

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, October 27, 2024.

In North Carolina as of yesterday, 7,793,041 people are registered to vote. As of Friday, October 25, some 2,448,640 ballots have been cast during early voting. On Hatteras Island, a voter cannot miss the Early Voting Site. Drive to Buxton and look for a stunning flag display put up by political parties. The flags fly only when voting is open. For this next week, every weekday from 8 in the morning to 7:30 at night the polling place at the Fessenden Center Annex on Buxton Back Road is open. On Saturday, November 2 the polling place will be open from 8-3.

House fire in Avon. Just after noon, Monday, October 21, Avon Volunteer Fire Department firefighters responded at the 39000 block of Sandfiddler Lane in Avon. Upon arrival, firefighters reported fire and smoke coming from the single-family home. Firefighters made an aggressive attack on the fire and were able to bring it under control in about 20 minutes. Fire companies from Buxton and Frisco assisted the Avon firefighters in extinguishing the blaze. The Dare County Sheriff's Office and EMS were also on the scene assisting. The home was unoccupied at the time, but suffered extensive damage. No firefighters or civilians were injured during the fire. The cause of the fire is under investigation, but is not believed to be of a suspicious nature.

Drug arrest Avon 10.21.24. On October 21, 2024, at about 11:15 at night, Dare County Sheriff deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of NC 12 and Ramp 34 north of Avon. During the stop it was determined that a passenger in the vehicle had an out of county warrant for arrest. During a search of the vehicle, drug paraphernalia was located and seized. The passenger who had been arrested and placed in the patrol vehicle was removed from the back seat for a more thorough search. An amount of Methamphetamine was located and seized. The individual, identified as Annie M. Cleaver, from Frisco was arrested and charged with Felony Possession of Methamphetamine and served with the Misdemeanor Failure to Appear Warrant out of Camden. Cleaver was issued a \$500 secured bond for the warrant and placed on a hold for the Felony Possession of Methamphetamine charge.

In two meetings this past week, Dare County Parks and Recreation staffers brought a contractor to Hatteras Island for public input sessions about future projects, programming and initiatives that people on Hatteras Island may want. McGill Associates is the firm that is handling the assessment with these input sessions and an online survey. Input sessions were held in Rodanthe and Buxton. Attendees were asked to peruse 32 different choices of outdoor and indoor recreation and place dots next to those that they liked. Additionally, attendees were asked to write down items that were not included in the presented choices.

Outer Banks Hotline has been chosen as this year's recipient of the BITCHSTIX annual giving program. Through this retailer-driven initiative, Hotline was awarded a non-restricted gift of \$60,000, selected from a pool of nationally submitted organizations. The honor was made possible by Kitty Hawk Kites, a BITCHSTIX retailer. "We nominated Outer Banks Hotline because of their incredible commitment to helping survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault in the Outer Banks," said James Kahle, Marketing Director at Kitty Hawk Kites. "Their work aligns with our values of compassion, safety, and empowerment."

The 15th annual North Carolina Beach Buggy Association Red Drum Tournament concluded Saturday afternoon with a fried chicken dinner and lots of winners. The tournament drew 551 anglers to the beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Anglers came from 17 different states and two countries other than the United States. Anglers fished starting at midnight Wednesday through noon on Saturday, October 26, from Ramp 23 to Ramp 45. Ramps 25, 27, and 30 are closed due to erosion. The previous record for the tournament was 425 anglers, which was set in 2023. Taking home top prize was Hannable McGraity from Lillington, N.C. He captured and released a 50.75 inch red drum in this his first red drum tournament. He was fishing with a team named Mattadors. Coming in second was Danny Fletcher who also caught a 50.75 inch red drum later than McGraity. Fletcher also took home second place for a senior with a 44-inch drum. Mike Regan served as tournament director and Al Adams served as Head Judge. Some 50

judges worked the tournament which runs for a straight sixty hours of fishing. Proceeds from the tournament pay for association scholarships and benefit additional non-profit organizations.

Rodanthe Pier open this weekend; call ahead. The Rodanthe Pier was open through the weekend. It is undergoing repair and equipment remains on the bridge. Go to the pier's Facebook page for the latest openings or call 987-0030.

Update on Buxton Naval Facility. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, has set the date, time, and location for a public meeting about the Buxton Naval Facility Formerly Used Defense Sites property. The meeting takes place at the Fessenden Center, at 46830 N C 12, Buxton, on November 4, 2024. Opening remarks and overview presentation start at 7 o'clock and community members can visit informational tables and talk to subject matter experts from the Corps of Engineers and other agency stakeholders until 9 o'clock. During the meeting, community members can also learn about the process for establishing a Restoration Advisory Board and its functions.

Bay West, LLC is the contractor for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District.

The site is off-limits to those not working there.

Buxton access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore beach at the old lighthouse location remains closed.

Upcoming this week. Remember the Open House in the new Operations Building at the Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative on Tuesday, October 29 from 5 to 7 in the evening.

Veterans Day celebration. Cape Hatteras Secondary School invites the community to its Annual Veterans Celebration on Friday morning, November 8, 2024.

All local veterans, active-duty service members, and their families are welcome to join this special day of gratitude and remembrance. The event starts at 9 o'clock with a complimentary breakfast in the school's cafeteria, prepared by the Foods and Nutrition classes.

At 10 o'clock, a ceremony in the gym will honor our veterans and remember those lost this year. For more information, contact Keith Durham at durham.ke@daretolearn.org.

Historical tidbit. On October 25, 1990, a rapidly deepening coastal storm just east of Cape Hatteras, produced wind gusts in excess of 90 miles per hour along the coast. A dredge broke loose from its moorings in Oregon Inlet and struck the Herbert C. Bonner Bridge. A 369 foot segment of the bridge collapsed, leaving thousands stranded on the island. Electricity was very limited until emergency generators were delivered 4 days later. It took days to reroute the telephone service. The bridge re-opened two weeks ahead of schedule on February 12.

Halloween Events on Hatteras Island

The following places are hosting October 31 Halloween free events. The start times are 5 o'clock:

Waves: Trunk or Treat, Camp Hatteras

Avon: Trunk or Treat. Beach Klub

Buxton: Fall-O-Fest, Family Life Center, 48733 NC 12, Buxton. No costumes. Come as you are. bounce house, fall games, pumpkin painting, fall treats, hot dogs, apple cider.

Hatteras Village: Trunk or Treat. At 5 p.m., hot dogs, burgers, chips and drink for all at Community Building parking lot. To reserve a trunk spot, email hatteras.events@yahoo.com.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.