

## Report From Raleigh

From Senator Bill Purcell: The Senate recessed its work early last Saturday morning to return in July to focus on re-districting. Although the Session began in January, we have been on a fast track the past few weeks. Over 400 bills have been passed by the House and Senate but, at the time of this writing, many are still on the Governor's desk awaiting her signature.

In summary, I must say that it has often been a frustrating experience for Democrats, as we have watched bill after bill pass the Senate along party line votes—31 to 19. There were a number of occasions when we joined with the Republicans and supported legislation that we believe is good for North Carolina.

The overall main issue that we could not support is the budget. 1) A budget that the North Carolina Budget and Tax Center estimates will cost the state 32,022 jobs. Over 13,000 of these jobs will be lost because we are forfeiting federal matching money for the Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicaid, money that will likely go to other states. Even if one considers the jobs that may be created by the budget tax cuts, it is estimated that by the fiscal year 2012-13 this budget will have killed a net of 29,782 jobs. 2) A budget that cuts nearly \$1 billion in funding from education, nearly a half billion from public schools alone. This will put North Carolina in 49th place in per pupil expenditure, behind Mississippi and South Carolina, and represents the largest cut to the University System and our Community Colleges in history.

There were a number of other issues that created dismay among us Democrats. 1) The Voter ID bill that many of us believe is a solution in search of a problem will add new barriers to voting for thousands of the elderly, students, and minorities. Add to this legislation that will prevent straight ticket voting and legislation that will shorten the period for early voting, and we have discouraged many more voters of both parties from coming out to vote at a time when we should want all eligible voters to participate. 2) "Women's Right to Know" legislation that takes very personal decision making from women and their physicians and gives it to big government. 3) Legislation to repeal the Affordable Healthcare Act, while over one and a half million North Carolinians have no health insurance coverage and often rely on expensive emergency room care that we all pay for. 4) Refusal to continue a Legislative Study Committee on Childhood Obesity, as we face an epidemic of childhood obesity with one out of every three of our young children being overweight or obese. Many obese children will remain obese in adulthood leading to diabetes, hypertension, heart disease and stroke, costing the state billions of dollars. 5) Holding hostage Federal unemployment benefits for 7 weeks to budget-cutting North Carolinians, while trying to strong-arm the Governor into signing a massive budget-cutting Carolinians.

Our next report will be after we go back into Session on July 13. If you wish, you may contact me at [William.Purcell@ncleg.net](mailto:William.Purcell@ncleg.net) or 919-733-5953.

## Good Manners and Patience for Proper Boat Ramp Etiquette

In the rush to get on the water, don't get in the way, don't get upset and don't get in trouble. Wildlife Officers with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission are reminding everyone to practice proper boat ramp etiquette this summer, be patient with others and obey regulations set for public boating access areas. Their recommendations:

### Pre-Launch at Home

- File a float plan with a responsible person.
- Make sure you have all required safety equipment onboard.
- Check the charge on fire extinguisher(s).
- Check that your registration and decal is up-to-date and your registration card is onboard.
- Make sure all running gear, lights, etc., are working and the drain plug is in.

### Pre-Launch at Staging Area

- Remove covers and straps before you get in line.
- Have gear and equipment already stowed onboard.
- Disconnect any wiring between your trailer and boat.
- Remove the tarp and straps that secure your boat to the trailer.
- Put your keys in the boat console.

### Launching

- Wait your turn. Get in line without blocking or cutting off others.
- Connect your bow line.
- Ease your boat into the water and be watchful of the dock or pier and other boats.
- If possible, park your vehicle and trailer while someone moves the boat away from the ramp.
- Observe no-wake zones and be cautious.

### Recovery

- Loading onto trailers is in order of tow vehicles in line, not waiting boats.
- Carefully back trailer into the water.
- Move the boat onto the trailer, hook the winch line and securely position.
- Steadily accelerate and slowly pull the trailer forward; be watchful of vehicles and people.
- Return to the staging area to transfer gear, secure straps and tarps.

Wildlife Officers are charged with enforcing the boating laws and regulations on the waters of North Carolina and may stop any vessel for safety checks or violations. In the course of their duties, these law enforcement officers will patrol over 5,000 square miles of inland streams, rivers, lakes and coastal waterways and 220 public boating access areas.

