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**Senator Bobby Hanig
Weekly Newsletter**

District 1

Bertie, Camden, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell



This week, the deadline for filing public bills has come and gone in the Senate. Our next objective is to get the bills passed and crossed over into the House in order to be eligible to be heard in the short session in 2026.

Also the budget is still being put together by the budget chairs. When the Senate does do its rollout, we will do a deep dive into the numbers.

2025-2026 Session Update

3/26/25

Local Bills**Second Reading-Roll Call**

- **Four Oaks/Creedmoor Deannexations SB 214** - AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FOUR OAKS AND THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR.

----- 3/20/25 w/d cal; cal 3-26-25

- **Stallings/Marvin Satellite Annexations SB 219** - AN ACT REMOVING THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF STALLINGS AND THE VILLAGE OF MARVIN.

----- 3/20/25 w/d cal; cal 3-26-25

Second Reading

- **China Grove Even Year Election SB 36** - AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

----- 3/20/25 w/d cal; cal 3-26-25

Public Bills**Second Reading**

- **GSC Conveyances Between Spouses SB 121** - AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECT THAT CONVEYANCES OF REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN SPOUSES HAVE ON CERTAIN MARITAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

----- 3/20/25 w/d cal; cal 3-26-25

- **GSC Unif. Community Prop. Disp. at Death Act SB 122** - AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM COMMUNITY PROPERTY DISPOSITION AT DEATH ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

----- 3/20/25 w/d cal; cal 3-26-25

3/27/25**Local Bill****Third Reading Roll Call**

- **Four Oaks/Creedmoor Deannexations SB 214** - AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FOUR OAKS AND THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR.

----- 3/26/25 passed 2nd rdg

Public Bills**Second Reading**

- **GSC Uniform Comm. Code/Emerging Technologies SB 117** - AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE TO GOVERN TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING CERTAIN EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

----- 3/26/25 fav

- **Utility Worker Protection Act SB 311** - AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS

WORKER.

----- 3/26/25 fav

- **Lower Healthcare Costs SB 316** - AN ACT LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS AND INCREASING PRICE TRANSPARENCY.

----- 3/26/25 fav

Senate Page Applications



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

SENATE PAGE PROGRAM

WHO
10th-12th grade students

WHAT
Attend daily Senate sessions, deliver messages and other important documents, and assist with office operations and committee meetings.

WHEN
One week, between February 10 - June 26, 2025

WHERE
Legislative Building Raleigh, N.C.

OFFICE OF SENATOR BOBBY HANIG

Applications are now open for 10th-12th grade students for the Senate Page Program. Pages will attend daily Senate sessions, deliver messages and other important documents, and assist with office operations and committee meetings. It would be for one week between February 10- June 26, 2025 in the Raleigh, N.C. Legislative Building.

Weeks that are closed:

- April 14th-17th
- May 27th-29th
- May 19th-22nd
- June 2nd-5th
- June 16th-19th
- June 23rd-26th

If you have a teenager who would like to serve as a Senate Page, please email Ed Stiles at edward.stiles@ncleg.gov, and he will be glad to assist.

Town Commissioners Launch Another Effort to Bring 1718 Brewing to Manteo

DARE - A little more than a month after the Manteo Commissioners rejected a request for a zoning amendment that would have allowed 1718 Brewing in Ocracoke to locate at the site of the now closed Weeping Radish, another effort is underway to facilitate its move into Manteo.

At the commissioners' March 19 meeting, Commissioner Michael Basnight won unanimous approval for a motion that creates an overlay district at the site "which allows for at least a mixed use of craft/brewery/winery and restaurant." The plan will now have to go before the Manteo Planning Board and Board of Commissioners again to gain final approval.

At the Feb. 12 meeting, the 1718 Brewing request was denied by a 4-2 vote, despite a number of people in the public comment session endorsing the idea of having the brewery there. At the time, however, concerns over the facility's impact on wastewater collection and wastewater treatment in the town appeared to be the decisive factor.

The plan approved on March 19 attempts to allay those concerns with a proposal for a text amendment that, among other things, would require the owner to be responsible "for providing and maintaining sufficient pretreatment for the craft brewery;" allows the town to inspect the pretreatment program at any time, requires the user to "reimburse and indemnify the Town for any fines or damages caused by that craft brewery effluent;" and requires the brewery to shut down if it is determined to be out of compliance with permits.

In an interview with the Voice, Commissioner Basnight said that "When this first came up, some of the community had concerns." But he added the goal of the new amendment is "to make sure we're protecting the town," and the "infrastructure and wastewater system." He described 1718 Brewing "as a really good partner willing to work with the town on a pretreatment plan."

Describing the new proposal, Manteo Town Manager Melissa Dickerson said, "I think there's certainly more structure than in the previous...text amendment."

Attribute: The Outer Banks Voice by Mike Jurkowitz

Siblings Join Bertie County Sheriff's Office, Bringing Family Bond to Law Enforcement

BERTIE - Two siblings, both deputies with the Bertie County Sheriff's Office started this journey last week after graduating from the academy. Meet Danielle and Allen Melton, a brother and sister from Chowan County. Now working together to keep Bertie County safe, as a pair of their newest deputies.

