

This is Radio Hatteras. Hello. I'm Grace with the Weekly New Summary for Sunday, June 16, 2024.

We'll get to the news in a minute or so. Radio Hatteras offers congratulation to Captain Rom Whitaker and crew of the Hatteras village based charter fishing boat Release. Whitaker, angler Kirk Pugh, first mate Cameron Morrow won the Fabulous Fisherman's category at the 66th annual Big Rock Blue Marlin tournament.

The winner take all category resulted in a prize of \$1,729,750 for the Release crew for being the first to weigh in a blue marlin over 500 pounds. Congratulations.

Corps of Engineers plans more work at Buxton Naval Facility property

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to conduct geophysical work to identify any potential fuel distribution components remaining at the Buxton Naval Facility, a Formerly Used Defense Site property located within Cape Hatteras National Seashore in Dare County, North Carolina, as soon as late June, or early July 2024, reports a media release dated June 13, 2024, from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah, Georgia, District.

The commander of the Corps Savannah District Colonel Ron Sturgeon, after reviewing the collected data, said "a more comprehensive investigation is needed within the project area to further assess the site based on current conditions."

In addition to the geophysical work planned for this summer, the Corps of Engineers plans to perform comprehensive sampling at the site sometime later this year. Once the geophysical work is complete, the results will assist with drafting a sampling plan that will be used in the comprehensive sampling efforts. The contract to perform this additional work is anticipated to be awarded in October 2024.

These next steps were identified in a document called "The Strategic Optimization Technical Memorandum, labeled EMCX Report. The online link is available on Island Free Press.

In addition to completing an internal review, the Army Corps of Engineers also finished pipe removal work at the Buxton property in May, which included soil sampling. Currently, the contractor is waiting to receive the raw data from the laboratory. Once that is received and reviewed, final results will be shared with the community.

Joint letter to Congress requests action

The Island Free Press reports, a June 5, 2024, was sent to Congress requesting immediate remediation of the former Buxton Naval Facility.

The letter, reports Island Free Press, was specifically addressed to two members of the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, but was also sent to 23 additional congressmen, senators, and other stakeholders who are connected to the clean-up efforts required for the former Buxton Naval Facility.

The letter requests the subcommittee conduct oversight of the issue, and if necessary, authorize the Army Corps of Engineers to remediate the environmental and public safety hazards, and restore the shoreline to its pristine condition.

Read Joy Crist's extensive report and the letter on Island Free Press.

Dare school board accepts donation for Cape Hatteras Soccer field

Cape Hatteras Soccer coaches approached Kellogg Supply Company about donating pilings for a larger net. Kellogg Supply donated 16 pilings for the Cape Hatteras Secondary School soccer

field boundary net. The total cost of the donation is \$13,000. These nets will keep errant soccer shots on net from entering adjacent properties, namely an old concrete plant and a trailer park.

Student advisors appointed for school board

On Monday, June 10, new student advisors for the Dare County Board of Education were sworn into their new offices. Representing Cape Hatteras Schools are Advisor Elizabeth Fairbanks and Alternate Caroline Fuller. Both are rising seniors at Cape Hatteras Secondary.

Dare commissioners authorize grant application; issue permit

At its June meeting, Dare commissioners authorized application for Resilient Coastal Communities Program grants for Phase 3 to conduct a drainage study for the Salvo Flood Mitigation Project on NC 12 and to construct the Hatteras Village Bioswales Project for \$160,000.

The commissioner also approved a permit for Avon Property Owners Association for a fireworks display on July 4 at the Avon Fishing Pier. The show is produced by Pyrostar Entertainment LLC which has submitted the necessary paperwork.

Dare commissioners reappoint board members

On June 3, 2024, the commissioners reappointed the following to various commissions and board affecting Hatteras Island:

Dare County Waterways Commission: reappointed Steve Coulter, Ernie Foster, Danny Couch and Natalie Kavanagh.

Fessenden Center Advisory Board: reappointed Kenny Brite, John Griffin and Brian Jones. Hali Easley resigned creating a vacancy on the board.

Hatteras Community Center Board: reappointed Laura Young and Rom Whitaker.

Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building Board: reappointed Susan Gray and Joe Kierzkowski.

Passenger ferry not running

This past week, the Ocracoke Express Passenger Ferry did not operate due to mechanical issues. Services are expected to resume Tuesday, June 18, 2024. For additional information, call 996-6000.

Three outdoor markets with lots of vendors are in full swing this week on Hatteras Island:

On Tuesday, Avon Farmers Market is open from 9 to 1 next to Vacassa Realty.

On Wednesdays, the Tri-village Market runs from 9 to 1 on the Soundside of Camp Hatteras in Waves.

On Thursday, visit Old Trent Market from 9 to 2 at Frisco Woods Campground.

Circus Soccer at Cape Hatteras soccer field Monday, June 17

On Monday evening May 17, starting at 6:30 p.m., Soccer Circus comes to Hatteras Island at the Buxton Back Road Soccer Field.

This is the inaugural Dave Kelmer Memorial Women's Alumnae Game, featuring soccer alumnae and current soccer players for Cape Hatteras Secondary School. Dave Kelmer was the first soccer coach at the Hatteras Island school.

Fan events include a header challenge and Dizzy Bat penalty kicks. Raffles with local prizes will be held.

At 6:55 p.m., words will be said for former coach Dave Kelmer. A walkout with local kids happens followed by the National Anthem and game kickoff.

Concessions feature kettle corn, baked goods, burgers and hotdogs, drinks and snacks.

A full page of new rules is published. For example, “if the ball goes out of bounds to the fans, they play it in.” And, “corner kicks are done with a yoga ball. The defensive team must lay down until the ball is played in. Once the ball is out of play, regular ball will be used again.”

A Salty Dawg Lecture happens Tuesday, June 18 at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum.

At 11 o'clock, Allyson Ropp, a maritime archaeologist and historic preservation specialist will talk about how hurricanes impact the work of finding and preserving history. The lecture and the entrance to the museum are free.

Donate Blood at a Red Cross Blood Drive, June 19, at the Salvo Fire Hall. The Red Cross will be collecting blood from 10 to 3. Go to Red Cross Blood dot org and plug in R W S C A to make an appointment.

Beach cleanup Pea Island set for June 20

The Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge will host a series of beach cleanups along the beaches of the refuge throughout the summer, and volunteers from the community are invited to help.

Those who would like to participate are asked to meet at the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center at 10 o'clock on Thursday, June 20, 2024.

These beach cleanups will be held as scheduled weather permitting, and participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing, sturdy shoes and work gloves. For more information, contact the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center at 252-987-2394.

Now on a somber note.

Dixie Stevens Burrus Browning died Tuesday, June 11.

Dixie was an amazing person. She wrote books. She was a watercolorist. She played in a bluegrass band. She fished. Dixie was a terrific storyteller and a Hatteras historian. And, this July 4 you will hear her voice again on Radio Hatteras as she reads part of the Declaration of Independence.

Her family here is an integral part of the Radio Hatteras operations. We extend condolences to Liz and Lou and Linda.

Now, be safe out there. Keep aware of the weather. Thanks for listening to this weekly news show. This is Radio Hatteras.