Best Management Practices (BMP's). He will be focusing on inspection, remediation and maintenance of these facilities for H&P clients.

David is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering with concentrations in Hydro-systems/Green Engineering. He is a licensed engineer in the state of Virginia & North Carolina and is also a Certified Floodplain Manager as recognized through the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). In addition, David is a Professional Hydrologist (surface water) as recognized through the American Institute of Hydrology (AIH).



Stacie Castro Joins Leadership Team



Stacie Castro was recently appointed to the Executive Leadership team at Hurt & Proffitt. Last year, Stacie was promoted to Controller and has been a valuable asset to the firm.

Stacie is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnical Institute & State University with a degree in accounting. She and her husband, Jed, love to travel the world. They attend most Virginia Tech sporting events cheering on the Hokies.



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