

2020 General Schedule for Information and Announcements:

SUNDAY

5 p.m. "The Weekly News Summary"

DAILY

11:30 a.m. Event PSAs

8 a.m. Activities of the Day

9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative Messages and tips

10:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. This Day in History: Shipwrecks, Events, and Music

12 Noon School News

1:30 p.m. Dare County messages

7 p.m. Night Skies

:15 and :45 Station Announcements

Emergency Bulletins:

As we receive them and at the top of every hour.

Announcements at :15, :30 and :45

January 2020 Weekly News Summary:

Weekly News Summary for January 5, 2020.

This is the first Radio Hatteras weekly news report in the New Year. Thanks for listening today and throughout the year.

2020 has some significant anniversaries that we'll be mentioning. 150 years ago, the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse was lit for the first time. The event took place on December 16. And 150 years ago, Dare County was formed. 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the signing of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The amendment gives women the right to vote. It's also the 100th anniversary of the 18th amendment, establishing prohibition.

Now to the news

Weather is always exciting on Hatteras Island.

On Saturday night, the winds blew at 32 miles per hour sustained in Frisco. The wind direction was northwest for several hours in the wee morning hours and sent about six inches of water into low lying properties in Frisco.

In Rodanthe, the wind blew at 43 miles per hour as the strong cold front passed over Hatteras Island.

The National Weather Service sent out alert information via Facebook and NOAA weather radio. Dare County Emergency Management tweeted information about high winds and possible soundside flooding.

CHEC introduces Time-of Use Rates

In the New Year, Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative is providing a new rate option for residential accounts.

Most cooperative members pay the standard, residential flat rate for power, no matter what time of day or month it is used. To save extra money and control energy use, customers might want to consider switching to the cooperative's Time-of-Use rate.

A Time-of-Use rate is based on the time during which electricity is used. Peak times vary from summer to winter.

For the Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative, summer peak times are May 1 through October 31 from 3 to 6 in the afternoon. Energy used during this time costs 37 and a half cents per kilowatt hour, the most expensive rate.

Winter peak times run November 1 through April 30 from 6 to 9 in the morning. Energy used during this time costs 25 point 35 cents per kilowatt hour.

Energy that is used during off-peak hours is 7 point 8 cents. Energy that is used during the super off-peak hours of 10 at night to 5 in the morning costs 3 point 31 cents per kilowatt hour.

The off-peak and super off-peak pricing stays the same year round.

Peak times do not apply during weekends and designated holidays.

To get an idea of just how much could be saved based on previous electric use, call the Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative's customer service representatives at (252) 995-5616.

For a more complete explanation, consult the cooperative's pages in the January issue of Carolina Country.

Business activity bodes well for New Year

Radio Hatteras Business Correspondent Tom Hranicka writes that despite challenges created by Hurricane Dorian and nor'easters meal tax receipts through October were up over 7 percent compared to the first 10 months of 2018.

Occupancy tax receipts increased 3 and a half percent.

Positive results extend to the island's real estate market as well.

Through November, all market indicators registered positive.

Of special note, the median sale price of residential properties was up a little over 11 percent for 11 months in 2019 and the total value of home sales increased 8 percent over the same period in 2019.

The undeveloped lot market reported double digit growth. The result was partially due to an increase in the building site inventory when new soundside sections were opened in both Salvo and Avon.

All things considered, the statistics bode well for a successful New Year, writes Hranicka.

Sea Turtles returned to the ocean

On December 29, 34 sea turtles were returned to the ocean from the NC Aquariums on Roanoke Island and Pine Knoll Shores. Volunteers from the Network for Endangered Sea Turtles went along for the ride on the Stormy Petrel II which sails from Hatteras and is captained by Brian Pattison.

Most of these turtles were recovered following the recent cold-stun event, and are the first round to be released from this winter.

Smoke-free for 10 years

The January North Carolina's smoke-free bar and restaurant law turned ten years old.

In May 2009, North Carolina became the 26th state to pass a smoke-free law that protects workers and the public from the health hazards of secondhand smoke in public places and hospitality venues. The law went into effect January 2, 2010.

During the first year the law was in effect, North Carolina saw a 21 percent reduction in the weekly average emergency room visits for heart attacks.

Secondhand smoke is a leading trigger for heart attacks and is especially dangerous for individuals who already suffer from cardiovascular disease.

The first month the law went into effect there were more than 500 complaints reported by individuals who witnessed smoking in a restaurant or bar. By the second year the number of complaints were down to fewer than 50 per month. Currently the state receives fewer than one complaint per month.

Flood insurance maps discussed at commissioners meeting Monday

Dare County's commissioners open the New Year considering county flood insurance maps.

The Dare County Board of Commissioners meet Monday, Jan. 6, 2020, at 9 a.m. in the Commissioner's meeting room, Dare County Administration Building in Manteo.

The new flood maps become effective June 19, 2020, in unincorporated areas of the county and the county's incorporated towns.

On Monday, Planning Director Donna Creef will deliver a presentation on the long-awaited new maps.

The newly adopted flood maps will be used for flood insurance rating purposes for policies renewed or enacted after June 19.

Overall, the maps show 41 percent decrease in the number of properties in flood zones.

This decrease raises concerns property owners may discontinue flood insurance coverage.

The county's motto is "low risk is not no risk."

In the next six months, the commissioners will be called on to adopt the revised maps for unincorporated Dare County, revise the county's flood ordinance and adopt zoning amendments for districts using base flood elevation as building height reference points.

Public hearings are part of the adoption process.

For Hatteras Islanders, public comment on any topic can be made at the Fessenden Annex on Buxton Back Road. On Monday, public comment is Item Number 5 after employee recognition.

Shrimp Amendment scoping period opens

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries opens a public scoping period Jan. 7 for public comments on potential management strategies for an upcoming amendment to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan.

Under consideration are management strategies to further reduce bycatch of non-target species in the shrimp trawl fishery and potential changes to existing shrimp management strategies.

The closest public meeting is Tuesday, January 7 starting at 6 o'clock in the offices of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Washington. Other meetings are set for Wilmington and Morehead City.

Comments can also be submitted through the division's website through January 21. Go to the state's marine fisheries website and look under Hot Topics for Shrimp Amendment Information.

Upcoming this week

Hazard mitigation plan meeting set for Wednesday January 8 at the Fessenden Annex

Dare and Currituck Counties are nearing the final stages of updating the Outer Banks Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The counties' participation is required in order to maintain eligibility for future pre- and post-disaster grant funding from FEMA.

The planning effort has helped both counties and incorporated communities identify hazard risks, understand vulnerability, and develop ways to proactively mitigate this risk. Two public meetings have been held.

The final public meeting on Hatteras Island is set for Wednesday, January 8 at 5 o'clock at the Fessenden Annex on Buxton Bank Road. Be there to hear about the final draft plan and provide feedback.

Cape Hatteras Secondary Sports schedule

Cape Hatteras Secondary basketball teams play in Buxton this week.

On Monday, the school's 7th and 8th grade teams play Ocracoke and on Wednesday, January 8, the teams play Mattamuskeet. The girls game starts at 4 and the boys at 5:30.

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This is not a timed race.

All proceeds will go to Ocracoke Island disaster relief through the Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men. Registration fee is \$20, in cash or check to the CH United Methodist Men, memo Ocracoke Relief.

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On February 11, the Dare County School board meets in the Cape Hatteras Secondary cafeteria. The meeting starts at 5 o'clock.

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This year's lighthouse climbing season is scheduled to begin April 17, 2020. This is traditionally a fee free day.

On May 12, the Dare County School board meets in the Cape Hatteras Elementary School Cafeteria, starting at 5 o'clock.

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Weekly News Summary for January 12, 2020.

A brush fire in Pea Island flared Saturday night.

At 6:32 Saturday night, the call went out for Chicamacomico Banks volunteer firefighters for a brush fire in Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge.

The oceanside fire just south of the refuge visitor center was growing significantly and encroaching on NC 12 when firefighters arrived.

Two Chicamacomico Banks engines, one from the Rodanthe station and another from the Salvo station responded with ten fire firefighters. Avon was paged out to cover Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo.

Because of the fire's proximity to NC 12, the highway was closed to protect firefighters and equipment. Initially, an engine and a car with emergency lights were positioned to stop traffic. Law enforcement arrived to take over traffic control when one lane was opened.

Firefighters initially attacked the north end of the fire and stopped the advance.

A North Carolina Forestry firefighter with a brush truck attacked the middle part of the fire. Volunteer firefighters attended to the southern end of the fire.

Local volunteers returned to the station two hours after the call. The crew finished filling trucks with water and cleaning up equipment around 10:30 Saturday night.

Fire service celebrated

Thanks to volunteer firefighters on Hatteras Island.

On Saturday, Buxton volunteer firefighters and their families gathered for the 2020 annual dinner to conduct some business and salute Bryan Perry.

This 2020 dinner was the last one for Buxton Fire Chief Bryan Perry. He is stepping down from leading the Buxton Fire Department.

Perry joined the Buxton Department in 1974. He was elected chief in 1981. He has provided four decades of leadership for the Buxton department as well as Hatteras Island's other departments.

On Thursday, January 9, Perry was honored at the Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year by the Eastern North Carolina Firefighter's Association which saluted his unparalleled leadership and service. The eastern association will send Perry's name forward for consideration as the state's volunteer fire chief of the year.

This past week, flood insurance, elevating homes, and planning for disasters dominated news.

