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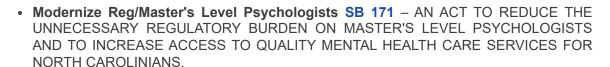
This week, the Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee Chairs wrapped up their work on the budget.

We anticipate that the budget will be released early this week and that votes will be held on it on Wednesday and Thursday, just before the Easter Break.

Next, we will devote the newsletter exclusively to the budget.

2025-2026 Session Update

Public Bills Second Reading



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• Clarify Swimming Pool Laws/Priv. Pool Rentals SB 205 - AN ACT CLARIFYING THE SCOPE OF SWIMMING POOL LAWS BY AMENDING THE EXEMPTION FOR PRIVATE POOLS SERVING SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS: AND MAKING OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES TO G.S. 130A-280

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• The DAVE Act SB 474 - AN ACT TO ENACT THE DAVE ACT BY CREATING THE DIVISION OF ACCOUNTABILITY, VALUE, AND EFFICIENCY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUDITOR, DIRECTING EACH STATE AGENCY TO REPORT TO THE DIVISION ON ITS USE OF PUBLIC MONIES AND THE STATUS OF ITS VACANT POSITIONS, AND DIRECTING THE DIVISION TO ASSESS THE CONTINUED NEED OF EACH STATE AGENCY AND THE VACANT POSITIONS WITHIN EACH STATE AGENCY.

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> Auto Enrollment in Advanced ELA Courses SB 507 - AN ACT TO EXPAND AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED COURSES IN K-12 SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS COURSES.

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• Eliminating "DEI" in Public Higher Ed SB 558 - AN ACT TO DEMONSTRATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT STUDENTS, PROFESSORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION RECOGNIZE THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS AND TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT.

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Public Bills Second Reading

> Protect Private Property Rights.-AB SB 220 - AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO TRESPASS UPON PROPERTY TO HUNT, FISH, OR TRAP, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION.

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• Pharmacists/Test and Treat/Influenza & Strep SB 335 - AN ACT TO ALLOW PHARMACISTS TO TEST AND TREAT FOR CERTAIN ILLNESSES WITH CERTAIN MEDICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PHARMACY, TO PROVIDE FOR FAIR AND EQUITABLE REIMBURSEMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES OR

PROCEDURES THAT ARE PERFORMED BY A PHARMACIST WITHIN THAT PHARMACIST'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND THAT ARE EQUIVALENT TO SERVICES PERFORMED BY OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

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 JMAC Flexibility/ABCLaws/Megasite/Selectsite SB 664 - AN ACT TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH A JMAC AGREEMENT, TO AMEND ABC LAWS TO EXPAND USE OF ALTERNATING PROPRIETORSHIPS, TO AMEND MEGASITES AND SELECTSITES READINESS PROGRAMS, AND TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM FOR CERTAIN JDIG REQUIREMENTS.

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 Second Mortgage Fee Alignment Act SB 675 - AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE FEES OR DISCOUNTS THAT CERTAIN LENDERS MAY CHARGE ON SECOND OR JUNIOR LIEN REAL ESTATE LOANS TO ALIGN MORE CLOSELY WITH FEDERAL QUALIFIED MORTGAGE STANDARDS.

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SB 205 - Amendment

SB 205 - Clarify Swimming Pool Laws/Priv. Pool Rentals

 AN ACT CLARIFYING THE SCOPE OF SWIMMING POOL LAWS BY AMENDING THE EXEMPTION FOR PRIVATE POOLS SERVING SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS; AND MAKING OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES TO G.S. 130A-280.

A1: ABR-21-V-2 - Amendment

Senator Hanig:

- Moved to amend the bill on page 1, line 2, by rewriting the line to read "AN ACT PROHIBITING LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH FROM REGULATING PRIVATE POOLS SERVING SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS; CLARIFYING THE SCOPE OF SWIMMING POOL LAWS BY AMENDING THE":
- And on page 1, line 6, by rewriting the line to read:a rule concerning a private pool serving a single family dwelling otherwise exempt from regulation pursuant to G.S. 130A-280 or......

On April 8, 2025, the Senate made the following actions: passed the amendment (46-0), passed the 2nd reading (46-0), passed the 3rd reading, and engrossed.

Senate Page Applications



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 open:

- April 28 May 1
- May 5 8
- May 12 15

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.

Main Street Event Shows Bertie Heading in Right Direction

BERTIE - What makes a community liveable and loveable is a question that many officials from area municipalities have been asking for some time.

