



Average homeowner may see \$95 tax increase for schools

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By Christina Lopes Reporter

MILFORD-Caroline County's average homeowner may see real estate taxes increase by \$95 to pay for the expansion and renovation of Caroline High School and Madison Elementary School.

That was the estimate given to the Caroline County Board of Supervisors during a Nov. 14 meeting. The board heard a report on the bond from Courtney Rogers,

Delinquent sewer bills forgiven by county

By Christina Lopes Reporter

MILFORD-The Caroline County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to forgive all but three months of outstanding charges for county sewer services in Dawn during a meeting on Nov. 14.

The resolution passed during the meeting by a 5-1 vote. Supervisor Calvin Taylor voted against the motion.

The issue of the resolution stems from use of the Dawn Decentralized Wastewater Treatment System in the Dawn area of Caroline County. Many of the customers of this system have been unable to pay their monthly service bills.

The result of the customers' inability to pay is the accumulation of very large balances for both service charges as well as penalties. According to County Administrator Charles Culley, who ran down a detailed memo during the meeting, the total amount of delinquent bills adds up to \$28,119. The amount of penalty charges

a senior vice president for Davenport & Company LLC, a financial advisor to the county. Rogers spoke with the board about the tax rate as it applies to the financing of the \$26.3 million school bond referendum. The bond referendum passed Nov. 5 and with 81 percent of voters saying yes.

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The tax rate may increase by 7 to 9 cents per \$100 in property valuation to pay back the loan. Close to \$4 million is earmarked for the

elementary school and \$21 million would go to the high school. The remaining balance is for the cost of issuing bonds.

Rogers gave the board some options concerning borrowing the money. The county has the option of borrowing the entire amount at one time, or over a period of time. According to Rogers, it is common for localities in Virginia to work out repaying the debt for school projects over 20 years.

Rogers informed the board that an estimated 8.6 cent increase to the tax rate will happen if the money is borrowed at 5.5 percent over 20 years. The rate would increase 7.6 cents at 4 percent.

To start construction in the summer of 2014, the county has the option to start borrowing the amounts needed early in the year. The first payment would be in the fiscal year 2015.

One option Rogers outlined for

the board was to procure the bonds through a bank. A positive for this option is that it would not require a bond rating. Also, the issuance costs are low. However, due to the size it may require more than one issuance. In addition, the county would not have the guarantee of a fixed rate for the entire 20-year period.

Another option was to go through Virginia Public School

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School uniform still issue to parents

By Christina Lopes Reporter

MILFORD—The Caroline County School Board conducted a uniform forum at the new Bowling Green Elementary School on Nov. 19 to discuss the possible implementation of uniforms within the school system next year.

An estimated 40 to 50 parents and members of the community attended the meeting in the school library to voice their questions and concerns, and to learn more about the possible wardrobe changes facing Caroline schools.

After the students who agreed to model the uniform prototypes were shown, the forum opened up to public comments. Many of the parents seemed displeased with the idea of uniforms, regardless of the reasoning behind them. Some parents shook their heads and mumbled under their breath. Others were outspoken against the idea. There were strong opinions on both side of the argument, with some parents adamantly stating that a dress code will not help students if they feel it is a punishment, and it will not have the desired effect of eliminating inappropriate clothing. There were frowns and arm crossings, as well as smiles and nods of approval. One parent voiced her concern over enforcement issues and asked school officials how they planned to enforce a uniform policy when they were having trouble enforcing the current dress code. Officials responded, "Uniforms are easier to enforce than a dress code" due to how narrow the parameters are.

Judge Farmer fondly remembered



Virginia State Police and Caroline County Sheriff officers carry the casket of retired judge J. Peyton Farmer from the funeral service at Bowling Green Baptist Church last Sunday.

BOWLING GREEN—J. Peyton Farmer, a retired judge in the 15th judicial circuit court, died unexpectedly on Nov. 13 and his funeral was on Nov. 17.