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The new maps came under heavy criticism from Creef and Dare Board chairman Bob Woodard, reported The Coastland Times. Some areas on the new maps labeled X and Shaded X have been repeatedly flooded.

The maps are based on computer models that are out-of-date, said Creef. The state was alerted to the problems with draft maps, but chose to ignore the county's information said Woodard.

Overall, the maps show 41 percent decrease in the number of properties in flood zones.

This decrease raises concerns property owners may discontinue flood insurance coverage.

The inaccurate maps force Dare County to create local elevation standards. Creef and town planners have been discussing standards for several months.

Various proposals are under consideration

Proposed local elevation standards and ordinance amendments that will affect Hatteras Island will be considered first by Dare County's Planning Board, which will make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

Public hearings are part of the map adoption and local elevation standards process.

The commissioners instructed Creef to begin the ordinance amendment procedures and implement outreach efforts. A report to the Board of Commissioners is expected in April 2020.

Home elevation grant applications due Jan. 22

Dare County is gathering applications for home elevation grants.

Grant applications must be submitted to Dare County by close of business Jan. 22.

At a meeting in Buxton, 27 people with questions about the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program showed up at the Fessenden Center Annex.

Brent Johnson, Dare County Grants Project Manager, went over grant requirements. For an application or more information, call Johnson at 252-475-5628 or email brent dot johnson at dare N C dot com.

Dare County is bundling individual applications for the State of North Carolina and FEMA for review and evaluation.

If accepted, funding is provided by federal and state monies.

The process takes 2 to 3 years to finish elevating a home. During elevation, owners are required to leave the house for two to three months.

Properties must be the full-time residence for the applicant. Flood insurance will be required. Mobile homes are not eligible nor are commercial buildings or rented houses.

For a home elevation, the porch, underpinning, utility connections and HVAC will all be elevated as will stairs and ramps. But some upgrades may be charged to the owner. For example, if the electric box is not up to code, it must be replaced at the owner's expense.

If a grant application for elevating a home was submitted in 2018 or Spring 2019 as a result of Michael or Florence, reapplication is not necessary.

The meeting was held at the Fessenden Annex on Tuesday, January 7.

Draft hazard mitigation plan out for review.

The next night in the same place, the Fessenden Annex, a draft of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan for Hatteras and Currituck counties was presented.

The plan must be rewritten every five years for the counties to be eligible for FEMA mitigation funding, like elevation grants. Plan details also affect scoring in the Community Rating System which lowers the cost of flood insurance.

Two representatives from the private contractor Wood made the presentation. Public comment is sought on the draft plan and particularly the mitigation action plan.

In that plan, 31 actions are listed for Dare County covering the five years of the plan.

Several actions address stormwater. For example, the actions call for updating the county's 2001 comprehensive stormwater management plan, identifying funding for improving stormwater drainage and land management preparation for flooding, working with federal, state and private landowners to ensure proper maintenance and use of existing drainage systems, and identifying key secondary roads used by workers that regularly flood and plan mitigation actions

For a copy of the draft plan and to make comment, go to [obx dot hmp dot com](http://obx.dot.hmp.dot.com). Comments are due at the close of business January 30.

Flu deaths reported

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services reported the first influenza-associated pediatric death for the current flu season.

A child in the western part of the state died in December from complications associated with influenza infection.

Deaths attributed to flu doubled in a week. In North Carolina in the week ending January 4, twenty adult flu-associated deaths were reported in North Carolina. In 14 of those deaths, the deceased were people over 65 years of age.

Flu shots are widely available at a variety of health care settings. To find a location near you, use the Flu Vaccine Finder at [flu dot nc dot gov](http://flu.dot.nc.dot.gov)

Certain groups are at higher risk for serious illness from flu, including children younger than five, pregnant women, people over 65 and those with certain chronic medical conditions, such as heart or lung disease. However, over half of

the children who die from flu have no known medical condition that would put them at higher risk.

Comment on shrimp amendment by Jan. 21

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The amendment will examine management strategies to further reduce bycatch of non-target species in the shrimp trawl fishery and potential changes to existing shrimp management strategies.

Four strategies have been selected for the Amendment.

Two strategies address Bycatch Reduction through effort control or area restrictions.

One strategy would manage through size restrictions and the other strategy would close critical shrimp habitat.

Scoping is the first stage of the amendment process. Additional opportunities to comment on the draft amendment will be announced as the fishery management plan process proceeds.

CERT recognizes helping organizations; elects officers

At the annual meeting for the Hatteras Island Community Emergency Response Team, three organizations were saluted for helping the island's recovery and working with the team to respond to needs after Hurricane Dorian.

CERT recognized the Lions Club of North Carolina, Lowe's in Kill Devil Hills and the Outer Banks Community Foundation, which provided grants for purchasing response trailers and equipment.

Officers elected include President Larry Ogden, Vice President John Benson, Treasurer Ronnie Pope, Secretary Amberly Dyer, and board members at large Misty Gillikin, Judy Swartwood and Kenny Brite, who also serves as coordinator along with Richard Marling.

Dare County commissioner Danny Couch spoke at the meeting.

Jobs available

The Hatteras Island Rescue Squad has available summer positions for part-time three-days or full time 5 days a week. The schedule is Monday through Friday 9 to 5 with weekends off. To know more, email hatteras rescue 35 at gmail dot com Attn: Chief Jack Scarborough.

The U.S. Census Bureau is ramping up its national recruiting efforts to hire up to 500,000 temporary, part-time census takers for the 2020 Census.

In Dare, Currituck, Tyrrell and Hyde counties, the Census Bureau is paying \$15.50 an hour.

To learn more and apply, visit [2020 census dot gov slash jobs](https://2020.census.gov/jobs).

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The celebration kicked off Wednesday, January 15 with a State of the County presentation by Bob Woodard, chair of the Dare County Board of Commissioners. A sold-out crowd packed the breakfast meeting at Captain George's in Kill Devil Hills.

Woodard reviewed current topics and presented historic photos about bridges, fishing, education, aviation, a waterfront, the 1904 courthouse that illustrated the past history of Dare County.

Look for the following in the coming year:

- installing an automatic water meter reading system
- constructing a new College of The Albemarle campus
- pushing for a Complete Count in 2020 U.S. Census on April 1, 2020.
- Revaluation Tax Appraisal with notices mailed mid-February
- finalizing flood maps effective June 19, 2020, and dealing with inaccuracies.
- remodeling the Department of Health and Human Services buildings in Manteo

For the 150th anniversary of Dare County, a special website is under development. It will have a timeline and 150 ways to celebrate the anniversary.

Dredging to start Thursday

On January 23, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is scheduled to start dredging in Hatteras Inlet at the South Ferry Channel.

A new permit for dredging was issued January 7. A Memorandum of Agreement is once again in place among the Corps, Dare County and the state of North Carolina.

At the Dare County Waterways Commission meeting, Monday, January 13, Dare County Project Manager Brent Johnson reported that the new hopper dredge under construction will take about two years to complete. Johnson said that the dredge will be permitted initially only in Oregon Inlet, reports Island Free Press in an article written by Catherine Kozak. Work in other waterways like Hatteras would be able to be done with a modified permit or other equipment, said Johnson.

Underwater cable for Ocracoke arrived on Hatteras Island

Tideland Electric Membership Corporation will begin installing underwater cable along Pole Road at the end of Hatteras village.

The switch from overhead lines to submarine cable will address the rapid erosion at the end of Hatteras Island and provide more reliable power to Ocracoke. Construction will take about two months. Cape Hatteras National Seashore reports that sections of Pole Road will be intermittently closed during the installation of the underground cable. The above ground poles and line will be removed.

New Scholarship created for Cape Hatteras students

A new scholarship for post-secondary education honors Carl Bornfriend, founder and executive director of the Frisco Native American Museum.

Bornfriend, who died last year, was a life-long educator and mentor, who served Dare County Schools and College of The Albemarle from 1984 to 1996.

Bornfriend championed underserved students based on language, cultural or minority status. He was one of the founders of the English as a Second Language program in Dare County.

The scholarship guidelines reflect his life-long mission.

Those guidelines will be administered by the Cape Hatteras Secondary Faculty Scholarship Committee. The \$1,000 scholarship will be available after the first semester of college.

Scholarship recipients must meet one of three criteria.

Now-retired Cape Hatteras social studies teacher Braxton B. Hall is funding the scholarship.

The 2020 Hatteras Island Oyster Roast is sold out

The North Carolina Coastal Federation annually hosts the Hatteras Island Oyster Roast at Oden's Dock. This year the February 1 event is sold out. No more tickets are available. Proceeds support the federation's oyster education and restoration program as well as recovery efforts on Ocracoke Island. The Federation thanks all for supporting its work.

The North Carolina Coastal Federation is a member supported non-profit organization that works to protect and restore coastal water quality and habitats throughout North Carolina by collaborating with and engaging people from all walks of life who are committed to preserving the coast for current and future generations.

Four full time staffers work from the northeast regional office in Wanchese. The federation collaborates with countless partners in working to preserve the North Carolina coast.

In 2019, the federation worked for

- Clean coastal waters that support fishing and swimming.
- Living shorelines to prevent soundside erosion and provide habitat.
- Thriving oysters supporting the coastal environment and economy.
- Effective coastal management that protects our coast.
- A coast free of marine debris.

