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Schools superintendent accepts Roanoke position

By Sarah Vogelsong | CP Reporter

Caroline Superintendent Gregory Killough has accepted the position of superintendent of Roanoke County Public Schools starting July 1, the Roanoke County School Board announced Jan. 8.

Killough has been superintendent of Caroline County Public Schools since 2008. In June 2010, the School Board voted to extend his contract an additional four years. Despite a 4-2 vote in June 2012 to not extend that contract when it was set to expire in July 2014, the Board in a 5-1 vote in March 2013 reversed direction and gave Killough one more year in Caroline.

His current contract will expire June 30, one day before he begins work in Roanoke County. He will replace Lorraine Lange, who has served as superintendent there since 2006.

Killough's compensation package, according to the Roanoke County School Board's release, includes \$169,000 and the use of his personal vehicle and cell phone.

According to the July 14, 2014, CCPS budget for FY2015, the superintendent's

salary for 2014-15 was \$142,477.

School Board Chairman George Spaulding said that the news of Killough's move "didn't come as a shock."

"We knew he's been looking for another employment," Spaulding said, noting later that "his contract was running out."

When asked about Killough's performance during his six and a half years in Caroline, Spaulding replied, "He's done a lot of good things for the county, no question about that."

The School Board will now be charged with finding a new superintendent. According to Spaulding, the Board will work with



Greg Killough

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Commission recommends denial of landfill amendments

By Sarah Vogelsong | CP Reporter

The Planning Commission is recommending that the Board of Supervisors reject five amendments to the county zoning ordinance that would open the door for private landfills.

About 60 residents turned out at the Commission's Jan. 7 meeting, with almost all expressing vehement opposition to the alterations to the zoning ordinance. Of the 26 individuals who spoke during the public hearing on the matter, all but two were against the amendments.

Although Commission member Les Stanley, reading from a prepared statement, cautioned those in attendance that "all questions or comments to the Planning Commission must be specific to the zoning text amendments subject to the public hearing this evening and not address a proposed facility or location," most speakers directly addressed a recent proposal from Caroline Recycling LLC to build a construction, demolition, debris, and limited commercial (CDDL) landfill on 684 acres at the intersection of Route 301 and Dry Bridge Road.

This proposal, which first surfaced in

November, has sparked an outcry since its announcement. Many of the residents who turned out for the Planning Commission's Jan. 7 meeting had already spoken out against the proposal at the Board of Supervisors' Dec. 2 and Dec. 9 meetings, and at two community meetings held by Caroline Recycling Dec. 16 and Jan. 6.

Because Caroline County's current zoning ordinance does not allow for commercial landfills, it must be amended before any application, by Caroline Recycling or another company, can be submitted to the county.

The first text amendment considered by the Planning Commission Jan. 7 would add to or replace definitions for terms such as "limited commercial waste" in the county zoning ordinance. The second, third, and fourth amendments would add a CDDL landfill as a permitted use by special exception in the rural preservation, M-1 industrial, and agricultural preservation districts. The fifth amendment would set standards for CDDL landfills in the county.

Those standards would restrict CDDL landfills to sites of 500 or more acres and

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LET'S GO, CAROLINE, LET'S GO!



Caroline Cavs get a welcoming start to their game last Friday night against James Monroe. Varsity boys and girls won against the rival Jackets. See more photos and story on page 7. CP photo by Dawn Haun.

School Board tables calendar decision

By Sarah Vogelsong | CP Reporter

The schedule for the 2015-16 school year remains unresolved after the School Board tabled a decision on the matter at its Jan. 12 meeting.

Despite a motion from Madison representative Shawn Kelley and a second from Western Caroline representative Mary Anderson to select a calendar that would set the first day of school as Aug. 17, the officials backed away from making a final choice.

The two possible calendars primarily differ in their start date and the length of winter break. In Option A, students would return to school Aug. 17 and winter vacation would last two weeks, starting Dec. 23 and, because of the scheduling of two teacher workdays directly on the heels of the break, ending Jan. 5. Option B would set the first day of school as Aug. 13 and would give students a two-and-a-half-week winter break.

Assistant superintendent Rebecca Broaddus reported that surveys had revealed that teachers preferred Option B two to one, and that parents were evenly split on the question.

Nevertheless, two parents spoke during the citizen comment portion of the Jan. 12 meeting to urge the Board not to select Option B. Timothy Payne noted that a later start date would be "more conducive" for students involved in sports and activities such as band that begin practices two weeks before the first day of school. Beginning the calendar year on Aug. 13, he pointed out, would mean that students would be hitting the fields in late July.

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New John Wilkes Booth marker approved

John Wilkes Booth couldn't elude the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

The historical marker, "Assassin's End," will replace and update a prior one on Route 301 near Port Royal about the death of Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, the department announced last week.

On the morning of April 26, 1865, a 16th New York Cavalry unit tracked Booth down and cornered him and his co-conspirator, David E. Herold, in Caroline County as the two men slept in a tobacco barn owned by Richard Henry Garrett. After the barn was set on fire, Booth was shot by one of the cavalry troops.