For Danielle, her brother has always kept her safe. "He's always been a big brother, protecting his little sister...but he's more my motivation...he pushes me, I push him, we always pushing each other to do positive things...it's just an honor to be working with my brother."

Allen says that won't change, they both understand their responsibilities are much larger now. "You're always gonna be a big brother to your little sister...but now it's just a little different, now you're just enforcing laws...implementing the Sheriff's vision, and that's what we're trying to do here today."

While they've been brought in to serve the community, Bertie County Sheriff Tyrone Ruffin says they offer something else just as crucial to the Sheriff's Office. "It's wonderful that they bring the joys that Bertie County Sheriff's Office needs that joy that we need in law enforcement is the thing that I see and appreciate from the Melton's."

Attribute: News ABC 12 by Chris Young

Currituck Education Foundation Awards Mini Grants

CURRITUCK - On March 18th at a virtual meeting of the Currituck Education Foundation, four projects supporting Currituck County Schools were awarded mini-grant funding.

\$500.00 to Rachael Benner of JP Knapp Early College High School for “Tech Meets Tradition: Elevating School Culture Through Yearbook Design” to purchase a computer for yearbook design. The impact of this investment extends far beyond the yearbook staff. Our yearbook is a treasured artifact of school culture. By upgrading our design tools, we can ensure that the quality of this publication truly honors the memories, achievements, and spirit of our school. Every student, regardless of their background or involvement in specific activities, has the chance to be represented in its pages.

\$500.00 to Jessica Mattes of Moyock Elementary School for “Splash into Sensory Fun, *Light Up* Water Play!” to purchase a Super-Safe Light-Up Water Table. This project aims to create a dynamic, interactive space where our students can explore and engage in sensory activities that enhance learning and development! Many of our BRIGHT students are sensory seekers, meaning they need activities that provide sensory input. The light-up water table offers a safe and engaging way to meet this need. Its durability and portability make it ideal for both indoor and outdoor use, allowing us to incorporate a variety of sensory materials like water, beads, and sand.

\$500.00 to Michelle Crosby of Currituck County Middle School for “Courtyard Revival” to purchase a rain barrel, bench, and live plants for the courtyard. This project seeks to transform a non-functional outdoor space into a vibrant and useful learning environment for students. This revitalized courtyard will include comfortable seating areas and tables designed for collaborative work, where students can engage in group projects, study sessions, and creative brainstorming. In addition to these learning spaces, the project will feature a rain barrel, creating a hands-on outdoor classroom where students can apply classroom concepts in real-world settings.

\$500.00 to Sarah Lindsay of Currituck County Middle School for “Dissection Lab – Shad in the Classroom” to purchase a dissecting set, shad, and supplies. The Shad in the Classroom project is an educational initiative that engages students in environmental science by involving them in the study and conservation of shad, a migratory fish species native to many North American rivers. The project connects students with real-world conservation efforts, teaching them about the ecological importance of shad, the challenges they face, and the role humans play in restoring their populations. The project typically takes place over several weeks in the spring, coinciding with the natural migration of shad. They learn about shad biology, water quality monitoring, and conservation principles.

Attribute: The Outer Banks Voice

Railroad Avenue Properties Up for Bid Again, \$31K

HERTFORD - The Town of Hertford will advertise a trio of dilapidated homes a fifth time with hopes a buyer will accept the challenge to renovate the properties and increase the number of available homes.

The three homes, located at 101, 103, and 105 Railroad Avenue, were up for bid last December and again in January. The first price listed in December was \$15,000. Three upset bids arrived before the Dec. 3 deadline and the highest bid was \$18,000. For the three Railroad Avenue properties, an upset bid was submitted on Dec. 31 for \$22,000. The three houses were again advertised in January and again drew upset bids. The current minimum bid for the trio of houses is \$31,000.

Bidders must pay a deposit of 5% of their bid at the time it is submitted. The deposit must be paid in either cash, cashier's check or by certified check.

According to the town's advertisement for the properties, Town Council must approve the final high offer before the sale is closed, "which it will do within 30 days after the final upset bid period is passed." The town also has the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time before the final high bid is accepted. It also has the right to reject at any time all bids.

The Town Council earlier completed the process of advertising and selling two properties at 305 and 307 Woodland Avenue. East Coast Properties and Development Inc., purchased those properties for \$21,500.

Leary Winslow, who bought the Woodland Avenue properties, said in February that he planned to clear both lots and construct two single-family homes that will be rented or sold. Winslow submitted his request to purchase the properties as an upset bid. North Carolina law defines an upset bid as "an advanced, increased, or raised bid whereby any person offers to purchase real property" for an amount that exceeds the reported sale price or last upset bid by a minimum of 5%. Winslow has 120 days to tear down the house once all proper documents of ownership are complete.