Surfer receives possible shark bite off Cape Hatteras National Seashore

On Monday afternoon, January 13, a 26-year-old male surfer from Manteo received a non-life threatening injury, possibly from a shark, off Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The call was received about 2:30. The incident occurred near Sudie Payne Road in Rodanthe.

The injury was to the surfer's foot. Dare Emergency Medical Services transported the surfer to the Outer Banks Hospital for treatment.

Record temperatures set on Hatteras Island

On Hatteras Island, temperatures in January have already broken or tied high temperature readings six times. The temperatures were recorded at Billy Mitchell Airport in Frisco.

On January 3 and 4, high temperatures broke 1966 records.

On January 3, 2020, the high temperature was 73 degrees. The record was 71.

A day later, January 4, the temperature reached 70 and tied the old record.

For four successive 2020 days, high temperature records have been tied or set at the Frisco airport.

January 10. High temperature of 70 degrees tied 2008.

January 11. High temperature was 71 degrees which broke the 70 degree weather in 2014.

January 12 and January 13. The high on both days was 72 degrees which broke the previous high records of 71 from 1995.

The temperature reports are preliminary until reviewed.

Day of Service

Tomorrow, January 20, is set aside to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and celebrate the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

It's an opportunity to make a difference by volunteering or making a donation.

One way to find a way to volunteer on Hatteras Island is to attend the Volunteer Fair at Cape Hatteras Secondary on Thursday, January 30 from 9 to 11 in the morning. Organizations that have volunteer programs will be in the campus gymnasium on the Buxton campus.

Dare County offices closed Monday, January 20; trash collection changes

Dare County offices are closed Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Buxton Transfer Station and Rodanthe Recycle Center will also be closed.

The residential trash collection schedule changes as follows:

- On Monday, January 20, no residential trash will be collected.
- On Tuesday, January 21, trash will be picked up in Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras
- On Wednesday, January 22, residential trash will be picked up in Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon

The schedule returns to normal on Thursday and Friday.

Commercial dumpsters will be picked up Tuesday, January 21 and Friday, January 24.

Dare County offices will re-open at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 21.

Pound net closure starts Monday, January 20, at 6 o'clock in the evening

Effective at 6 o'clock at night, Monday, January 20, all nets from pound net sets must be removed from Internal Coastal Waters, proclaims North Carolina Marine Fisheries Proclamation M-1-2020.

Exceptions to the closure period are western portions of the Albemarle Sound and the Currituck Sound and their tributaries.

The closure is in effect until midnight Friday, Jan. 31, 2020.

A state Marine Fisheries Commission Rule requires a pound net closure period between December 1 and February 1 each year in which all nets must be removed from pound net sets.

Remember

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Community Foundation grant deadline January 31.

The Outer Banks Community Foundation is now accepting applications from nonprofits for its Community Enrichment Grants Program. Applications must be submitted online via the Community Foundation's website [o b c f dot org](http://obcf.org). The first deadline of the year is Friday, January 31.

Areas of interest include: arts & culture; animal welfare; children & youth; education; the environment; disaster relief & prevention; health; historic interpretation & preservation; and other human services.

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Escape a vape at Cape Hatteras Secondary

A free program about vaping is open to late elementary, middle, and high school aged youth and adults. The event will be hosted from 5:30 to 7:30 at Cape Hatteras Secondary School on February 4.

The Lost Colony Open Auditions Announced

The Roanoke Island Historical Association has announced the dates for the local Outer Banks auditions for the 2020 season of *The Lost Colony*.

Auditions are slated for Saturday, February 15, at Manteo High School.

Registration opens at 8:40 in the morning. Auditions begin at 9. Bring a recent photograph and resumé. For full details and audition information, visit the website [the lost colony dot org](http://thelostcolony.org).

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This past week brought snow flurries and sand storm

By mid-afternoon Monday, January 20, snow flurries drifted down to Hatteras Island.

Accumulation was enough to take photographs of snow on railings and leaves.

In the preceding week, records for high temperatures were set.

That extreme cold snap brought on a massive effort to rescue cold-stunned turtles from the Pamlico Sound Shoreline.

Volunteers started picking up cold-stunned green and Kemp's Ridley sea turtles Tuesday morning. By that afternoon, about 95 sea turtles had been rescued and sent to the rehabilitation center at the North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island.

By the end of the event, over 100 sea turtles had been rescued from island village and Cape Hatteras National Seashore shorelines.

On Tuesday in Rodanthe, the wind started blowing from the North at a fairly consistent speed of 22 to 25 miles per hour. The wind speed and direction continued into Wednesday, January 22.

Wednesday's early morning travelers on NC 12 through Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge found the northbound travel lane covered in tall windblown humps. Drivers drove carefully in the southbound lane.

In the early morning, NCDOT staffers started clearing the sand and stopped traffic off and on until the road was cleared.

And, while we are reporting road conditions, some intermittent closures of Pole Road at the end of Hatteras Island will occur due to the installation of underground cable by Tideland Electric Cooperative, which serves Ocracoke Island. Traffic will be detoured, if possible, to the beachfront where serious erosion has occurred.

Commissioners take action; receive two proposals

On Jan. 21, 2020, Dare County Board of Commissioners made a series of financial moves, directed the county manager to sign an agreement with the UNC Chapel Hill School of Government about essential housing, and heard from four public speakers. The commissioners approved an amended contract for the first new College of The Albemarle building on the Manteo campus. The total fee to Boomerang is just shy of \$940,000.

Finance director David Clawson briefed the commissioners on the Series 2020 Limited Obligation Bonds, which includes new projects and refunding two older projects. The refunding will save the county \$1 million, reports The Coastland Times.

The board also approved a service agreement with the Development Finance Initiative at the UNC School of Government in Chapel Hill. The agency will provide "pre-development and site identification, and site specific pre-development and solicitation of private development partners on selected sites for essential housing.

In regard to essential housing, George Carver with the Dare County Minority Coalition spoke during public comment. He briefed the commissioners on the coalition's effort to find property and developers for essential housing. The coalition identified three parcels, two of which do not meet standards.

Carver proposed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Coalition and Dare County. He handed up a three page draft of such a document.

Also during public comment, Rob Rollason, from Kill Devil Hills and a Republican candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives, presented a Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution.

Some 20 North Carolina counties have passed some form of Second Amendment Sanctuary resolutions, according to Gun Rights Watch as of January 22.

At this meeting, Dare County Board of Commissioners honored the Reverend Robert “Bob” Pitsch for his lifetime of service to others. Rev. Pitsch celebrated his 100th birthday this month. In his long life, he has provided spiritual leadership and insightful guidance to many—whether in the pulpit, beside someone’s sickbed, or in a community meeting. Rev. Pitsch gave years of dedicated service to Colington United Methodist Church, though his reach is far beyond those walls.

Habitat restoration behind the groin in Pea Island

Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge partners at the North Carolina Department of Transportation and contractors with Barnhill Construction will excavate sand behind the Oregon Inlet Terminal Groin in order to improve habitats for migratory birds.

Sections within a 3-acre area will be dug out to create open water intertidal pool areas with non-vegetated shoreline for multiple shorebird species.

About 25,000 cubic yards of sand will be excavated and deposited on the upper beach adjacent to the work area.

Work starts January 27 and will take one to three weeks, weather permitting.

The permit issued to build the groin requires monitoring conditions. In the winters of 2008, 2011 and 2014, moving sand was also undertaken.

The work creates moist sand and coarse shell substrate, important for foraging, breeding, and nesting activities of many different shorebirds.

Missions to Ocracoke are starting

Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men is organizing missions to Ocracoke in February.

The first mission starts February 3.

The missions are focused on rebuild work.

Multi-skilled people are still needed, particularly around the middle of February.

The work involves helping to restore interiors of homes to livable condition, not finished condition. Materials and common tools are provided.

Lodging in cottages, and meals, are provided since commuting by ferry is difficult.

Most people bring some personal tools or skill specific tools. Although beds are provided, the use of personal sleeping bags is encouraged. Carpooling is also encouraged.

Contact Mike McGuire at 252-305-4002 or Jeff Kloss 814-241-0718 for more information and to sign up.

This is a big week at Cape Hatteras Secondary School

Here's the lineup for high school sports.

Tideland middle school tournament starts Wednesday

In the Tideland Conference Middle School tournament, both Ocracoke boys and girls teams are the tournament's No. 1 seeds.

Both Ocracoke semi-final games will be played January 29 at Cape Hatteras Secondary's Gymnasium in Buxton. The girls game starts at 4 p.m. with the boys game following. The ticket price for both games is \$5. Come out and support our neighbors.

Both Cape Hatteras middle school ball teams play on the road.

Cape Hatteras varsity teams play two home games this upcoming week.

On Tuesday, January 28, the Mattamuskeet Lakers come to Buxton. The boys junior varsity game starts at 4:30 p.m., with the girls and boys varsity games following.

On Friday, January 31, the varsity teams from Ocracoke and Cape Hatteras play in Buxton. The girls game starts at 6 with the boys following around 7:30.

Volunteer Fair set for January 30 at Cape Hatteras Secondary

On Thursday, January 30, a volunteer fair will be held at Cape Hatteras Secondary from 9 to 11 in the morning. Visit with over 20 organizations that welcome volunteers to do good things for Hatteras Island and Islanders.

The Fair, a DECA (deck a) community awareness project, is open to community members and students. Stop by the Radio Hatteras booth and say hello!