"The other advice I would add is to respect others and please don't litter," said Erik Christofferson, chief of the Division of Engineering Services of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. "Our division maintains free public boating access across the state, opening new ones and improving existing ones all the time. Cooperation from the boating community is essential to the upkeep and cleanliness of boat ramps, and ultimately everyone's safety."

For more information on boating safety, regulations and title and registration, go to [www.ncwildlife.org/Boating\\_Waterways/index.htm](http://www.ncwildlife.org/Boating_Waterways/index.htm).

## Ansonville Elementary School Honor Rolls

Ansonville Elementary School would like to recognize the following students who made Honor Roll for the last nine weeks of the 2010-2011 school year. Congratulations on a job well done!

### A HONOR ROLL

**3rd Grade** Avery Harrington, Kurstin Hartsell, Dalton Hill, Gavin Jones, Kaylee Lomax, Garrett Maner, Akela Martin, Kazoua Thao, Jacob Thomas, Nkaujnhub Vue, Amber Walsh.

**4th Grade** Kaitlyn Baucom, Jessica Hall, Alan Dale McRae, Grace Morgan, Grayson Preslar, Jordan Sikes, Marley Tarlton, Charlie Wallace.

**5th Grade** Taylor Austin, Ethan Johnson, Cydney Livingston.

**6th Grade** Emily Bennett, Marquez Davis, Rashonda Davis, Sydney Davis, Avah Gardelle, Malachiah Harrington, Drew Jackson, Destiny Little, Kathryn McRae, Hanna Osborn, Brandon Paul, Autumn Peyton, Hunter Peyton, Samuel Short, Latresha Wall

### A/B HONOR ROLL

**3rd Grade** Elizabeth Black, Rasheed Burns, Jordan Deese, Tyler Gathings, Daiseya Hardison, Hailey Hartung, Madisen Kirby, Colby Lee, Riele Pope, Andrew Taylor.

**4th Grade** Sarah Allen, Jarica Crain, Kassy High, Abbey Hill, Brooklyn Housley, Madison Hyatt, Andrew James, Dylan McKowen, Logan Roberts, Chloe Thomas, Taleyah Wall, Alex Walsh.

**5th Grade** Joshua Barbour, Matthew Burns, Gerald Cannon, Lauren Dutton, Marah Jacobs, Erin Kelley, Hannah Ross, Jake Sessions, Miranda Smith-Christian, Pala Thao, Morgan Thomas, My Vue, Naiya Woodburn.

**6th Grade** Corey Barber, Caleb Burne, Christian Bunce, Zachariah Burch, Enrique Burns, Kianta Clark, Travis Coleman, Adestine Colson, Aaliyah Crawford, Diqvan Davis, Shavarrick Dunlap-David, Emilie Fowles, Dylan Garris, Angela Gatewood, Olbei Granados, Austin Jacobs, Whitney Little, Daniel Luther, Kuistan Marshall, Jessica Maske, Jasmine Missouri, Kristopher Phillips, Eyanni Polk, Jonathan Polk, Keeley Pope, Myasya Richardson, Xzavion Rivers, Tavion Rorie, Trolanda Shine, Fong Thao, Nu Cee Thao, Austin Walsh.

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## Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition Has Moved

Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition and Rape Crisis Center has moved to 304 East Wade Street. We are located in the basement of the Calvary Episcopal Church. Look for our sign located at the entrance of the church parking lot on Brent Street.

Office hours are Monday thru Friday 8am until 5 pm. Office number is 704-694-4499. We offer a 24 hour crisis line at 704-690-0362.

ACDVC offers advocacy for the victim, during the crisis, whether it be at the hospital or the magistrate's office. Trained advocates assist clients who wish to pursue a domestic violence protective order. Advocates attend court with the clients and provide transportation when necessary. One-on-one sessions are available for any client who requests our services. ACDVC offers Women's Empowerment classes as well as Youth Taken Action classes. ACDVC staff is available for speaking on such topics as safe dating tips, warning signs of an unhealthy relationship, safety plans, why victims stay in abusive relationships, etc.

In 2010 there were 73 domestic violence homicides in North Carolina. In Anson County, ACDVC responded to 474 domestic violence calls and 23 sexual assaults, unfortunately many more go unreported.

**If you think you are living in an abusive relationship, please give us a call. We offer nonjudgmental, confidential service 24 hours per day.**

