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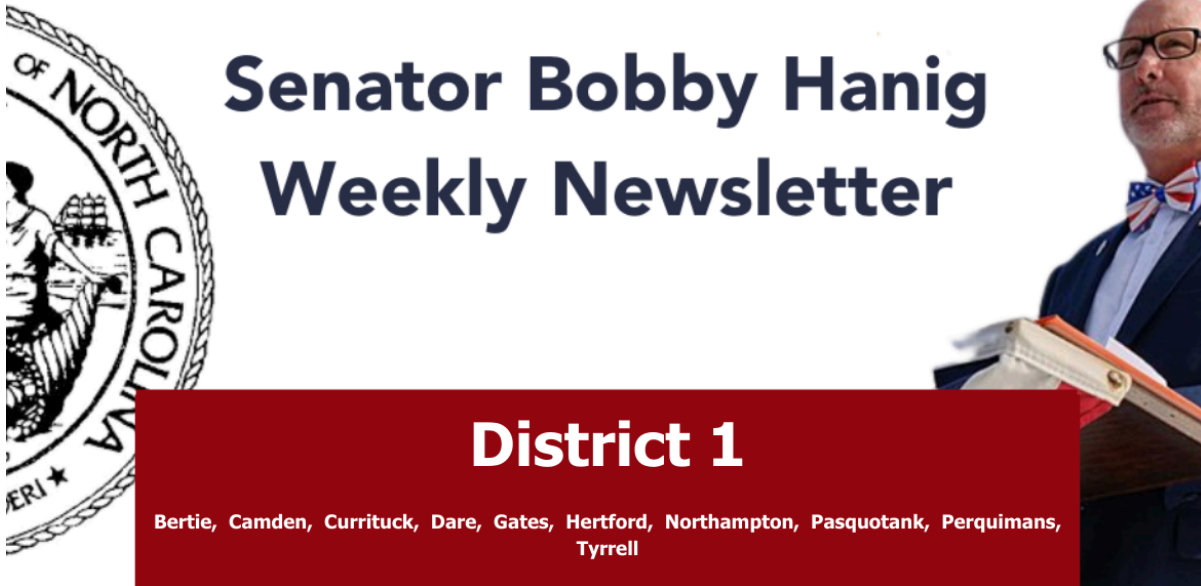
Hanig's Headlines

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This week was Crossover Week. Every two years, the General Assembly establishes deadlines for public bills to be requested and filed. The second part of that is crossover.

There are exceptions to crossover. Those exceptions are local bills, bills with an attached appropriation, redistricting bills, and adjournment resolutions.

On another note, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the moms out there a very Happy Mother's Day.

Crossover Week

SB 118 - REDUCE VETERAN CCW FEE/EXPAND CCW NOTICE

SB 118 is aimed to reduce the concealed carry weapon (CCW) permit fee for individuals that were discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions from military service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Must be authorized by the sheriff to send the required notice regarding the expiration of a permit holder's concealed weapon permit via electronic email.

SB 207 - LITTER LAW/REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION

SB 207 is aims to create rebuttable presumption that a person committed littering if the litter includes documents or objects with said person's name on them.

SB 345 - PA TEAM-BASED PRACTICE

SB 345 is aimed to allow experienced PA's to work in certain medical settings without direct physician supervision as long as the PA meets the specific requirements and work as part of a team-based medical practice.

This bill also aims to make various changes regarding the licensure of PA's and to allow nurse practitioners and midwives to be regulated by the board of nursing.

SB 355 - SUPPORT THE DEPT. OF ADULT CORRECTION. -AB

SB 355 aims to provide tuition waivers for survivors of fallen probation officers who were killed as a direct result of traumatic injury that occurred during the line of duty.

Modify technical requirements for electronic monitoring and satellite-based monitoring system.

Expand the definition of probation/parole officer in the Teacher's and State Employee's Retirement System to include full-time paid employees for the Dept. of Adult Corrections Office of Staff Development and Training that were certified as probation/parole officers and work exclusively in a training role.

SB 401 - DEALER LICENSE RENEWAL MODIFICATIONS

SB 401 is aimed at extending the grace period during which the dealer license continue to be valid while renewal is pending from 30 days to 60 days after the license expiration date.

This bill also allows dealer plates valid for 2 years and require replacement of dealer plates every 4 years instead of 3 years.

SB 503 - A MORE EFFICIENT OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS

SB 503 requires the Office of Vital Records and local register of deeds offices to process birth and death certificate amend request within 30 days after receipt of the completed application, required proof, and payment of the applicable fee.

Also, unless certain circumstances, telework employees will be forbid for working in the Office of Vital Records.

SB 693 - VETERAN ACCESS, LIBERTY, OPTION FOR RECOVERY

This bill is to regulate compensation for services related to veterans' benefit matters.

Farmers Market Opens in Williamston for 13th Year

BERTIE - The 13th Annual Farmers Market opened May 3 to a modest crowd.

