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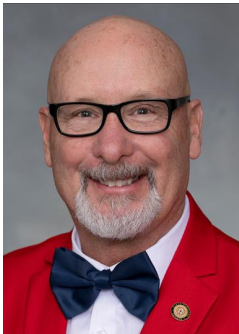


# Senator Bobby Hanig Weekly Newsletter



## District 3

Bertie, Camden, Currituck, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Tyrrell, Warren



### Senator Hanig This Week

This week, we are presenting something new on Facebook. With the aid of the General Assembly Information Systems Division, we are attaching a link to encourage people to become regular subscribers to the newsletter.

Please feel free to share this link with your friends and neighbors, and encourage them to receive our newsletter.

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## Roseburg Donates First Lumber to 4-H Rural Life Center

**HALIFAX** - In an act of community support and generosity, Roseburg Forest Products has donated the first load of lumber produced at the Roanoke Valley Lumber Mill in Weldon to the 4-H Rural Life Center in Halifax. This significant

contribution was made to the Center to support the many projects underway to enhance its facilities and serve the citizens of Halifax County.

The 4-H Rural Life Center is a 345+ acre complex that is centrally located to provide access to all citizens of Halifax County. The goal of programming is to bring the citizens, youth and adults of Halifax County together to enhance, enlighten, and educate their everyday lives and preserve our rural heritage. Funding for the Center is provided through a cooperative effort between Halifax County Commissioners, North Carolina State Extension, local businesses, and many volunteers.

The delivery of the lumber was facilitated by Walter Johnson of P&S Transport, who along with Halifax County Sheriff Tyree Davis, ensured the materials reached their destination safely and efficiently. The donated lumber was delivered to the Roanoke Valley Farmers Market located on US Highway 158 where it will be kept until ready to be used by the Center for the many projects currently underway.

To learn more, click [here](#).

## **Chamber Holds Ribbon Cutting for the Outer Banks Community Foundation**

The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the Outer Banks Community Foundation, a leading philanthropic organization serving the region since 1982, on Tuesday, February 13th. Nick Graham, Chair-Elect of the Chamber Board of Directors and Standard Insurance, warmly welcomed guests and congratulated the Outer Banks Community Foundation on their brand-new Roanoke Island home.

Chris Sawin, President and CEO of the Outer Banks Community Foundation, invites you to visit their new location, which also houses the Outer Banks Center for Non-Profits. This location allows the foundation to better serve its donors, grantees, and community partners, furthering its mission to cultivate a thriving Outer Banks through strategic grantmaking, scholarship programs, and community initiatives. The Center for Non-Profit serves as a dynamic resource that benefits the entire community.

The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce is an advocate for businesses on North Carolina's Outer Banks. A regional organization representing 1,000 businesses, the Outer Banks Chamber serves Dare County, Currituck County, and Ocracoke.

## **Northampton Teachers Eligible For Bonuses**

**NORTHAMPTON** - During their regular meeting on Feb. 12, the Northampton County Board of Education approved a plan for performance bonuses for some teachers and staff. Superintendent Dr. Rosa Atkins explained that the proposed bonuses would be for teachers in the areas of math, literacy, and science. To qualify for the bonus, teachers must improve student academic performances by 10 to 30 percent, based on the End of Grade and End of Course test scores. Instructional leadership staff who help teachers reach those goals will also be eligible for the bonus.

Atkins noted that the bonuses will come from ESSER (Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief) funding, which are federal funds that were given to schools to address learning loss and other impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. These bonuses will also be one-time only. The bonus amount differs depending on the subject taught and how much improvement is made. According to Dr. Atkins, math teachers, for example, would receive \$1,000 for a 10 percent increase or \$3,000 for a 30 percent increase. Dr. Atkins said that they anticipated receiving test scores in June, so the bonuses would be given out before June 30. Also, during the meeting, Dr. Atkins announced that the district had received \$150,000 from the Center for Safer Schools Safety Grant Program. The grant will be used to purchase safety equipment (\$112,000) and train school and district staff (\$38,000).

Williams motioned to approve the performance bonus recommendation, and Stephenson seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor by those in attendance.

To learn more, click [here](#).

## **Manns Harbor Asks for Traffic Help**

**DARE** - Manns Harbor citizens have a problem with vehicles speeding through an intersection, specifically the intersection with the western end of the Virginia Dare Bridge and Shipyard Road. On February 5, 2024, Robin Mann, president of the Manns Harbor Civic Association, presented a list of options to the commissioners. The options have been reviewed by NCDOT and Dare County Sheriff Doug Doughtie. "It was agreed that any or all of these options would be effective." Board Chairman Robert L. Woodard responded. "We will reach out to NCDOT."

Examples of the options addressed at the February 5, 2024, meeting are:

- Installing message boards for eastbound and westbound lanes indicating "Slower Speeds Ahead." A board that shows the vehicle's speed with reminder about slower speed limit.
- A flashing "Lower Speed Limits Ahead" on westbound lane railing on Virginia Dare Bridge.
- Lower posted speed from 40 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour. "With strict enforcement from combined efforts with the Dare County Sheriff's Office and the NC Highway Patrol, the message will so become abundantly clear that slower speeds through Manns Harbor will continue to be enforced," states the letter to the commissioners.
- To enhance visibility, more frequent trimming of trees and shrubs on either side of the four-lane near the west end of the Virginia Dare Bridge.

Regarding another street, the commissioners scheduled a public hearing about permanently closing an unimproved extension of the road known as Washington Street on Roanoke Island. The street is between First Street and North US 64/264 and north of Barlow. Both adjoining property owners, Michael R. Davenport and Edgar Mallory and Ruth Mallory, have requested the closure and will split the road area. The public hearing is set for Monday, March 4, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Dare County Administration Building in Manteo.

To learn more, click [here](#).

## **myFuture NC Report: The 2024 State of Educational Attainment in North Carolina**

To ensure North Carolina remains economically competitive now and into the future, in 2019, with bipartisan support in the General Assembly and a signature from the Governor, the state of North Carolina adopted one of the most ambitious goals in the nation—to have 2 million North Carolinians aged 25-44 to hold an industry-valued credential or postsecondary degree.

MyFutureNC convened representatives from K12 education, higher education, government, business and industry, faith-based organizations, and philanthropy to present the 2024 State of Educational Attainment with a regional and county-level focus. Participants at each location reviewed myFutureNC's legislative priorities for the new year and forecasted solutions to help us achieve the state's educational attainment goal of 2 million degrees or industry-valued credentials by 2030 among North Carolinians aged 25-44.

To learn more about the report, click [here](#).

To learn about your County Data and Resources, click [here](#).

### **Gallery of Pictures**





**February 21, 2024** - I attended the Legislative Roundtable Breakfast for Dare, Camden, Currituck, and Pasquotank County. I would like to thank Camden County for hosting this breakfast for the Currituck Chamber of Commerce to discuss statewide and county issues. We went over key policies affecting our community and explored opportunities for collaboration.

“Everyone thinking regionally benefits everyone in Northeastern North Carolina”.



This week, I had a great meeting at the Whalehead Club to discuss water access issues, drainage, and dredging. Big thank you to Ikemcree and Currituck County Staff for a very successful afternoon! I also would like to thank camer, DEQ, and DWQ for taking the time to visit and hear our concerns during the discussion.

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