Robin Hood comes to Cape Hatteras

Cape Hatteras Secondary Drama Club presents "Robin Hood and His Merry Men" Friday night, January 31, at 7, Saturday night, February 1 at 7 and Sunday afternoon, February 2 at 3 in the Cape Hatteras Secondary Auditorium.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and children under 5 are free.

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Arrive early. Last year, each performance sold out.

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Dare County Board of Commissioners Chairman Bob Woodard will repeat his State of the County 2020 presentation. The event starts at 5:30 in the evening. February 3rd is the very day that Dare County was officially formed in 1870 and the county is celebrating its 150th anniversary. In Woodard's presentation are numerous historic photos.

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Deadline for the early bird registration is February 14 and the cost is \$10 for up to four events. General registration continues through March 13, 2020, and the cost is \$15.

Go to Dare N C dot com slash senior games to find registration materials.

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Tax listing forms mailed in Dare County; revaluation upcoming

Tax listing forms have been mailed from the Dare County Tax Listing Office. North Carolina General Statutes requires that all property, real and personal, within the jurisdiction of the state is subject to taxation unless it has been specifically excluded by statute.

Furnishings in a rental home, aircraft, boats, boat motors, jet skis, mobile homes, golf carts, non-tagged motor vehicles, and multiyear and permanent plate tagged vehicles and trailers (i.e., boat, utility, and animal trailers) are considered personal property.

These items must be listed for personal property taxation during the regular listing period which runs through February. 18.

Complete the front of the tax listing form and mail the form in the provided envelope or deliver the form to the Dare County Tax Department by February 18, 2020, to avoid penalty.

The county's tax department is located in the Dare County Justice Center, 962 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo.

This year, Dare County is also conducting a property revaluation. Because of this, the tax listing form does not show a real property value. At its second meeting in February, Dare's Board of Commissioners will receive a report on the revaluation. Following that February 18 meeting, notices of real property value will be sent to all real property owners.

This audio recording from Dare County presents more information.

*Insert revaluation recording.

This concludes our News report for this week and we return to our regular programming.

February 2020

Weekly News Summary:

Weekly news summary and calendar for February 2, 2002.

Congratulations to Buxton Fire Chief Bryan Perry on his award as the 2020 North Carolina Fire Chief of the Year by the state Association of Fire Chiefs.

The Buxton Fire Department writes “We are beyond proud of his achievement and what he has done for the fire service and our community.”

Tugboat sunk for new reef

On Monday, January 27, a tug boat named American started a new mission as an artificial reef about 7 miles south of Oregon Inlet.

The new Artificial Reef, AR-165, is sponsored by the Outer Banks Anglers Club Artificial Reef Committee. The club received an \$882,000 state grant to build the reef along with a \$20,000 contribution from TW’s Bait & Tackle.

The project has been in the works for roughly five years.

The tugboat *American* was built in Baltimore, Maryland in 1951, and was retired from use in 2012. The American started its journey from Norfolk to the reef location on Sunday afternoon.

Two more retired tugboats will join the American in spring.

Two water main breaks

On Monday, January 24 and again on Tuesday, January 25, water main breaks occurred.

The first break, which was on NC 12, affected water to 117 homes from Water Association Road to West Midgett Way in Buxton. The second break affected 80 homes on Timber Trail, Pond Run and Live Oak Lane in Frisco.

Under the existing protocols, Dare County Water department staffers are to notify homeowners in the affected area by placing door hangers on each home. The door hangers announce a system pressure advisory. Another notice is provided canceling the advisory which says required water tests are free of coliform bacteria and that a boil water advisory no longer in effect.

Coastal Federation's Oyster Roast jammed

On Saturday afternoon, the North Carolina Coastal Federation's Oyster Roast was packed with oyster lovers and supporters for the federation's coastal programming.

Some 55 bushels of steamed oysters were prepared in two oyster steamers and then deposited on long tables filled with attendees. The steamers were welded by College of The Albemarle welding students.

Music from Burkey's Quirky Friends filled Oden's dock space with jaunty toons. A silent auction drew interested folks.

The federation pushed new frontiers in serving wonderful clam chowder in real china bowls with real spoons provided. Wristbands were paper seed strips.

Volunteer fair a success

Some 26 organizations participated in the volunteer fair at Cape Hatteras Secondary on January 30. The fair, a community service project by four DECA students brought high school students and community members to visit with organizations looking for volunteers.

Radio Hatteras was pleased to participate in the fair. Listen for student and adult voices recorded at the fair at 15 and 45 minutes after each hour.

Dare County created 150 years ago on Feb. 3

On Feb. 3, 1870, the North Carolina General Assembly passed legislation titled "An Act to Lay Off and Establish a New County By the Name of "Dare."

In 16 sections, the legislation sets out the details for creating a county government.

The sections address the new county's boundaries, county rights, the first commissioners, townships, appointing a clerk of court, determining when county would participate in elections for state representative and senator, building a courthouse and jail, and surveying the county.

On the very anniversary, Monday, February 3, current Dare County Board of Commissioners Chairman Robert L. Woodard will deliver his State of the County presentation at Cape Hatteras Secondary School, starting at 5:30 in the afternoon. The presentation is dotted with historic photographs.

Electric power outages for Hatteras Island planned for Tuesday, February 4

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative has announced power outages for Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon. The outages are necessary to perform maintenance on the transmission system.

The outages will occur Tuesday, February 4.

Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo will experience hour-long outages between 8 and 9 in the morning and 3 and 4 in the afternoon.

Avon will experience brief outages on Tuesday between 8 and 9 and 3 and 4.

During this time, Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands will be served by limited diesel generators. Please make reasonable efforts to conserve electric use.

Dare County commissioners meet Feb. 4 at 9 a.m.

In the Dare County Board of Commissioners packet for the Tuesday, Feb. 4 meeting, a resolution regarding the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is on the agenda. The agenda item indicates that Board Vice Chairman Wally Overman will present the resolution.

The agenda also includes receiving the recommendation of the board's Capital Improvement Planning Committee about a selection of a consulting engineer for the Avon Village Beach Nourishment Project. Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 28, the committee reviewed three submissions for the Avon job and in a unanimous vote chose Coastal Science & Engineering Inc., has most recently worked on the Buxton renourishment project.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore superintendent Dave Hallac will review 2019 in the Outer Banks group of national parks.

Public comment is always on the agenda for these meetings. At this meeting, the Public Comment period follows the chairman's update, presentation of employee pins and announcement of the February Employee of the month.

For Hatteras Islanders, an interactive public comment space is available at the Fessenden Annex on Buxton Back Road.

Cape Hatteras varsity teams on winning streak

On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Cape Hatteras varsity basketball teams won games.

On Tuesday, a thrilling boys game ended with Cape Hatteras winning 49 to 46 over Mattamuskeet.

On Thursday, the Hurricanes played Bear Grass Charter and won 68 to 47.

And on Friday, the Hurricanes defeated Ocracoke 73 to 37.

The Lady Hurricanes defeated Mattamuskeet, 61 to 17, won against Bear Grass Charter 55 to 24 and defeated Ocracoke 65 to 21. The Cape Hatteras girls team is undefeated in the conference and have an overall season record of 10 wins to 5 losses.

The boys varsity team is 7 wins and one loss in the conference and 9 wins to 5 losses overall.

It's a Touchdown for Food Safety!

Defend Super Bowl game-day food tackling offensive bacteria and intercepting foodborne illness, reports the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Keep cross contamination off the playing field by washing hands, utensils and surfaces while preparing food. Use separate plates and cutting boards for raw and cooked or ready-to-eat foods.

Ensure your food reaches the right internal temperatures as measured with a food thermometer.

Keep food out of the "Danger Zone." Never leave perishables out for more than two hours. Keep cold food cold in the refrigerator at 40 degrees or below, in coolers or on the serving line on ice. Keep hot food, cooked or reheated, at or above 140 degrees in the oven, chafing dishes, preheated steam tables, or in warming trays.

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The meeting will be held at 5 o'clock in the afternoon at the Fessenden Center located at 46830 NC 12 Highway in Buxton. Donna Creef, Dare County Planning director, will discuss the new flood maps and concerns.

Radio Hatteras Business correspondent Tom Hranicka writes: "The new flood maps have been controversial because they reportedly reflect a disconnect between the realities of flooding on the island as we know it and the flood zones as portrayed on the new flood maps.

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Program about Marine Mammals offered

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Weekly News Summary for Sunday, February 9, 2020.

Hatteras Island had a blow Friday

On Friday, February 7, southwest winds started blowing early and continued through the late afternoon.

Around 8 a.m., Hatteras Islanders driving north on NC 12 reported easy passage. That quickly changed.

The strong southwest winds which reached 62 in Frisco and 64 in Rodanthe pushed Pamlico Sound water over NC 12 in Pea Island, in Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo and in Avon. Yards were inundated with sound water from canals, creeks and shoreline.

NC 12 was deeply flooded in Pea Island.

Around 1:15, NCDOT closed the southbound lane of NC 12 and then shut the road down entirely. When wind speed started dropping, water levels on NC 12 dropped too.

In late afternoon, the road reopened but with the cautionary notice that patches of deep saltwater remained on portions of NC 12.

The system bringing the havoc was called a cold front. Naturally, after its passage, the temperatures dropped and the skies mostly cleared.

Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is dark

On Sunday morning, Island Free Press reported that Cape Hatteras Lighthouse was dark. The online newspaper reported that the U.S. Coast Guard had been notified of the outage.