May 3 was the date for several competing events in Martin County, including the Arts Council's Color Fun Run, Wright Flight Day, Robersonville's Music in the Park and Bear Grass Charter School FFA's Spring Fling plant sale and vendor fair.

At 10:30 a.m., Market Manager Jean Brownfield, who is also with the N.C. Cooperative Extension Office, said, "There is a lot going on today, but we have already had over 200 people come through."

Several vendors were on hand selling fresh produce, jewelry and handmade crafts.

"We still have a few vendors waiting for their produce to get ready. It is a little early and the weather has been wonky," she added.

Brownfield was excited the Farmers Market building was sporting new industrial-sized fans overhead.

"They put our new fans in a few weeks ago. That is going to help us during the sweltering part of the summer. Plus, it will help with people who want to rent the building for things," she said. "We are very happy with that."

Williamston Church of Christ had the concessions.

James Farms was at the Martin County Market for the first time.

"We do these every weekend in different places," said Shonda James of James Family Farm.

Their farm is in Jamesville, although they live in Raleigh. She and her husband and son, both named Malcom, run the farm and attend Farmers Markets every weekend.

She also sells produce at the Farmers Markets in Knightdale and Rolesville, with the help of her sister and mom.

"The more we go, the more places we are invited," she said. "People don't want to buy their produce in the grocery store anymore."

"Tomatoes, carrots and collards were the favorites here today," she added. "It has been a good day."

The Market at 4001 Main St., Williamston will be open on Saturdays, 8 a.m. — noon, the rest of the summer.

Attribute: The Enterprise by Deborah Griffin

Pickleball Tournament Raises \$5k for AoA

CAMDEN - A pickleball tournament hosted by a local realty company drew nearly 50 participants and raised \$5,000 for Arts of the Albemarle.

"This is a really great community turnout," said Pearl Napolitano, the regional arts center's marketing director. "We're especially grateful to Water St. Real Estate for putting this fundraiser

together. It's fun to see the different communities join together: sports, downtown businesses and the arts."

Napolitano was speaking while attending last Saturday's Paddle Battle Pickleball Tournament at Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Parks and Recreation's new pickleball courts at Cedar and Harney streets. The tournament had 44 participants and attracted more than 30 spectators. She said the tournament raised \$5,000 for AoA.

Two of the participants were doubles partners K.B. Butler and Gedari Liverman, who played three games in the tournament before being eliminated. Despite having never played pickleball, the two said they were happy with their performance.

"This is something we've never played, but we play lots of other sports, so we just decided to go for it," Butler said. "We came to support the community, but the advanced players showed us it's not just a game. We'll definitely be playing again."

Ghost Harbor Brewing Company and the Owl Feed Ya food truck were also on hand selling food and drinks. Each player received a free drink for participating in the tournament, and AoA had a tent with fliers of upcoming events and registration forms for summer youth camps.

The competition was bracketed by intermediate level and advance level players. There were not enough beginner level players to sign up to warrant a third bracket.

In the intermediate competition, the duo of Johnnie Finch and Timothy Barnett finished third, second place was awarded to Ben Mercer and Greg Sherman and first place went to Logan Ham and Landon Baratta.

In the advanced bracket, the duo of April Taylor and James Bailey finished third, second place went to Luke Collins and Jolee Goldsmith and first place went to Mark Ahmann and Alex Stanley.

Water St. Real Estate owner Heather Sawyer said her staff were "very happy" with Saturday's turnout and plan to host the event again next spring.

The pickleball courts opened last summer in the site of the former Elizabeth Street Tennis Courts. The tennis courts were resurfaced and configured for pickleball at a cost of about \$60,000, of which \$30,000 was paid for by a grant from Sentara Health. The remaining \$30,000 was paid with funds from the recreation department's budget.

According to The Associated Press, pickleball — a mix of tennis and ping pong using paddles and a wiffleball — has grown in the United States from "nearly nothing" to 13.6 million players in just a few years — a 223% participation boom.

Attribute: The Daily Advancy by Isabella Kelly-Goss

2025 North Carolina Governor's Volunteer Service Award: Dare County Teen Court

DARE - The numerous student volunteers from throughout the Outer Banks community who dedicate their time and efforts to serving on the Dare County Teen Court have been awarded a 2025 North Carolina Governor's Volunteer Service Award. These student volunteers who comprise Dare County Teen Court were nominated for the prestigious award by Dare County resident Andria Pozzo.

"As the parent of two First Flight High School graduates, I have attended hundreds of youth events in Dare County, from T-ball games to senior dance recitals. Dare County Teen Court participants quietly and faithfully attend their monthly cases after completing a full school day

without an audience watching or applause expected,” Pozzo wrote in her nomination form recommending the volunteer students receive the honor. “Their carefully considered opinions apply and teach restorative justice to the benefit of their peers and our entire county. Although I can only name three members personally, I nominate all students participating in this process.”