That sell encouraged Town Council to advertise the three Railroad Avenue properties. The town's goal is to purchase empty, unappealing and outdated properties and sell them to new owners who will renovate them. The town has a shortage of affordable homes.

According to a January 2024 W. Grubb Street Feasibility Assessment by the UNC School of Government, "Hertford has seen limited new built (single family) homes in the last decade."

The nearest multi-family housing developments have been built in Elizabeth City and Edenton. Consequently, prospective Hertford residents have had fewer available homes to choose from in the last decade.

Given the high cost of newly constructed homes and the delayed action of developers to launch new construction of single family homes or apartments, Hertford's population growth potential has staggered.

Town Council members decided their best means of creating more available homes is to encourage buyers like Leary to buy low-priced dilapidated properties and either renovate them or replace them.

Attribute: The Perquimans Weekly by Kesha Williams

Hoffer Flow Owner, President Named Small Biz Person of Year for NC

PASQUOTANK - Two top leaders in Elizabeth City-based Hoffer Flow Controls have been named the Small Business of Person of the Year for 2025 and are now eligible for the national honor that will be awarded by the U.S. Small Business Administration in May.

Mamie Hoffer, Hoffer Flow Controls' owner, and Jason Futrell, the company president, are among the 53 winners of this year's Small Business Person Award from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam. "Jason and I are overwhelmed by this honor," Hoffer said in a press release. "We could not have achieved this award without the daily efforts from everyone at the company."

Hoffer noted that her late husband, Ken Hoffer, founded the company in 1969. Hoffer Flow designs and produces turbine flow meters and related instrumentation for a global market in a

variety of industries and applications — everything from aerospace, defense and governmental to oil and gas, pharmaceutical and subsea.

The company also has achieved prominence in the field of cryogenic flow measurement, which involves gauging the flow rate of fluids like liquid nitrogen at extremely low temperatures, typically below -238 Fahrenheit.

“This is truly a dream realized and I wish that he were here to celebrate with us on this occasion,” Mamie Hoffer said. Futrell said the company is “deeply honored and humbled” to be recognized with the Small Business Person award for North Carolina. “This prestigious award from the Small Business Administration is a testament to the dedication and hard work of every member of our team,” he said. “We extend our sincere gratitude to the SBA for its unwavering commitment to supporting small businesses, the backbone of our economy.”

According to the release, the Small Business Administration each year celebrates small business owners and entrepreneurs during “Small Business Week” by naming 50 state winners of its Small Business Person of the Year Award as well as three winners from the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico. All 53 winners have been invited to attend ceremonies in Washington, D.C., May 4-5, where they will be honored with their individual award. One of them will be named 2025 National Small Business Person of the Year and a second will be named runner-up for the honor, according to the release.

Attribute: The Daily Advance

United Way Starts Fund for Perquimans County Tornado Victims

PERQUIMANS - A fund to help victims of a tornado that struck in Perquimans County has been established by the Albemarle Area United Way.

According to the National Weather Service, an EF-1 strength tornado with estimated 110 mph peak winds touched down in the Longview Estates community of Perquimans County around 3:02 a.m. March 17. Longview Estates is off Woodville Road in northeastern Perquimans County.

The National Weather Service said the tornado cut a three-mile path, injuring eight people, some of whom were taken to an area hospital. The strong winds also caused “extensive damage” to 13 mobile homes, six of which were unoccupied, according to county officials.

In the wake of the tornado’s destruction, the Albemarle Area United Way said it has set up a fund to help victims start rebuilding their lives.

“Right now, monetary donations are the best way to support them as they navigate immediate expenses and long-term recovery,” the United Way said, adding that all money received “will go directly toward helping these families get back on their feet.”

There are three ways to donate:

Visit the United Way online at www.aaunitedway.org#donate and select the dropdown for “Perquimans Tornado 2025 Fund” Mail a check to AAUW, P.O. Box 293, Elizabeth City, NC 27907 and put “Perquimans Tornado 2025 Fund” in the subject line; or Drop off a donation at the Albemarle Area United Way office at [1413 Parkview Drive, Elizabeth City](#).

“Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference,” United Way officials said. “Together, we can help these families rebuild.”

Attribute: Rocky Mount Telegram

Boardwalk Beneath The Bridge

TYRRELL - An angler recently tries his luck from beneath the Scuppernong River Bridge on the the Scuppernong River Boardwalk at the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge visitor center in Columbia, in Tyrrell County. Money from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law was appropriated to replace the boardwalk, a project that was announced to take place in fiscal 2026. Congress directly appropriated \$455 million to the refuge over five years for programs related to the previous administration's America the Beautiful initiative announced in 2021. The nonprofit National Wildlife Refuge Association has said that continuing resolutions, such as the emergency funding bill signed into law last week, throw refuges into chaos and uncertainty and can prevent new project starts.

Attribute: Coastal Review by Mark Hibbs

Gallery of Photos



It was great getting to meet with Ashley Doolittle last week! Ashly is a strong advocate for Senate Bill 20, the bill that bans mass release of helium balloons.

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