Bertie County Special Projects Consultant Robin Payne may have the answers. Payne just returned from a three-day conference in Mooresville, where those topics were addressed. Payne was joined by a number of local representatives from Bertie, Martin and Chowan counties. According to reports, many of the ideas Payne has been promoting and advocating were discussed at the daily seminars.

A community becomes liveable, according to Main Street data, when critical needs are met, such as food security, availability of affordable housing, opportunities for education and healthcare, good jobs and economic growth in a community. A community's infrastructure and connectivity to easily access services and resources also adds to convenience and live ability.

Main Street data went further than 'live ability' and focused on 'love ability.' People love their communities when they offer innovative and inclusive quality-of-life amenities such as arts and

cultural experiences, community engagement opportunities, and access to recreation to live a healthy lifestyle, according to Main Street research.

Many of the points mirror Payne's suggestions and recommendations over the past two years. Statistics are now seeing people want to shop within walking distance of their town. Walking is the 'new' convenience. People used to want to drive to a big box store for convenience, not so much anymore. This was referenced as a 15-minute city. The 15-minute city model offers recreation, a grocery store, local retail, affordable housing and co-work office space all within the limits of a downtown.

"Vacant downtown structures are being converted into mixed use — statistically coffee shops, snack stores and restaurants opened first. Clothing shops, grocery/market, niche boutiques and other retailers followed and many of the buildings have apartments on second floors," Payne said.

The conference pinpointed the fastest way to economic recovery is to restore vacant and decaying downtown's. That was the takeaway message from the conference, according to Payne. Payne has been a driving force to utilize the county's assets focusing on the county's natural beauty and vacant downtown buildings waiting to be restored.

"Statistic provided at the conference used numerous Tier 1 towns as examples. Roseboro, Warrenton, Lenoir, Henderson, Goldsboro and Mars Hill have all taken on a new life. A couple of them created local food hub systems within the downtowns. This is a win win — local small producers sell and locals have access within walking distance," explained Payne.

"The Raleigh Triangle area is the fastest growing area in the state and people want stay-cations — weekend getaways within two hours." That is almost the exact distance to Bertie County. Other statistics proved the most popular type shopping destination, as recorded from visitor tracking are old time stores like Mast General Store. "Interestingly quaint historic downtowns are also a draw alongside outdoor recreation," added Payne.

Recently, Payne outlined a plan for county wide branding and signage options and includes design renderings for the towns of Aulander, Colerain, Kelford, Lewiston Woodville, Powellsville and Windsor. Building facades were recreated and renovated, additional parking was added along with additional green space, parks and the development of walking and hiking trails throughout the county. The Lewiston Woodville plan proposes a 1,000-foot walking loop just off of Commerce Street along with the addition of restrooms, parking and benches along the loop.

Attribute: Bertie-Ledger Advance by John Foley

Currituck County Household Hazardous Wastes Collection Event

CURRITUCK - Saturday, April 12, 2025 – Rain or Shine

The annual Currituck County Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025. Collection sites will be at the Public Safety Center in Barco and the Southern Outer Banks Water System treatment plant in Corolla.

Currituck County Public Safety Center

125 College Way Barco, North Carolina 27917 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shed Truck 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Southern Outer Banks Water Plant 734 Ocean Trail Corolla, North Carolina 27929 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Acceptable Household Hazardous Waste Items:

Aerosols

Antifreeze (and other automotive fluids)

Household Batteries

Fire Extinguishers

Propane Tanks (camp and grill)

Alkaline and Acidic Cleaners

Pool Chemicals

Fertilizers

Weed & Feed

Pesticides

Insecticides

Fungicides

Florescent Light Tubes

Mercury (including thermometers, thermostats and debris)

Oil Based Paints

Paint thinners and solvents

Wood filler

Adhesives

CaulkFlorescent light tubes

Ecoflo, Inc. reserves the right to refuse any waste deemed unsafe to handle or unsuitable for the collection. **Unacceptable** wastes include:

Latex paint

Business waste (including commercial hazardous waste)

Explosives including Ammunition

Radioactive materials

Smoke Detectors

Unknown Gas or Chemicals in bulk form

Asbestos materials

Large quantities of unknown materials

Biohazardous Waste. Infectious Waste

Needles / Syringes

Sponsored by: Currituck County Board of Commissioners, NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS), Currituck County NC Cooperative Extension & LGFCU with Ecoflo, Inc. providing certified household hazardous waste collection.

For additional information, please call Currituck County Public Works at 252-232-2504.