The National Park Service maintains the structure while the Coast Guard is responsible for the light operation.

Dare commissioners pass 2nd amendment resolution

On Tuesday, February 4, Dare County's Board of Commissioners on a 6-0 vote passed a resolution supporting the U.S. Constitution and with particular emphasis on the second amendment.

During public comments, some 25 citizens approached the podium.

Speaking in favor of the resolution were 10 citizens. Fifteen (15) spoke against the resolution, as reported in The Coastland Times.

The resolution, championed by board Vice Chairman Wally Overman, was simplified from a longer one presented Jan. 21.

This short resolution called the Second Amendment "the vital protector of these freedoms."

At the close of public comment, the commissioners continued with the agenda.

The resolution was listed as Agenda Item 10.

Overman moved for adoption of the resolution. Commissioner Rob Ross seconded the motion.

One by one the commissioners offered reasons for their support.

Dare celebrates 150 years

This year marks Dare County's Sesquicentennial—its 150th anniversary!

Throughout 2020, the County will celebrate its history, people, nature, businesses, culture, and services.

On Feb. 3, 1870, the North Carolina General Assembly joined parts of Currituck, Hyde, and Tyrrell counties to form a new county.

The new county was named Dare in memory of Virginia Dare, the first English child born in America. Upon the creation of Dare, Manteo was named as the county seat because of its centralized location to the various areas that make up the county. Today, the County's Administration Building and Justice Center remain located on Roanoke Island.

The next anniversary celebration event will be held at Island Farm on Roanoke Island on Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This free, family-friendly event will celebrate the life and times of the area in the late 1800s. Interpreters will be dressed in period attire and will host special activities for children. The event will also include food, games, and story-telling on the porch. A rain date has been set for May 9 in case of inclement weather.

Visit Dare150.com to explore a historical timeline map and for a fun list of 150 different ways you can celebrate Dare County!

Radio Hatteras wants to add to that timeline. Email info at radiohatteras.org with a date of importance to Hatteras Island and a brief explanation about the event.

State of the County

In his State of the County presentation at Cape Hatteras Secondary School, Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners Bob Woodard noted that in 1870 when the county was created, 2,778 residents lived in the new county.

Today, over 36,000 live in Dare County.

Around 45 people attended the presentation Monday, February 3.

In addition, Woodard shared that

112 new building permits were issued in 2019

Dare County has the 9th lowest tax rate among the state's 100 counties.

The North Carolina Transportation department spend \$2 million dollars annually to keep sand off NC 12.

New property revaluations are scheduled to be mailed in mid-February.

Dare school board taps Harvey Hess, Jr. to fill vacant seat

In a unanimous vote, Dare County Board of Education selected Harvey Hess, Jr., to fill the vacant District 2 seat on the board.

Hess, who lives in Kill Devil Hills, is a retired Dare County social studies teacher. He taught at Manteo High School where he coached the varsity wrestling team and

finished his teaching career at First Flight Middle School. He has taught economics, criminal justice and history at College of The Albemarle.

He is a businessman. Hess is an owner of Capt'n Franks, Kitty Hawk. Capt'n Franks was started in 1975 and is the second oldest, family-owned restaurant in Dare, reported Hess.

Hess, a Republican, was one of four candidates who applied to fill the vacancy. Also interviewing were Kyle Eaker (acre), an unaffiliated voter from Kill Devil Hills, Susan Bothwell, from Nags Head and the Republican candidate for the seat, and Jen Alexander, from Kill Devil Hills and the Democratic candidate for the seat.

The candidates were provided with a list of 13 questions prepared by the school board. Board chair Bea Basnight read each of the 13 questions to the applicants, who responded orally.

After all the interviews, the board took a 10-minute break and then started discussion by thanking the applicants. Ballance was the first to propose Hess and made the motion for Harvey Hess to fill the vacant seat and David Twiddy seconded the motion.

The board then recessed to the Board of Education building, where Hess was sworn in and immediately participated in a closed session.

Board of Education visits Hatteras Schools; meets here

This coming Tuesday, February 11 is Dare Board of Education day on Hatteras Island.

Starting at noon at Cape Hatteras Elementary School, board members will tour the elementary school and then the secondary school.

At 3:30, the board holds a closed meeting with its attorney and to consider confidential personnel matters and school crisis management plans.

At 5 in the afternoon, the board's regular meeting starts in the cafeteria at Cape Hatteras Secondary.

Visitation up in seashore

Last year, Cape Hatteras National Seashore received 2.6 million recreational visits for the first time since 2003, reported Cape Hatteras National Seashore Superintendent David Hallac.

Since 2015, the Seashore has experienced a yearly increase in visitation compared to the previous year. 2019 visitation was up by 15,576 visitors over 2018.

Hallac talked about the visitation increase at the February 4 Board of Commissioners meeting.

In 2020, Hallac said the seashore will continue with recovery from Hurricane Dorian, adapt to a dynamic coastline and work on improving housing for staff. He also informed the board that the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, which also celebrates its 150th anniversary this year is in line for a full-blown restoration. "It's time to preserve the lighthouse for another 100 years," said Hallac.

North Carolina Coastal Federation truly celebrates oysters with lots of friends.

On Saturday, February 1, an estimated 500 locals and visitors gathered at Oden's Dock in Hatteras village to take part in the seventh oyster roast for the coast.

Tickets sold out quickly.

Some 55 bushels of oysters were steamed in two tables welded together by College of The Albemarle students working at the North Carolina ferry division's Manns Harbor docks.

Numerous sponsors, including the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau, support the event.

In addition to steamed oysters, Hatteras-style clam chowder was prepared by Breakwater Restaurant and served in china bowls with real spoons. Cornbread came from Conner's. Wrist bands were flower-seed embedded paper strips.

Music from local band Blurky's Quirky Friends enlivened the affair.

A silent auction and bake sale added to the proceeds, all of which go to federation programs in northeastern North Carolina.

For a slide show and video of the event, visit [Island Free Press](#) online.

Beach cleanups

Along the ocean front in Waves and Salvo, Chicamacomico Banks Fire and Rescue volunteers worked for several days cleaning the beach of dangerous debris.

Volunteers filled up four dumpsters and are now using a 40-yard container from Dare County to continue the cleanup.

Debris was concentrated in the Campground Zone where three large, privately-owned campgrounds are located.

"We take the initiative and start cleaning," said Captain Jeremy Carpenter to the [Island Free Press](#). "We want to keep our visitors and our local kids safe."

In addition to the northern village work, the National Park Service removed debris from Ramp 49 to Cape Point.

For photos of the Chicamacomico Banks debris removal, go to [Island Free Press](#).

Local, early primary voting starts next week.

One-stop voting in primary races starts, Thursday, February 13 at the Fessenden Center Annex on Buxton Back Road.

Voting will take place weekdays from 8 in the morning to 7:30 at night through February 28 and then on Saturday, February 29 from 8 to 3. Two other polling places are open to all Dare County voters: Kill Devil Hills Town Hall and the Dare County Board of Elections in the Dare Administration Building on Roanoke Island.

On Saturday, February 15, Hatteras Island Republicans will gather at 2 in the afternoon at the Buxton Volunteer Fire Department. Registered Republicans will vote for delegates to the Republican county convention set for March 14.

The meeting is open to the public. A designated protest area for anti-Trump demonstrators will be set up.

Democrats on Hatteras Island have not yet announced local precinct meetings.

Coming up this Week

On Thursday, February 13, the Dare County Planning Board will hold an informational meeting about the updated flood maps for Dare County. Many properties have been reclassified on the new flood maps, in many instances at a lower risk flood zone.

The meeting will be held at 5 o'clock in the afternoon at the Fessenden Center located at 46830 NC 12 Highway in Buxton. Donna Creef, Dare County Planning director, will discuss the new flood maps and concerns.

Starry Nights in Hatteras

On Saturday, February 15, Starry Nights Hatteras takes place starting at 2 in the afternoon at the Hatteras Village Community Building. Presented by Morehead Planetarium and Science Center from UNC Chapel Hill, the event features astronaut training preparing for a Mars Explorer Mission!, Live telescope viewing, and Planetarium movie Astronaut. All ages welcome; particularly kids.

Fair Haven United Methodist Church

Starting February 19 at 6 o'clock, the church embarks on a new ministry called "The Harbor."

Dinner starts at 6 and is followed by fellowship for the whole family, activities and homework, tutoring for youth, bible study and conversation groups offered for adults.

The program will continue on Wednesdays through the year.

Far Out Calendar

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Update on flood insurance maps provided

Last Thursday, Donna Creef, Dare County Planning Director provided a comprehensive update on the new flood maps scheduled to take effect June 19. Business correspondent Tom Hranicka attended the meeting at the Fessenden Center and filed this report.

Concerns voiced about the new flood maps are:

First, some areas that have historically experienced flooding are labeled X zones, meaning flood insurance is not needed. Some of these properties are shown with decreased base flood elevations.

Next, the revised maps do not accurately show flood hazards or extreme rainfall amounts.

And, the maps fail to realize true flood risk and assume there is no risk in X zones. Officials are afraid property owners seeing an X zone label may choose to discontinue flood insurance coverage.

Guidance provided included do not discontinue your flood insurance coverages and call your insurance agent to discuss the impacts of the new maps.

Remember: Low risk is not no risk.

Avon beach nourishment is advancing.