Dare County Teen Court is a voluntary restorative justice diversion program offering local youth ages 11–18 (grades 6-12) a second chance by addressing misdemeanor offenses through education and accountability rather than traditional punishment. In this alternative justice system, student volunteers—who are trained and supervised by adults—play a vital role by serving as jurors, prosecutors, defense attorneys, bailiffs and court personnel. These student volunteers work together to determine a constructive and appropriate sentencing designed to help their peers participating in the program develop self-discipline, rebuild trust and make amends for their actions—without receiving a criminal record.

As she continued her nomination form, Pozzo highlighted the extensive efforts exhibited by the student volunteers who devote their time and energy to the Dare County Teen Court program, noting that, on average, 13 volunteers are present for each case, with 20 cases being heard each year.

By participating in Dare County Teen Court, local youth are empowered to take responsibility for their actions and avoid a juvenile criminal record—and the student volunteers who serve as jurors, attorneys and courtroom personnel are given the unique opportunity to gain knowledge about restorative practices and the justice system, explore potential legal careers, earn valuable volunteer hours for college and job applications, and ultimately make a meaningful and impactful contribution to their community.

“Dare County Teen Court has existed for many years,” wrote Pozzo, “and I hope that in 2025, the students will receive some of the recognition they have most definitely earned.”

Attribute: The Outer Banks Voice

Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce Awards Inaugural Scholarship

GATES - MURFREESBORO – Two hardworking, local high school seniors were recently awarded scholarship money which will help them pursue higher education after graduation. The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce announced the recipients during their annual banquet which was held on April 29. This is the first year for their newly established scholarship. The two students, Amiya Eure and Landon Burgess, will each receive \$1,000.

Eure, who attends Hertford County Early College, is planning to pursue a major in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology. She has career aspirations to become a lawyer and then an Air Force Judge Advocate General. She is involved in community service ranging from volunteering and leadership roles at her church to tutoring. Her hobbies include cooking, baking, and writing, and she has a strong relationship with Jesus Christ. “She is seeking scholarship support to relieve financial burdens, allowing her to fully focus on her education, internships, and volunteer opportunities that will prepare her for a future career in law and service to her country,” said Chamber President Sara Crowder during the presentation.

Burgess plans to attend North Carolina State University to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education, concentrating in Natural Resources. With a passion for sustainable agriculture and stewardship of natural resources, he plans to inspire future generations through education. He maintains high GPAs at both Bethel Assembly Christian Academy and Martin Community College while also working part-time with Lassiter Family Farms. He has done volunteer work with the Askewville Food Pantry, Gates County 4-H, Future Farmers of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Chowan University. “He seeks scholarship assistance to

help alleviate the financial challenges of pursuing higher education while continuing to serve and represent his community,” Crowder said.

The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce began organizing this new scholarship last year. They held a golf tournament in October 2024 to raise money for the scholarship fund. The winner of that first tournament was a team from Nucor Steel.

Attribute: Roanoke- Chowan News-Herald by Holly Taylor

Etcetera Satisfies Your Nostalgia and Your Sweet Tooth

HERTFORD - Wednesday was Plymouth's first glimpse at Etcetera, a brand new business aiming to bring some sweetness and flavor to downtown.

Located at 113 West Water Street, Etcetera is a brand new old-school penny candy store that promises to not only satisfy your sweet tooth, but also fulfill that hankering for some old-time nostalgia as well.

As the name suggests, the store is primarily known for its assortment of sweet treats but is also home to a number of knickknacks, toys, apparel and its fair share of surprises.

The culmination of a lifelong dream of owner and creator Sarah Forner, the Etcetera store aims to recreate all the charm, nostalgia and good vibes of the bygone time of the classic American penny candy outlet.

As such, the outlet carries not only a number of sweet treats for visitors, but also a number of toys, many of which have to be put together by those that purchased them, as part of the appeal.

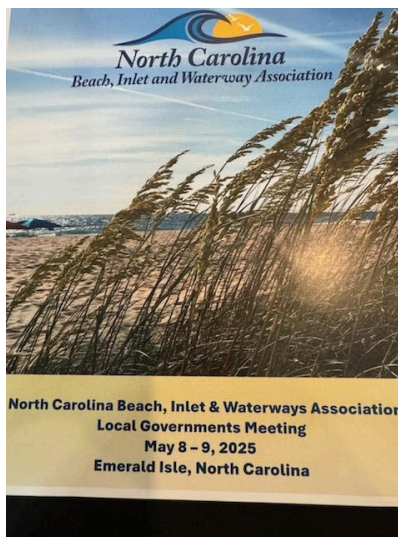
Attribute: Roanoke Beacon by Arthur Howell

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Last Saturday, I had the good fortune of participating in the Paddle for the Border event. The event, in which I was joined by several other paddlers, took place in Dismal Swamp and ran from South Mills to Chesapeake, Virginia.





On Thursday and Friday, I attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Beach, Inlet and Waterways Association in Emerald Isle. This is an important meeting covering coastal issues.



Honoring the courage and commitment of our law enforcement. Thank you for your service this Police Week.



Wishing a heartfelt Happy Mother's Day to all the lovely and devoted mothers of our community. Your unwavering love and strength inspire us everyday. Thank you for all that you do.

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