Attribute: The Outer Banks Voice

New Restaurant Excited For Outer Banks To Experience What It Has To Offer

DARE - "It's finally starting to pay off."

That's how Shaka's Beach Bar & Grill general manager Kenny Summers is feeling after the first few weeks of being open. What the community sees inside the restaurant in Nags Head is much different than it was previously.

"We spent about a month in here, probably 13 hour days, mornings, nights, kind of redoing everything. From custom built booths, all the light fixtures, repainting the walls, brand new tables, some new floors," said Summers.

The hard work is already paying off: We spoke to four locals enjoying lunch at the restaurant on Monday who, like many, are buzzing about the restaurant.

"The menu is great, the service is great. I'm a burger person and this burger is kick-butt," said June Livesay, who has lived in the Outer Banks for 30 years. "When I saw they had haddock on the menu, that was my first try and very good," said Karen Gaca, who has lived in the Outer Banks for 13 years.

We checked in to see if the restaurant has had any challenges getting started. Rising food costs and staffing weren't on that list, but they have been working to lock down locally-sourced items.

"The biggest challenge was finding some locally-sourced things and whatnot. So we've kind of played around with a couple different people, as far as oysters, shrimp, clams, all that good stuff. So we're kind of still up in the air on a few of them, but we found a lot of good people," said Summers. That's all part of the process though and what the restaurant is seeing every day is a community that is happy to have them here. "Our main focus is the locals. I really appreciate all the locals giving a welcome with open arms," said Summers.

Summers shared they have a lot in store for the summer season as they continue to get their feet under them. "It's really all about the locals for us. We're working on building our happy hour specials, everything like that, but we want to give them a spot year-round to kind of come hang out. Once we get our outside area opened up, we'll be doing live music and whatnot," said Summers.

Attribute: WTKR News 3 by Will Thomas

Bright, Riddick Receive NC Rural Center Awards

GATES - Bringing high speed broadband internet to a rural county takes a lot of painstaking work in the planning and implementation stages. That work has been accomplished in Gates County due to the efforts of many individuals. Two of those individuals were recognized March 25-26 in Raleigh at the annual Rural Summit. Dr. Althea Riddick, former chair of the Gates County Board of Commissioners, and Erna Bright, who served as the county's liaison working daily with contractors installing internet cable, were among those named as Community Advocates of the Year across the state.

Dr. Riddick's main motivations around broadband and connectivity in Gates County came after the pandemic, when she heard stories about school children completing assignments on school buses with hotspots because they lacked transportation to the library or were totally without the opportunity to have high-speed fiber optic internet in their homes due to the lack of availability in a rural area. "I'm proud to say that Gates County is now 99 percent covered when it comes to broadband internet," Dr. Riddick said. "That is one of the biggest highlights of my career as a commissioner." In the early stages of attempting to gain support from internet providers, Dr. Riddick said she encountered a few snags.

"But I wouldn't take no for an answer; I kept pushing, our board of commissioners kept pushing until we finally started to see our efforts pay off," she stressed. "I was passionate about seeing our county have that type of access to the rest of the world. I see high speed internet as a utility, not a luxury. "I wanted to make sure the money we received from state and federal grants was being spent the right way to ensure that all 10,400 citizens of Gates County had the opportunity for internet access," she added. When asked about receiving the award from the NC Rural Center, Dr. Riddick stated, "I was very surprised, but keep in mind that the efforts I put in were not focused on awards or rewards, but rather what was best for all of our citizens."

Bright, who lives near Sunbury, has over 40 years of service in the telecommunications industry in northeastern North Carolina. In 2022, he used his vast knowledge of the industry and industry standards to serve the residents of his community and his county in achieving full fiber deployment. Bright has been a valuable asset to the Rural Center's Collaborative Broadband Initiative. He has volunteered considerable time traveling throughout Gates County, meeting with fiber crews in the field, verifying service to homes, and providing reports to the Gates County Board of Commissioners. Fully understanding the need for connectivity, he has consistently gone above and beyond to make an impact.

"I kept a close eye on the contractors, making sure that what our county received in state and federal funding for broadband deployment was being installed," Bright said. "While that work was in progress, I verified it through the maps of where the cable was being installed and I found a few areas that were overlooked." As Riddick verified, 99 percent of the county is covered by three internet providers. "Most counties across the state have 50 to 60 percent coverage," Bright noted. "For a rural county like us to have 99 percent coverage is amazing. It's something I never would have believed five years ago."