The replacement marker was approved during the December quarterly meeting of the governor-appointed Board of Historic Resources of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

The original marker went missing in October.

The manufacturing cost of each DHR highway marker is covered by a sponsor. The Surratt Society sponsored the "Assassin's End" marker. This volunteer organization is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of history involving a historic Maryland farmhouse known

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Old marker on Route 301

LOCAL PUBLIC SERVANT SPOTLIGHT

Michael Southworth and Addison Spicer: Everyone works together

By Sarah Vogelsong | CP Reporter

When a call comes into the fire station, a lot rides on who you're riding with.

For Michael Southworth and Addison Spicer, two young volunteers at the Sparta Volunteer Fire Department, nothing puts their mind more at ease when heading out to the site of an accident or a blaze than knowing that their companion is backing them up.

"People know what they need to do," Southworth said. "You don't have to say anything to anybody. I know how his head works, and he knows how my head works."

Spicer and Southworth are a first-class illustration of what first responders mean when they refer to the firefighters or emergency medical technicians with whom they serve as "family." The word is anything but abstract. It describes not just the good times and sense of shared mission that unite these men and women, but also their support for each other and willingness to pull together to get a job done.

"You're going to have your arguments ... but when you get on the truck, all of that goes away," Southworth said. "Everyone can put their differences aside and work together."

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Michael Southworth



Addison Spicer

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would require, among other provisions, that 200-foot buffers be established along all property lines and that the facility have access to a minor arterial roadway, as defined in the county comprehensive plan.

County planner Angeline Crowder informed the Planning Commission that the amendments would affect 38 parcels in the county. Thirty-seven of those are located in rural preservation areas and one in an M-1 in-

dustrial area. No agricultural preservation areas would be affected by the changes.

Three roadways are classified by the comprehensive plan as "minor arterial": Route 2/Fredericksburg Turnpike, Route 30/Dawn Boulevard, and Route 301/Richmond Turnpike.

Crowder also informed the Commission of several modifications to the development standards requested by Caroline Recycling via letter on Dec. 11.

These modifications would allow the Board of Supervisors to approve, as part of the special exception permit process, of the disposal of other types of waste not listed in the CD-DLC definition; include ground and/or shredded tires as an acceptable type of waste; set a minimum buffer size of 100, instead of 200, feet; and modify the development standard stating that "the facility shall have direct access to a minor arterial roadway" to add "or other road classification as may be approved by the Board of Supervisors and the Virginia Department of

Transportation."

Many of the objections raised during the public hearing were familiar: concerns over the effect of a landfill on water quality and property values, increased truck traffic on Route 301 and Dry Bridge Road, and conflicts with the comprehensive plan.

"Caroline County for many, many years has had the best comprehensive plan in the country," Maxie Rozell, a former supervisor for the Reedy Church District, told the Planning Commission. "Why would we want to create heavy, intense industrial business in the heart of our rural area? Why would we want to open up 38 possible parcels for landfill developers?"

While most speakers expressed opposition to the location of a landfill anywhere in Caroline County, several specifically addressed concerns with a possible facility east of Interstate 95 or at the Route 301/Dry Bridge Road intersection.

"I don't believe this part of the county has the infrastructure to support this

facility," James Baker said. "A facility like this would be more suited to a location near an interstate or other four-lane road."

Two individuals of the 26 who spoke did express support of the text amendments. One was Andrea Wortzel, an attorney from Troutman Sanders representing Caroline Recycling. The other was Irving Truitt, the owner of several parcels of land along Route 301, including one that houses Mama's Place restaurant.

"I'm probably the only one that doesn't oppose it, and I'm not going to make any friends right here," Truitt said. "I've been here for 10 years. My business has paid over \$350,000 in taxes, and there's no way that this county can sustain itself unless it has some form of growth. ... I'm going to move unless somebody else comes in and helps with the tax situation."

Commission members engaged in only brief discussion after the public hearing closed before newly elected chairman Stanley

moved to recommend denial of the first text amendment to the Board of Supervisors, a motion that was greeted by loud, sustained applause from the audience.

The Commission unanimously recommended denial of all five amendments.

Although the meeting was calmer than previous gatherings on the subject have been, emotions were clearly running high. Several, like Stephen Anstett, expressed that they had not originally planned to speak but were driven to by their feelings about the issue.

"Caroline County is God's country," Anstett told the commissioners. "Don't bring hell into it."

In other news from the Jan. 7 meeting, the Planning Commission elected Stanley as chairman and Western Caroline representative Bob Fiumara as vice chairman. They also agreed to change the dates of Planning Commission work sessions and meetings from the first and third Wednesdays of every month to the first and third Thursdays.

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James Monroe: Dijir Allen 4; Josiah Avington 6; Dre'Jon Boley 4; Percy Burt 23; Darius Leacock 2; Anhwan Lewis-Gray 6, Emanuel Malual 4. 20 8-15 53. Three-point baskets: J. Avington 2, P. Burt 3.