Farmer, 80, and his wife, Jean, had been married

self a fair amount of talent and those were football, baseball, tennis and golf. He loved watching the Washington Redskins football team, Richmond Spiders and New York Yankees. "Peyton had one of those spin serves in tennis that was impossible to return," said Webber. "Another sport he enjoyed was ping pong. He was his own legendary 'East Coast Ping Pong Champ,' according to his family." One of Farmer's favorite holidays was Christmas. He always prepared his signature steamed shrimp and created within his home a warm hospitality for his friends and family. He often said to friends and family members around him: "Ain't we living." Sheriff Tony Lippa wrote in a press release, "Judge Farmer was at home and during the late morning, the Bowling Green Rescue Squad responded to his home and transported him to Mary Washington Hospital. Judge Farmer passed away at approximately 2:30 p.m. (from natural causes) and he was surrounded by

incurred has reached \$47,000. It is not very likely that the county would be able to collect the outstanding sewer charges. Board members indicated an intent to offer the Dawn system's most delinquent customers a fresh start. The county will waive all but three months of past-due fees and penalties for the worst cases in Dawn.

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for 54 years. He also leaves behind four children and five grandchildren.

The Rev. Greg Webber, pastor of Bowling Green Baptist Church, gave a eulogy during Famer's funeral. In attendance were family, friends, court staff from the 15th circuit, Caroline Court, Caroline County Sheriff's Office, and Virginia State Police. Law enforcement officers served as pall bearers.

"His career spread in presence of witness on earth and now in heaven," Webber said. Judge Farmer was known for his fairness, kindness, integrity, gentleness, and wisdom.

"Peyton lived a life well-lived," Webber said. "He was a Virginia gentleman and it is a vanishing breed."

Farmer was a lover of sports. He watched some sports and there were some in which he saw in him-

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Farm Bureau helps students learn about agriculture

Virginia Farm-to-School Week comes to classrooms

MILFORD—Caroline County Farm Bureau recently took on a project to educate elementary school students about agriculture in their community.

Caroline Farm Bureau's board of directors and insurance agents developed posters profiling local farmers and their operations and displayed them at Bowling Green Elementary School as part of the fifth annual Virginia Farm to School Week, which took place Nov. 11-15.

Each poster featured facts about a different Caroline farm and its products.

Caroline Farm Bureau, with assistance from Virginia's Agriculture in the Classroom program, also distributed agriculture information and classroom activity materials. Staff and volunteers also were at the school all week to answer questions about agriculture and to read the book Who Grew My Soup? to the stu-



Beekeeper Jeff Sili shows students honey from a bee hive during Farm to School Week.

dents.

As part of the event, Maxie Broaddus, a Caroline County farmer, showed his combine and he explained how it is used to harvest grain, such as corn and soybeans.

Jeff Sili, a member of the Caroline County Board of Supervisors, is a beekeeper and he took fresh honey to the school and asked the children how many bees it takes to make one pound of honey. The an-

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swer is 5,000 bees.

Sili also talked to the children about what would happen if there were no bees, no apples or other good things to eat. He explained what bees eat to make honey. He described the importance of the "queen" bee and how the "sister" bees take care of all the eggs.

Other agricultural participants were English Acres Farm (focusing on crops) and A Farm Next Door (focusing on farm animals).

According to the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, Caroline has over 200 farms,

and the average farm is nearly 250 acres. The estimated market value of the land and buildings on

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Another parent, who was not see Uniforms page 8

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this new resolution may be

a struggle for some who

"don't believe anything will

happen," the board mem-

bers said that it would ulti-

have the most abundant

and safest food supply in

the world, and as farmers

we must do all we can to

educate the next generation

Week takes places every

November and encourages

all schools in the common-

wealth to purchase, serve

grown foods in their cafete-

rias. Farm to School Week

is part of the Virginia Farm

to School Program, an effort

to increase the amount of

fresh and nutritious Virgin-

ia-grown products offered

in schools and to promote

opportunities for schools

and local farmers to work

Bureau is one of 88 county

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farmers' advocacy group.