The Rural Summit included remarks from Governor Josh Stein, Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt and Superintendent of Public Instruction Mo Green who joined more than 600 policymakers and advocates at the event. All shared their plans for strengthening rural North Carolina. In addition to Dr. Riddick and Bright, several others were recognized for their work in infrastructure, health, education and workforce, and business and economic development. Named as Legislative Advocates of the Year were Senator Dan Blue of Wake County, Senator Kevin Corbin of Macon County, and Representative Jake Johnson of Polk County.

Others named as Community Advocates of the Year were AMEXCAN – an association serving the Mexican and Latino community, Gig East – a technology hub based in Wilson that helps connect the Research Triangle and Eastern North Carolina, David Jackson, president and CEO of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, Jeff Lee, chair of the Macon County Broadband Committee, Canton Mayor Zeb Smathers, Teresa Strom, executive director of the Hot Springs Health Program serving Madison County, and Leonard Winchester, a former teacher and school administrator in Swain County. The summit also hosted Chris Estes, co-executive director of the Aspen Institute Community Services Group, who shared the group's Thrive Rural Framework. Senator Sydney Batch and Representative Robert Reeves participated in a discussion about their legislative priorities.

The summit closed with a panel on local finances moderated by Jeff Tiberii of WUNC and featuring Jeff Poley with the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer, Denise Canada of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and Erica Anderson of the Land of Sky Regional Council. Since 1987, the NC Rural Center has worked to improve the quality of life for the state's rural people and places. Their mission is to develop, promote, and implement sound economic strategies to improve the quality of life of rural North Carolinians. The Center serves the state's 78 rural counties, with a special focus on individuals with low to moderate incomes and communities with limited resources.

Attribute: Gates County Index by Cal Bryant

North Carolina DMV expands office hours beginning April 7

HERTFORD - The N.C Division of Motor Vehicles is set to again extend service hours at its driver license offices beginning next week. On April 7, 42 offices will join 50 others opening an hour early at 7 a.m., offering an extra hour of appointments and service time. This new directive impacts three DMV offices in the local area: Ahoskie, Edenton, and Roanoke Rapids.

"I am ecstatic that we are able to further expand our service hours," said DMV Commissioner Wayne Goodwin. "Beginning April 7, 80 percent of our 115 driver license offices will be open for 10 hours a day, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NCDMV has continued to work to provide customers with more service hours to address the state's growing population. In September 2022, the division increased the number of offices that opened at 7 a.m. from 25 to 35. That number grew to 40 in May 2023, and then to 45 in August 2023. Five more offices were added in September 2024 to get to 50.

Attribute: Gates County Index

Largest Turnout Ever Shows Up For Pig On Perquimans

PERQUIMANS - From barbecue to sweet treats to gift baskets, the annual Pig on the Perquimans fundraiser at Camp Cale entertained a record-breaking turnout at attendees.

"This was our largest Pig on the Perquimans event in over 20 years of doing the cook-off," said Erin Thomas, Camp Cale's operations manager. "We raised \$25,000."

According to Thomas, an estimated 1,500 visitors came from North Carolina and Virginia to help Camp Cale raise money to build a dining hall for the Christian camp, which is located on 111 acres along the Perquimans River. Key events included a sanctioned a barbecue BBQ competition, bake sale, silent auction, cake auction and vendor fair.

This year's Pig on the Perquimans was held Saturday, March 29. First-, second- and third-place awards were distributed in the categories of Showmanship, Whole Hog, Backyard BBQ and the People's Choice awards.

"It was truly a community collaboration with generous business sponsors, an army of volunteers, hard working cook teams and our local first responders," Thomas said.

The Riverside Grillers, from Riverside Baptist Church, brought an in-house recipe sauce, one mild and one spicy, to the backyard barbecue cook off. They were counting on the flavor of a local company, Stag's Rub, to season their pork butt. The team began cooking at 9 p.m. Friday night and finished cooking just after 6 a.m. Saturday.

"We've participated several years as a church," said team member Don Stallings. "This year we used a sauce that includes 12 secret ingredients and the spicy sauce has 15 secret ingredients." Stallings' son, Corey Stallings, made four wooden plates that can hold the 12 cups of samples so guests stopping by their table could easily lift a sample, taste and possible vote Riverside Grillers as their favorite. Melissa Lane, another member of the church, said they were hoping to win the People's Choice award for the judges' top choice.

Lloyd "Tugboat" Jones has been competing in the coofkoff for nearly 20 years. With the help of his brother JJ and his good friend Wade, Jones prepared a whole hog that he estimated weighed

125 pounds. He created his recipe 12 years ago but recently took the time to write down the instructions. He sells 15 gallons of it a year of his recipe, "Tugboat and the 3 ladies, 3 meat barbecue sauce."

