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Walter Finnigan

Roxboro Community School principal resigns position Tuesday afternoon

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The Roxboro Community School (RCS) faculty and staff learned yesterday that Principal Walter Finnigan was resigning, and would take over as principal

of Clover Garden Charter School near Burlington.

Sam Kennington, who served as the first principal at RCS when it opened in 2006, will return as interim principal, and will lead the school while the board of directors searches for a new full-time chief administrator.

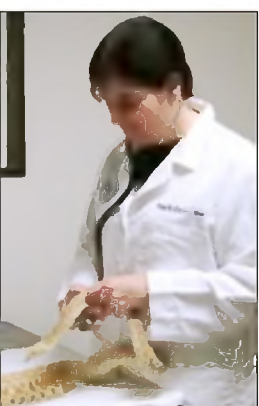
Finnigan, who has served as principal of the charter middle and high school since 2008, said his last day at RCS would be Friday, Sept. 30.

Kennington, who brought Finnigan on as assistant principal in 2007, will begin as interim today, working alongside Finni-

gan for the next two weeks.

Tuesday afternoon, after Finnigan said he had accepted the position at Clover Garden, "after much thought and prayerful consideration," teachers and RCS Board of Directors members

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'Quite a process'

Strutmasters moving to Commerce Drive facility in Roxboro

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At the beginning of the month the suspension kit provider Strutmasters got up and running at its new location on 118 Commerce Dr., in the old Alsco building.

This marks the fourth move for the company since it was founded in 1999, according to owner Chip Lofton, and he said he hopes it will be his last.

"The move went as nicely as I had hoped that it would go," said Lofton, "no real big surprises."

Strutmasters was most recently located at the 500,000 square-foot Collins & Aikman (C&A) building on North Main Street. Moving to the 70,000 square foot facility has been "quite a process," Lofton said. The company has however, utilized the wealth of vertical space in the warehouse.

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Roxboro business owner Chip Lofton is completing the move of Strutmasters to its new location on Commerce Drive. The business was formerly located in the old Collins & Aikman facility on North Main Street. North American Aerodynamics will move to that site soon.

Early voting for municipal elections begins Thursday

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Early voting for the City of Roxboro municipal election will begin tomorrow, Thursday, Sept. 22 at the Person County Board of Elections office at 331 S. Morgan St.

Early, or one-stop, voting will end on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 1 p.m.

Hours of operation for one-stop voting will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 and Friday, Sept. 23; Monday, Sept. 26 through Friday, Sept. 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; from Monday, Oct. 3 until Friday, Oct. 7 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 8 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The election will be Tuesday, Oct. 11. Roxboro residents who do

not choose early voting may cast their votes on Oct. 11, from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 105 South Lamar St.

Marilyn Newell, who has served four terms on council and is currently mayor pro-tem, is the only candidate for mayor. She said she felt capable of handling the challenges and opportunities facing the city and hoped to work to bring jobs, regional alliances and progress to the city.

Newell has told *The Courier-Times* that she consulted current mayor Samuel Spencer about his plans before filing for the position. Spencer, who was serving his 16th term on council before being named mayor last year, following the death of Tom Brown,

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FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE MONDAY AT HEALTH DEPT.

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Health Director Janet Clayton said this week that the Person County Health Department would begin providing flu shots to the public on Monday, Sept. 26.

There are no out of pocket expenses for Blue Cross Blue Shield, Health Choice, Medicare, Medicaid, and MedCost participants, said Clayton, nor for uninsured children who are between six months and 18 years of age. There will be a \$30 charge for all others who wish to get the flu shot at the health department.

Blue Cross Blue Shield, Health Choice, Medicare, Medicaid, and MedCost participants must bring their insurance cards with them at the time they plan to get the flu shot.

Clayton said, "We encourage everyone six months and older to be immunized against seasonal influenza. Parents whose children are considered to be high risk are encouraged to have their children immunized," she said.

Children considered at high risk are those between six and 59 months who have chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, including asthma. Also, children and adolescents between six months to 18 years who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and, therefore, might be at risk for experiencing Reye syndrome after influenza infection.

Children who have had required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year because of chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes mellitus), renal dysfunction, hemoglobin-

opathies, or immunodeficiency (including immunodeficiency caused by medications or by HIV) are also considered high-risk if they contract the flu.

Children who have any condition such as cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, or other neuromuscular disorders that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions, or that can increase the risk for aspiration should be immunized.

Vaccination is recommended for all adults, especially those who work in health care, are 50 or older, and women who are pregnant.

People who have chronic pulmonary (including asthma), cardiovascular, renal, hepatic, cognitive, neurological/neuromuscular, hematological or metabolic disorders including

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PCC's EOC office moving to county-owned Barden Street site

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"I think it is a great use of the facility."

Person County Commissioner Sam Kennington spoke those

words Monday morning prior to the board of commissioners voting unanimously to approve a memorandum of understanding between Piedmont Community College (PCC) and the county for use of property at 204 W. Barden St.

The property, located beside the Person County Emergency Management Services building, formerly served as the site of the county's health department and the Person Counseling Center. In recent years, the facility has been used for storage purposes by the

county.

The approval by commissioners Monday will allow PCC to use the facility for a 10-year period. After that, according to County Manager Heidi York, the memorandum of understanding may be renewed on an annual basis.

PCC requested use of the Barden Street facility in order to relocate the college's Educational Opportunity Center (EOC), which is currently located in the former Roxboro Post Office facility.

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