Vs. Courtland

Caroline dropped a game against Courtland last Tuesday, Jan. 6, by a score of 48-40 that should have been won. Both teams played an effective half court press, but the Cavaliers, toward the end of the first quarter, began to take the edge, coming back from a deficit that at times was over 10 points and bringing it down to only two at the end of the quarter.

Until the end of the third quarter, the game was a slugfest with lead changes and comebacks by both teams. After three quarters of play, the score was tied 28-28. At this point, Caroline lied down and Courtland kept going.

For the first six minutes in the final quarter, the Cavaliers could only muster two points, and those came from free throws by Mark Loving. The wakeup call came with less than two minutes to go, and Caroline began to surge, closing the gap from 15 points to four points, but it was too little, too late as the Cougars of Courtland went on to win 48-40.

Caroline used their signature press to frustrate the Courtland guards, keeping the Cavaliers in the game. Under the basket, AJ Derricott and Loving showed their talent as they played the boards to the Cavalier advantage, shutting out the big men Courtland sent their way.

Both teams went cold the third quarter, scoring a combined total of 14 points. In the fourth quarter, the play got sloppy, allowing points and rebounds by Courtland that never should have occurred. The Cougars were hot from the charity stripe, taking advantage of the opportunity by dropping most of their shots.

CAR 9 13 6 12 40
COURT 11 12 8 17 48

Caroline: Jaquan Monroe 2, Vondell Green 7, Darius Young 6, Mark Loving 18, AJ Derricott 3, Deandre Christopher 4. 14 9-17 40. Three-point baskets: Green, Young 2.

Courtland: Corey Talley 9, Darryl Gerald 8, Jarvis Law 13, Jabari Allen 7, Brandon Hayes 9, Jonathan Holzbauer 2. 12 22-27 48. Three-point baskets: Talley 2.

This week, the Cavaliers continued their home stance as they were scheduled to host Chancellor on Tuesday and North Stafford on Thursday. Next week, Tuesday, is the only game scheduled as Dinwiddie High School comes to Milford to take on the Cavaliers.

Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. William Fells, Jr.

Rollins/Fells

The marriage of Miss JoWanda Rollins of Caroline County, and Mr. William Fells, Jr., took place on July 19, 2014, at 3 p.m. at Second Baptist Church in Ruther Glen. Guests were greeted by a Cinderella pumpkin carriage with a team of white horses on the front lawn of the church on Ruther Glen Road as they arrived for the ceremony.

Dr. Authur Werts, pastor of Second Baptist, officiated the ceremony with support of Rev. Kelvin Smith giving the opening prayer and Rev. William Gibson offering the prayer of blessing for the couple.

During the ceremony, guests and the couple were serenaded by Nakita Golden and Donald Fells. The bride was escorted by her father, Jerrel Rollins, Sr. and given in marriage by her parents. The bride is the daughter of Jerrel and Jessie Rollins of Bowling Green. The groom is the son of Mrs. Janice Fells and the late William Fells, Sr. of Hanover.

Markisha Gross and Kristle Baylor-Johnson were the matrons of honor. LaTonja Garnett was the Maid of Honor. The lead bridesmaid was the bride's sister, JoNi Davis. The honorary bridesmaid was the bride's 104-year-old great-grandmother, Maxine Hill. Other bridesmaids included: Keri Childs, Joy Hill, Catia Fells, Kriztina Pierce, and Kisha Frye. The junior bridesmaid was the bride's daughter, Jordyn Rollins-Williams, and the flower girls were Jaidyn Davis and Kaidyn Broadbent.

Rudy Soodoho, Kenneth Werts, and Justin Hargrove were the groom's best men. The groomsmen were Jerrel Rollins, Jr., Jonathan Rollins, Brandon Nelson, Earnest Frye, and Darnell Cosby Jr., and Antione Golden. The junior groomsmen was Sean Davis. The ring bearer was Kaleb Broadbent and the bell ringer was Seth Davis.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Hampton University. The bride has degrees in education and the groom has a degree in Pre-Law. The bride is a National Board Certified teacher who just completed her doctorate degree in Curriculum and Instruction. She is a former educator in the Caroline County Public Schools system. She is currently the founder of Spirit of Excellence and chair of DIVAS With Promise mentoring program.

The groom is a minister at Second Baptist Church in Ruther Glen, the Director of the Power of One Ministry, and is employed as an officer with the Department of Juvenile Justice.

The wedding colors were their royal Hampton blue and fuschia. Decorations were done by Ora Rollins and Isabella Rivera. The photographer for the fairy tale wedding was Calandra Rollins with makeup by Tia Courtney and hair by Ida Garlick. The couple had a romantic horse and carriage ride and a grand entrance down 301, provided by Shenendoah Carriage Company, to the reception site at Hanover Tavern. The dove ceremony was courtesy of Carolyn Tubman in memory of the groom's father, William Fells, Sr., and the bride's grandmother, Goldie Garlick.

The couple stayed at the Jefferson Hotel and then honeymooned at the Disney Vacation Resort at Baylake Towers in Florida. The couple now resides in Caroline County.

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