"We put it on at 10 o'clock last night and opened the cooker at 8 o'clock this morning," Jones said. Jones said he couldn't keep up with the number of people stopping by his table for samples of his barbecue. "People that know me were coming back and getting three or four cups at a time," he said. "I didn't know it was going to be this big of a turnout. I've never seen a turnout like this before." Jones noted how important the Pig on the Perquimans event is for Camp Cale. "The whole thing behind this is Camp Cale has a summer camp and part of the money will go to scholarships for children that cannot afford to come," he said. "Me being out here all night cooking to make money to help those children, what more reward can you get? You can feed the belly and then feed the soul."

The following are the winning teams listed by category.

Whole Hog

1st: Pocosin Boys

2nd: Cuein Up with the Joneses

3rd: Boo's BBQ

Backyard BBQ

1st: Perquimans County Sheriff's Office

2nd: Pasquotank Pig Pickers

3rd: Tugboat- Freedom Baptist Ministries

People's Choice (Backyard BBQ):

1st: Tugboat- Freedom Baptist Ministries

2nd: Cookin' On the Creek-Sawyer's Creek

3rd: Pasquotank Pig Pickers

Showmanship

1: High Temp

2: Cookin' On the Creek-Sawyer's Creek

3: Camden Cadets.

Attribute: The Daily Advance by Kesha Williams

Pasquotank Picks 2 Firms For SAMC Redevelopment

PASQUOTANK - Two development consulting firms, one based in Raleigh and the other in Durham, have been selected by the county to assist in the redevelopment of the Sentara Albemarle Medical Center property once the new hospital opens in August.

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners voted 6-1 on Monday to hire NAI Tri Properties of Durham and Sanford Holshouser of Raleigh to consult on the sizable redevelopment project. The UNC Development Finance Initiative was the third of a total of three firms that provided presentations to commissioners during Monday's special called meeting. Commissioner Barry Overman cast the opposing vote.

Plans to redevelop the county-owned hospital property are expected to begin after current hospital personnel and patients complete their transition into the new hospital that is still under construction at the Sentara Albemarle Regional Health Campus. SAMC President Teresa Watson announced recently that the transition will take place on Aug. 8. A team from each of the economic development consultants presented their firm's credentials and previous projects, as well as their ideas for possible uses for the SAMC property.

The Development Finance Initiative, which was founded in 2011, is a service of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. DFI has consulted in the development of more than 200 projects across North Carolina. DFI's proposal included conducting environmental testing of the building and area development options to reuse, renovate or to demolish the building. Some board members said they thought it would be if the county sold the property to private development, as opposed to trying to develop through the county, and expressed concerns of overextended timelines.

NAI Tri Properties, which specializes in rea estate brokerage, presented second and highlighted their specialty in property brokerage. The NAI team's proposal included an evaluation of the the waterfront-highway hybrid property and market the area to a large list of developers. The NAI Tri representatives said they think the property has a variety of potential uses, especially in terms of rehabilitating the current hospital building for residential apartments or for commercial use. Once properly evaluated, the firm would distribute digital flyers and a property sales website to their large southeast database, they said. A website for the project would showcase drone footage of the property, as well as sales information.

The Sanford Holshouser team said that through a partnership with Engineering Consulting Services, the firm has the staff and resources to begin working on the project immediately. The representatives made clear their ability to both help with county development, as well as preparing the property to be sold. Sanford Holshouser would perform area development testing, with the possibility of ECS' environmental surveys to be added at a later date.

Once presentations concluded, Commissioner Sam Davis motioned to use Sanford Holshouser to prepare the property and NAI Tri Properties to sell the property. Chairman Lloyd Griffin seconded the motion. Commissioner Overman objected, stating he felt only one firm should be selected to avoid future conflicts. The remaining commissioners said they felt that any contractual conflicts could be sorted.

The commissioners voted during the regular board meeting held later Monday evening. Sanford Holshouser will begin developmental screening once the building is vacant and NAI Tri will list the property for sale.

Attribute: The Daily Advance by Isabella Kelly-Goss

Gallery of Photos









This week, Representative Ed Goodwin and I came together to bring Riptide to the Halifax Mall for the Corolla Wild Horse Fund! Riptide is a rescue horse; he was born to a herd on the OBX and is the official ambassador for all of NC OBX Wild Horses. These horses have been here for over 500 years and are part of the NC coastal landscape. Legislatures and people from all over were able to stop by and find out the importance of our state horse, their needs, and how we can help maintain their survival.

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