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Supervisor

Hampton man charged with abduction, and other multiple charges

November term indictments

•Tanner Waylon Aman, 20, address unknown, grand larceny

•Ernest Aragonez, III, 23, of Ruther Glen, leaving the scene of an accident, driving under the influence -2^{nd} conviction within 5 years, driving with license revoked.

•Michael Daniel Bobrosky, 57, of Woodford, malicious wounding, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a schedule I/II controlled substance, possession of marijuana.

•Rodney Bundy, 39, of Ruther Glen, driving under the influence, refusal to submit to a test.

•David Allen Carlton, 49, Spotsylvania, possession with the intent to distribute marijuana, driving while a habitual offender subsequent offense.

•King Edward Crook, 55, address unknown, robbery.

•Amie Elizabeth Ford, 40, of Ruther Glen, child cruelty.

•Luke Bernard Gardner, 27, address unknown, abduction, assault and battery against a family member. •Elvon Tyrail George,

25, of Hampton, 2 counts of statutory burglary, abduction with the intent to extort money, robbery, 2 charges of conspiring to commit robbery, attempted robbery, abduction, 4 counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

•Daniel Marquis Gibbs, 35, of Fredericksburg, possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute, possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute.

•Gary Dwayne Gilbert, 24, of Ruther Glen, obtaining money by false pretense, uttering a forged document.

•Aaron Emerson Gray, 25. of Milford, assault on an officer.

•Carrie Nicole Hall-Solt, 30, of King George, 2 counts of grand larceny, 2 counts of uttering a forged document

•Andrew Jay Harris, 24, of Hustle, 2 counts of larceny with intent to distribute stolen property, 2 counts of grand larceny, 2 counts of statutory burglary, destruction of property, assault, 2 counts of batteryu.

•Wayne Douglas Harris, 57, of Hanover, malicious wounding, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

•Ashley Heinbaugh, 22, address unknown, malicious wounding.

•Ricky Alan Heinbaugh, Jr., 21, of Ruther Glen, malicious wounding. •Robert Wayne Hissen,

28, address unknown, obtaining money or property by false pretenses.

•Gregory Benjamin Howard, 54, of Woodford, 2 counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

· Cortney Lee Johnson, 24, Hampton, Abduction with the intent to extort, 2 counts of statutory burglary, robbery, attempted robbery, 2 counts conspiring to commit robbery, abduction, 3 count of use of firearm during commission of a felony.

•David Wayne Jones, 39, of Rappahannock Academy, aggravated sexual battery, indecent liberties, 3 counts of child cruelty, and 3 counts of child neglect.

•Penny Lynn Lewis, 42, of Montross, embezzlement.

•Kevin Todd Luck, 48, of Spotsylvania, driving under the influence – 3rd subsequent offense.

•Dean M. Mason, 49, address unknown, malicious wounding

•Antonio James McCory, 26, of Baltimore, MD, driving under the influence, 2 counts of maiming another while driving while intoxicated.

•Vivian Louise McDonald, 55, Port Royal, malicious discharge of a firearm at or within an occupied dwelling or building.

•Westley Matthew Means, 25, of Spotsylvania, providing false information to purchase a firarm.

•Archie Meredith, Jr., 49, address unknown, destruction of property, leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage greater than \$1000, 4 charges of battery.

•J-uan Tyvelle Morris, 21, of Ruther Glen, malicious wounding, attempted malicious wounding, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

•Lynn Denise Rowan, 38, of Rappahannock Academy, 3 counts of child cruelty, 3 counts of child neglect.

•Amir Sharon, 39, address unknown, petit larceny.

•Wayne Stanley, 42, obtaining money by false pretenses, uttering a forged document.

•Tyrone Vaughn Stover, 36, of Fredericksburg, distribution of a schedule I or II drug.

•Tamonya Sashe Taylor, 19, of Ladysmith, robbery, attempted robbery, conspiring to rob, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

•William Allen Toney, 25, address unknown, reckless driving - endangering life or limb, leaving the scene of an accident involving damage to attended property, driving while license revoked – subsequent offense.