The consulting engineering contract for the Avon Village Beach Nourishment Project is before the commissioners for approval on February 18. The preliminary work will cover the area from the Avon Pier and Askins Creek North Drive, about one and a half miles.

The engineering firm will deliver a Phase I report in August 2020. The report will include a beach condition survey and offshore boring and sand search. The fee is \$166,960.

Cape Hatteras Secondary's media center restoration approved

On Tuesday, February 11, Dare County's Board of Education met at Cape Hatteras Secondary School.

The board unanimously approved two contracts to fix the Cape Hatteras Secondary media center.

Wind and debris from Hurricane Dorian delivered significant damage to the media center.

A new metal roof will be built by Muter Construction out of Zebulon at a cost of \$167,500 dollars. The new media center roof will match the new roof over the gymnasium.

A furniture and fixtures contract was approved. Brame Specialty with offices in Rocky Mount and Wilmington is the contractor. The project cost is \$248,058 dollars.

Funding comes from the federal restart schools program, reported Superintendent Farrelly.

The school board meets at every school during the school year. At meetings like the one at Cape Hatteras Secondary, staff and student accomplishments are noted with certificates. For a complete list of those honored at Cape Hatteras Secondary, see the weekend edition of The Coastland Times.

Last year was good for businesses on Hatteras Island

Business Correspondent Tom Hranicka reports all economic indicators for 2019 were up.

Meal tax receipts, reflecting the health of food service businesses, were 7 percent higher than 2018.

Occupancy tax, showing condition of the accommodation industry, rose a little over 5 percent last year.

Real estate results posted an 11 point 5 percent increase in the median sale price of residential property and a 12 percent growth in the total dollar value of residential sales.

The market for undeveloped lots surged with double digit growth.

And, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore received 2 point 6 million visitors last year. This is the highest number since 2003. Visitation has increased every year since 2015.

Novel Coronavirus Task Force created to continue protective efforts

On Feb. 11, Gov. Roy Cooper created a state Novel Coronavirus Task Force. The task force will continue to work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and coordinate across state agencies to protect the health and wellbeing of North Carolinians.

The risk to the general public in North Carolina, especially without history of travel to China, is still considered very low at this time. The steps to take to prevent the spread of flu and the common cold could also help prevent the spread of other respiratory viruses.

Those steps are washing hands, covering mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, avoiding exposure to those who are sick and staying home when ill. Influenza season continues.

As of February 8, influenza-like illness in North Carolina continued to increase in North Carolina. To date, 75 deaths have been attributed to influenza.

Cape Hatteras light was dark

Last weekend, the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse was dark.

The lighthouse was re-lit around 7 o'clock Sunday evening, February 9, after repairs were made by the U.S. Coast Guard, reports the Island Free Press.

Primary election underway

Early voting for the March 3 primary election started Thursday, February 13, 2020.

The Fessenden Center Annex on Buxton Back Road is the Hatteras Island early voting poll site.

The annex on Buxton Back Road is open from 8 in the morning to 7:30 at night, Monday through Friday. The site is closed on Saturdays, except Saturday, February 29, when it will be open from 8 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon. Feb. 29 is the last day to vote early before the March 3 primary election day. Voters can also cast early ballots at the Dare County Administration Building in Manteo and the Kill Devil Hills Town Hall.

Dare commissioners meet Tuesday, February 18 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Additional items on the agenda include

- a request from a Southern Shores Committee to add a Northern Beach library to the next year's county budget.
- a presentation on the results of the countywide revaluation.
- a report from the Soil and Water Conservation District will be delivered.

Cape Hatteras sports report

At Cape Hatteras Secondary School, the Atlantic 5 Conference basketball playoffs are scheduled for this week.

Both the girls and boys varsity basketball teams are playing in the semi-finals on Wednesday, February 19. The girls game starts at 6 and the boys around 7:30.

Conference admission price is \$7 dollars for all.

If the teams are victorious, the finals will be played in Columbia, Friday, February 21.

And, baseball starts on Saturday, February 22 with a home scrimmage against First Flight High School scheduled at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The current weather prediction is sunny with a high around 50 degrees.

Salute for seniors held and royal court announced.

This past Monday, Feb. 10, Cape Hatteras Secondary saluted its senior winter sports participants and presented the Homecoming Court.

The seniors saluted are:

Cheerleader Victoria Williams

Girls Basketball players Sophie Waterfield and Lexus Meekins

And boys basketball players José Cirisa, John Contestable, Dylan Gray, Zachary Huizing and Junias Torres.

The Royal Homecoming court included King and Queen Dylan Gray and Hailey Quidley; Prince and Princess Hobson Freye and Chloe Flythe; and Duke and Duchess José Cirisa and Lexus Meekins.

The **Dare County Friends of Youth** program needs caring adult volunteers to mentor young people in the community. For information, call 252-475-5753.

What's happening on Hatteras Island this week?

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Celebrating 20 years

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Native American Journey

The Frisco Native American Museum is hosting a Native American Journey Festival on April 25 and 26 at the Museum in Frisco.

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Weekly news summary for February 23, 2020.

Revaluation reported to commissioners

Countywide results of the 2020 property revaluation were delivered to the Dare County Board of Commissioners, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020.

The value of the county's property tax base increased by an overall 26 percent to \$15 point 92 billion, reported The Coastland Times.

Dare's commissioners last revalued property seven years ago in 2013. An annual average percentage increase in value over seven years is 3.7 percent.

This is a preliminary report as an appeals process must be completed.

On Hatteras Island, property values increased in Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo by 23 percent, in Avon by 18 percent, in Buxton by 31 percent, in Frisco by 25 percent and in Hatteras village by 26 percent.

By law the Dare County Commissioners must publish a revenue neutral tax rate in revaluation years. A revenue neutral rate produces no new revenue for the upcoming fiscal year. The county commissioners will determine the tax rate during the budget process now underway.

Dare County uses a sales comparison approach to come up with a fair market value. All of Dare's 41,343 parcels were visited and four years of property sales were analyzed.

The 2020 Notices of Assessed Value will be mailed to each property owner on February 25, 2020. If you are appealing, the appeal must be received by mail or electronically or in person by Tuesday, March 17.

Dare County has established a Revaluation page on its website. Go to darenc.com/2020-revaluation. The web page has complete details on the informal and formal appeals process and additional information.

Avon and Hatteras village action at the board meeting

Last Tuesday, Dare's commissioners approved a consulting engineering contract with Coastal Science and Engineering for preliminary work on an Avon Beach Nourishment Project. The project will cover the area from the Avon Pier to Askins Creek North Drive, a distance of about 1 and a half miles. The contract timeline calls for the feasibility study to be ready around the end of August this year. The cost is slightly less than \$167,000 dollars.

The commissioners approved an easement agreement in front of the Hatteras Village Medical Center for installation of the sidewalk. A detailed engineered plan for the village's sidewalk is underway.

Commissioners on Hatteras Island

Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners Bob Woodard announced that the board will hold its April 20 regularly scheduled meeting at the Fessenden Center in Buxton. The meeting starts at 5 p.m. Public comment usually follows the Chairman's Opening Remarks.

Almost a dozen awards received for the new Oregon Inlet bridge

Impressive design and construction awards have been bestowed on the new Marc Basnight Oregon Inlet Bridge.

The bridge has been recognized as the Number 2 bridge project in 2019 in North America by Roads and Bridges Magazine. The designation is based on challenges, impact to region and scope of work.

In 2019, the bridge project was tapped for design excellence as the Project of the Year by the American Society of Civil Engineers, North Carolina Section. The bridge won a Globe Award from American Road and Transportation Builders Association for protecting the natural environment during planning and construction.

In 2020, the bridge won a Grand Award for Engineering Excellence from the American Council of Engineering Companies of North Carolina. The Oregon Inlet bridge project goes forward to compete at the national level. The national award will be announced in Washington, D.C. on April 28.

HDR, Incorporated, served as the bridge designer and engineer. The firm is quick to point out that it was just a part of the team that delivered the award winning bridge.

Well, weather again conversation topic.

Overnight Thursday, snow arrived in portions of northeast North Carolina, but not on Hatteras Island.

On Hatteras Island Friday morning, only a brief flurry of snow visited Rodanthe, Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras. The snowflakes were described a big and wet. No snow was reported in northern Dare or Stumpy Point.

However, the National Weather Service reported snowfall inland, like Snow Hill with 4 inches. NCDOT said Hertford had 5 inches. Currituck registered less than an inch.

Pamlico Sound waters, driven by north northeast wind, filled Slash Creek and rose to the top of bulkheads but didn't overflow. Some low-lying soundside properties saw minor flooding.

It was cold. By midnight Friday, the temperature in Frisco was 37 with a wind chill of 29 degrees

On Friday morning, due to strong winds, ferries from Hatteras, Swan Quarter and Cedar Island to Ocracoke were not running. Hatteras village to Ocracoke route is open and running on schedule.

The winter storm affected the entire statewide.

No fatal collisions were reported. Some roads and bridges were closed due to icy conditions.

Power outages peaked at about 30,000 before 11 Thursday night, but by Friday morning only 13,000 homes and businesses were without power.

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative reported no one reported power outages though three outages in unoccupied houses were found through the automated management system Friday morning.

Statewide, Friday morning, 86 school districts were closed and 17 announced late openings. Dare Schools announced no Friday school the day before.

On Friday, NCDOT reported NC 12 on Hatteras Island was passable though crews worked to clear traffic lanes of windblown sand.

Small mesh gill nets under review

The state's Division of Marine Fisheries, at the behest of the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality, will conduct a review of regulations governing small mesh gill nests in the state's fisheries.

Fisheries regulators are to identify amendments about minimum mesh size, total yardage and attendance. By this spring, the division must issue a proclamation limiting yardage.

All three Cape Hatteras Secondary Basketball teams are conference champions.

On Saturday night in Columbia, Cape Hatteras Hurricane basketball teams won the Atlantic Five conference championships.

The boys junior varsity team defeated Columbia 66 to 61 for the conference title. The boys varsity team won 43-35 against Columbia with Ayden Paddock scoring 11 points and Dylan Gray 15.

Cape Hatteras girls were undefeated in regular season conference play. Bear Grass forfeited the championship game due to lack of players. Cape Hatteras played against Columbia in a non-conference game and won 57 to 31.

The first round of state playoffs is calendared for Tuesday, February 25.

Upcoming this week

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March 2020

Weekly News Summary:

Weekly News Summary for March 1, 2020.

North Carolina Press Association awards come to Outer Banks news outlets

In Raleigh, Thursday night, several Outer Banks online and print news organizations received awards. Over 4,400 entries from more than 200 North Carolina news organizations were judged for the annual contest.

Island Free Press, which covers Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands online, won 16 awards, including 13 editorial awards and three advertising awards.

Staff members winning awards are Donna Barnett, Joy Crist, Kristin Hisson, Meg Philips, Don Bowers and Jenni Koontz.

Island Free Press is one of the first underwriters for Radio Hatteras.

The Ocracoke Observer won 10 awards. Congratulations to Connie Leinbach, Peter Vankevich, Casey Robertson, Will Adams and Pat Garber. Leinbach won third place for headline writing with Nest knitters needed now.

Catherine Kozak, a writer for Coastal Review Online, won first place in City, County Government Reporting.

In print publications, Outer Banks Milepost Magazine, a community newspaper with over 10,000 circulation, came home with eight awards. Congratulations to Stephen Templeton, Chris Bickford, Leo Gibson, Jesse Davis, and the staff for Best Use of Photography.

The Coastland Times won nine awards. Congratulations to Daryl Law, Danielle Puleo (Pu lay o), Hannah Caton, Philip Ruckle and Mary Helen Goodloe-Murphy.

No cell or internet; then no power briefly

On Thursday, Feb. 27, Hatteras Islanders were without cell and internet service from mid-morning to mid-afternoon.

Just north of Pea Island National Wildlife Visitor Center, the fiber optic cable, which was not buried at the correct depth, was snapped during a N C D O T clean-up operation on NC 12.

Later that night, around 10:15, a power outage for Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands was announced by Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative. The cooperative's crew repaired an Avon transmission switch that was arching. The outage was expected to last about an hour. But at 10:25 the repair was finished and electric power flowed again.

Apply for a 2020 Census job at Fessenden Center, Monday March 2

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting for hundreds of positions in Dare County for temporary full and part-time jobs in advance of the 2020 Census.

On Monday, March 2, the N C Works Bus will accept Census applications at the Fessenden Center in Buxton from 10:30 in the morning to 1:30 in the afternoon. Applications can be filled out in the N C Works Bus.

A single application allows you to be considered for several positions, including census taker, recruiting assistant, office clerk, and supervisory staff. Pay varies by position; however, Census Taker Positions in Dare County earn \$17 an hour with the possibility of reimbursement for work-related mileage and expenses. To be eligible for a 2020 Census job, applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number and pass a background check.

2020 recreation flounder season announced

Division of Marine Fisheries Director Steve Murphey has announced that the 2020 recreational flounder season will be Aug. 16 through Sept. 30 for internal and ocean waters of the state.

The minimum size limit will remain at 15 inches total length, and the creel limit will remain at four fish per person per day during the open recreational season. Since all species of flounder are managed under the same recreational regulations, the recreational season applies to all recreational flounder fishing.

Survey of commercial fishermen underway

A new study will calculate the economic impacts of North Carolina's commercial fishing industry. All active commercial fishermen — almost 2,500 individuals — are receiving a survey by mail as part of the research.

Those who fill the survey out will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card. Completed surveys should be returned by March 20, 2020.

The survey aims to gather the total economic value of the seafood industry in North Carolina. That value is seafood sales **and also** the money spent on fuel, boat repair and jobs at seafood processing facilities and restaurants.

If you are an active commercial waterman and didn't receive a survey call 910-962-4026.

High School spring sports start this week.

Basketball season is over for the Cape Hatteras Secondary varsity teams. Both teams lost in the first round of the state playoffs before a hometown crowd. The girls team lost to River Mill Academy 53 to 45. The boys team lost to Warren County by four points, 40 to 36.

Now it's time for spring sports. All but one baseball and softball game will be played out-of-town this week. On Tuesday, March 3, the boys Junior Varsity Baseball team will entertain Manteo High School's team. The game starts at 4:30 in the afternoon. It could be windy but the temperature will be near 62 degrees.

The Co-ed varsity track team is also in action at Edenton Holmes High School.

Coming up this week

Dare's Board of Commissioners meets at 9 Monday morning, March 2, in the Commissioners Meeting Room, in the Dare County government complex in Manteo.

On the agenda is a report about Coronavirus from Dare County Public Health Director Sheila Davies. Hatteras Islanders can make public comment at the Fessenden Center.

Remember on Monday the N C Works bus will be at the Fessenden Center from 10:30 to 1:30 for making job applications with the U.S. Census.

On Wednesday, March 4, Road to a Healthier You will be presented at the Hatteras Library by experts from the Center for Healthy Living from the Outer Banks Hospital. The presentation is set to start at 1:30. To register, call 449-7300.

On Thursday, March 5, N C D O T will hold a meeting to update the community about construction of the Rodanthe Bridge. The meeting will start at 6 in the evening at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building, 23646 NC 12, Rodanthe.

On Saturday, March 7, celebrate reading at a Dr. Seuss birthday party. The celebration runs from noon to 2 at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building in Rodanthe. Lots of fun games, snacks and books.

Daylight savings times starts at 2 a.m., Sunday, March 8. Spring ahead or you'll miss our 5 o'clock weekly news show.

Radio Hatteras will present the Far Out Calendar on Wednesday at 5 in the afternoon. Listen then for events scheduled later in March.

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Weekly News Summary for March 8, 2020.

Today, March 8 is International Women's Day

The roots of National Women's History Month go back to March 8, 1857, when women from various New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. International Women's Day was first observed in 1909, but it was not until 1981 that Congress established National Women's History Week to be commemorated annually the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the president has issued a proclamation.

This year's Presidential Proclamation signed by President Donald J. Trump begins thusly:

"Women have influenced and advanced every facet of American life and culture. The strength, ingenuity, and spirit of our female leaders, innovators, and pioneers shape our Nation's character, government, industry, families, and communities. During Women's History Month, we honor the women who have changed our Nation and the world, and we reaffirm our commitment to supporting the next generation of female trailblazers and dreamers as they carry forward this distinguished legacy."

Ocean Water on NC 12

On Sunday morning around 9, water and sand was on NC 12 in Buxton, Rodanthe's Mirlo Beach, the S curves North of Rodanthe and Pea Island. It was also on Buxton's Old Lighthouse Road and Avon's Oceanview Drive. NC 12 was still passable.

A High Surf Advisory remains in effect until 11 tonight. Large breaking waves of 8 to 12 feet are expected in the surf zone around high tide early this evening.

Stranded fishing vessel still close to Oregon Inlet

On Sunday morning March 1, U.S. Coast Guard Station Oregon Inlet responded to a grounded fishing vessel, located between Oregon Inlet and ORV Ramp 4 off of Bodie Island.

The crew of the 72-foot scallop boat was safely removed by an air crew from U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City.

The vessel called the Fishing Vessel Ocean Pursuit is steel-hulled. As of Sunday morning, the vessel remains stranded.

Primary Election Results

In Dare County, only one March 3 primary was held for local offices.

For Board of Commissioners District 3, representing Duck, Southern Shores and Kitty Hawk, incumbent Republican Steve House won his primary against Paul Wright. House polled 1,815 votes or 61 percent. Wright garnered 1,169 votes or 39 percent.

On Hatteras Island, House won 4 of 5 precincts. Only Chicamacomico Republicans supported Wright.

In the General Election on Nov. 3, House is opposed by Democrat Kathy McCullough-Testa.

In the presidential preference primary, 15 of 16 Dare precincts voted for Joe Biden for the Democrat nominee. Voters in Stumpy Point tied, casting 5 votes for each Biden and Bernie Sanders. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate, won all precincts.

In the U.S. Senate Race, Thom Tillis won 15 of the 16 precincts for the Republican nomination. East Lake precinct voted 3 to 2 for Paul Wright. Cal Cunningham, the statewide Democratic nominee, claimed almost 53 percent of the vote and 13 precincts including all of Hatteras Island. Mainland Dare County's three precincts voted for other candidates.

In November's General Election, unopposed commissioners are Wally Overman who represents Roanoke Island and mainland Dare and Danny Couch who represents Hatteras Island.

Incumbent Republican Bob Woodard is opposed by Democrat Amanda Hooper. For the Board of Education, Republican Mary Ellon Ballance, who represents Hatteras Island, is unopposed.