•Clarence Waddy, 59, of Ruther Glen, grand larceny. •James Randall Wood-

ward, 22, of Bowling Green, malicious wounding. •William Henry Walker,

32, address unknown, driving a vehicle while licensed revoked for DWI that resulted in manslaughter or maiming - subsequent offense.

have 90 days from the date of the waiver to pay the re-Underwood maining balance. If the balhe is "hoping this will let people know we are seriance is not paid, then the ous." Underwood further sewer service will be disconnected. The same waiver commented on the fairness will be granted to all citiof the adopted resolution, zens who use the county's saying, "Fair? Absolutely sewer systems, regardless not. It is not fair," he said. of which specific system "But no more free rides for they use. anybody."

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If the amount of time to pay the balance is exceeded, the county will issue a notice to county building official Kevin Wightman. At this point, the sewer will be capped and the meter will be pulled.

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and buildings on the average Caroline farm is \$1.15 million. All equipment on the average farm in the county is around \$110,000 in value.

Caroline farms produce a variety of crops, including corn, soybeans, wheat, oats and barley. Livestock on Caroline farms includes beef cows, hogs, sheep and poultry.

"Even in a rural community, children are farremoved from farms," said Lynwood Broaddus, president of Caroline Farm Bureau. "The posters allowed the children to meet farmers from their own community and see what they do. They also were able to meet me and other farmers and see that farmers in Caroline County raise everything from asparagus to zucchini and even a few catfish.

"Everyone needs to their food know where from. Americans comes

Thanksgiving service set for Monday at CHS

MILFORD—Caroline County ministers and community leaders will sponsor "Giving Thanks and Giving Back," a community wide Thanksgiving event, beginning at 7 p.m. on Nov. 25 in be a place to donate cash the Caroline High School auditorium. Those who attend will be treated to Christmas and patriotic music from the Caroline High School student band, the St. Asaph's Episcopal Church choir of Bowling Green and the St. John Baptist Church choir of Woodford. The CHS JROTC will present the colors. This event is free and will not include a meal, but those who attend should

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consider taking canned goods to the event to donate to the Caroline Social Services Department for needy residents of the county. In addition, there will

Caroline ministers began having after the Boston Marathon bomber was buried in an Islamic cemetery in Caroline in May. Caroline made worldwide news because of the burial and





•Jesse Rashaud Morris, 22, of Ruther Glen, malicious wounding, attempted malicious wounding, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

to the CHS marching band because a former treasurer for the CHS Band Boosters Club allegedly embezzled close to \$5,000 in funds that students, teachers and parents had raised.

Ministers from a wide range of denominations will attend. This is the first year for the county-wide Thanksgiving service, said Floyd Thomas, chairman of the Caroline County Board of Supervisors. The service stems from meetings that

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much of the reaction to the burial was negative.

The Thanksgiving service represents something positive that came from the negativity of the burial, Thomas said. Community leaders will express gratitude at the meeting, and those in the audience will be given an opportunity to speak and express thankfulness from their lives. Those in attendance will include Major Scott Moser of the Caroline County Sheriff's Office and Thomas and his wife, Linda, the former state president of the NAACP.

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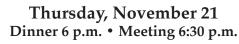


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BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEETING WITH SUPERVISOR JEFF SILI



Salem Baptist Church, 24032 Sparta Road 6:30 p.m.: Special guest speaker LTC Peter E. Dargle, Commander Fort A.P. Hill, will discuss the latest happenings at Fort A.P. Hill.

7:00 p.m.: Topics to discuss by Supervisor Sili will be the Upcoming Budget 2014-15, Report from the Regional Business Development Summit and what it means to the district and to Caroline, Comprehensive Plan and Special Exceptions, Western District Supervisor, Jeff Black will present a power point on PRTC and the impact potential to Caroline.

Please bring a list of questions and topics to discuss with the supervisors. Citizens from all Districts welcome. Please RSVP for dinner (no charge) at 804-633-9084 by November 19.



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