School board chairwoman Bea Basnight, a Democrat, is opposed by Republican Carl Woody the second for the seat representing Roanoke Island and the Mainland. In the at-large seat, Republican David Twiddy from Manteo is opposed by Republican Charles Parker from Kill Devil Hills.

Democrat Jen Alexander and Republican Susan Bothwell are vying for the seat vacated by Ben Sproul, who is now the Mayor of Kill Devil Hills.

Transportation officials hold update meet about Rodanthe Bridge.

Completion of the Rodanthe bridge is expected in the Fall of 2021.

The bridge is about 28 percent completed as of March 5. Three months ago, the bridge was 24 percent completed. Progress has been slowed by weather.

N C D O T's engineer Pablo Hernandez said it has not been a kind winter.

The bridge is expected to cost \$145 point 3 million.

As of March 5, 33 of the 109 bents have been installed. 121 of 348 piles have been driven. 18 of 107 spans of bridge decking are in place.

Work on the roundabout is expected to resume sometime between late March and mid-April.

Prior to the Rodanthe bridge status summary, N C D O T's John Conforti briefed the small group about studies underway in Pea Island. The study is called the Coastal Monitoring Program.

Since 2010 the study has looked both soundside and Oceanside and the land in Pea Island from Oregon Inlet to Rodanthe.

Date gathering includes island width, dune elevation and critical buffer between the road and surf zone. To find trouble spots, researchers look for an island width of 1,000 feet, a dune height less than 10 feet and a 230-foot critical buffer between the edge of pavement and the shoreline.

When the three criteria line-up action needs to be taken. The only place with all three criteria place is the S-curves north of Rodanthe which the Rodanthe bridge addresses.

There are other places where two of the three criteria are present.

"We're trying to take the surprise out," said Hernandez.

Some Hatteras Islanders will experience power outages March 10

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative has issued an outage notice for Tuesday, March 10.

On that day, Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo will experience two 1-hour power outages scheduled from 9 to 10 a.m. and Noon to 1 p.m.

Avon will experience a four-hour outage from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Maintenance to the transmission system requires the outages.

Stay Prepared & Informed Regarding Coronavirus

The Dare County Department of Health & Human Services wants to remind the public to stay prepared and informed regarding the Coronavirus.

Four sources are available to get accurate and reliable information. Call 1-866-462-3821. Online reliable sources include coronavirus pages at [cdc dot gov](https://www.cdc.gov), [dare n c dot gov](https://www.darenc.gov), [n c d h h s dot gov](https://www.ncdhhhs.gov) and [who dot I n t](https://www.who.int).

Coronavirus symptoms can be similar to the flu, and include coughing, fever and difficulty breathing. Most people who become sick with Coronavirus will recover on their own. Symptoms are typically mild to moderate, but there have been individuals with severe symptoms and death due to the virus.

While there is no specific treatment for Coronavirus, some things you relieve symptoms, are

- Taking pain and fever-reducing medications (caution: do not give aspirin to children).
- Using a humidifier or taking a hot shower to ease a sore throat and cough.
- Drinking plenty of liquids and stay home and rest.

If your symptoms require medical care, call your healthcare provider's office prior to seeking care. Call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and/or exposure to sick individuals, and symptoms.

Daytime Lane Closures to Resume Monday on Oregon Inlet Bridge

Daytime lane closures in the work zone around the Oregon Inlet Bridge in Dare County will resume March 9.

During the lane closures, workers will complete "punch list" items on the bridge project.

Motorists should be aware of the possibility of daytime lane closures at any time from 7 a.m. Mondays through 3 p.m. Fridays.

One lane of traffic will be open at all times.

Drivers are urged to slow down and use caution while crews are at work.

The work is expected to be complete by mid-June.

Hatteras baseball and softball tournaments set for weekend

The 5th Annual Cape Hatteras Sandlot Tournament is set for this weekend, March 13 and 14.

Good local baseball and softball are scheduled for teams from Manteo, Currituck, Bear Grass and Hatteras Island.

It's all for a mighty cause to "Knock Cancer Out of the Park." A canned food drive for the Hatteras Island Food Pantry goes along with the tournament. Cape Hatteras Secondary's Booster Club will serve up good food. A silent auction supports the baseball and softball programs at Cape Hatteras Secondary.

Game times for both softball and baseball are:

Friday at 4: Bear Grass and Cape Hatteras play; at 6 Currituck and Manteo face off.

Saturday at noon, consolation games start. At 2 the cancer awareness event happens followed at 3 by the championship game. At 5 awards will be handed out.

Admission for fans is \$5 per day for adults and \$4 per day for students.

More events coming this week

On Tuesday, March 10, Outer Banks National Parks Superintendent David Hallac will hold a community meeting to review visitation patterns and park activities in 2019. The meeting will start at 6 o'clock at the Fessenden Center Annex on Buxton Back Road.

The Cape Hatteras Anglers Club invites residents and visitors to Wednesday Night Bingo March 11 at the Anglers Club, located on Light Plant Road in Buxton. Light Plant Road is directly across Highway 12 from Conner's Supermarket. Doors open at 6:30 in the evening. Games begin promptly at 7. Snacks are available. Games are all cash prizes. Proceeds benefit the Anglers Club scholarship program for local high school seniors and other island non-profit organizations.

The registration deadline for the 32nd Annual Outer Banks Senior Games and Silver Arts is open until March 13. The cost is \$15 for up to four events. Registration forms are available at the Fessenden Center.

Listen for our Far Out calendar on Wednesday at 5 o'clock.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly news summary for March 15, 2020.

As of 11 a.m., Sunday morning, no individual in Dare County has tested positive for the coronavirus, reports Dare County Health's spokeswoman.

On Saturday, March 14, Gov. Roy Cooper issued an Executive Order Number 117 closing all North Carolina Schools for two weeks starting Monday, March 16 and banning all mass gatherings of more than 100 people.

On Saturday in response to that Executive Order, Dare County Schools Superintendent John Farrelly announced that a K through 12 Remote Learning Plan was in place and will start this upcoming week.

Dare County's Board of Education has purchased take-home electronic devices, Chromebooks, for every child in grades six through twelve. Every student in grades three through five has electronic devices at respective schools. Students who have internet available devices at home are not required to use school-issued electronics. Students in grades three through five can pick up school-issued devices on Monday.

A more detailed message from Dare Schools will run after this program and repeat at 8 tonight and Noon Monday.

The governor's executive order closes schools until Monday, March 30.

As to mass gatherings, the Executive Order bans all gatherings that bring together more than 100 persons in a single room or single space at the same time. This includes spaces such as auditoriums, meeting halls, theaters inside or outside. It does not include transportation hubs, grocery stores, offices, retail stores.

Previously, Governor Cooper had asked North Carolinians to limit gatherings. But some concert venues moved forward with events. "No concert is worth the spread of this pandemic," said the governor.

The Executive Order does not include child care facilities. The order lasts 30 days. As of 11 this morning, North Carolina had 32 cases with no deaths. The number of diagnosed cases in Wake County was 14, in Mecklenburg four, in Forsyth two, in Harnett two, in Johnston two and one case in each of the following counties: Watuga, Cabarrus, Durham, Chatham, Wayne and along the coast Brunswick, Onslow and Craven counties.

County officials meet

On Friday morning, Dare County elected officials gathered at the county's Emergency Operations Center. *That afternoon, Dare County Board of Commissioners chairman Bob Woodard issued the following statement:*

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Dare Detention Center closed to visitors

On March 13, in accordance with the state guidelines, for the Dare County Detention Center, all visitation, professional visits and programs are cancelled until further notice. Attorneys may telephone the Detention Center to schedule a phone conference with an inmate.

Most Court cases moved out 30 days.

Most North Carolina District and Superior court cases will be postponed for at least 30 days.

North Carolina Chief Justice Cheri Beasley made the announcement Friday, March 13, 2020.

The order drastically reduces COVID-19 exposure in crowded courtrooms. Chief Justice Beasley said, "Today's order will allow us to drastically reduce the exposure caused by crowded sessions of court, which often bring hundreds of people at a time into our courthouses."

Exceptions are proceedings:

- that can be conducted remotely;
- that are necessary to preserve the right to due process of law
- that are for emergency relief
- the senior resident superior court judge or chief district court judge determines that the proceeding can be conducted under conditions that protect the health and safety of all participants.

Hospital visits limited

Effective Friday, March 13, in an abundance of caution, the following visitation restrictions are in place at all Vidant hospitals, which include the Outer Banks Hospital:

Only immediate family members over the age of 16 and not exhibiting any symptoms of illness may visit a Vidant hospital. These restrictions apply to all areas of the hospital, not just patient areas.

Extra prescriptions available

All health benefit plans licensed in North Carolina must allow for extra prescriptions as a result of the state of emergency declared by Governor Roy Cooper.

Insured persons may obtain one refill on a prescription if there are authorized refills and not contrary to dispensing authority of the pharmacy.

The emergency order is in effect until April 29.

Insurance Commissioner Causey reports that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina has agreed to waive copays for coronavirus diagnostic testing. Many insurers have also agreed to cover telemedicine or virtual visits to allow people to remotely speak to their doctors.

For the most up to date information, visit your insurer's website.

School sports programs stopped

All interscholastic athletics are suspended through Monday, April 6, 2020. This includes all workouts, skill development, practices, and contests. The North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors will assess this situation regularly over the next few weeks and proceed accordingly.

Postponed

Avon St. Baldrick's Day was set for Saturday, March 21 from 3 to 6 p.m. It is postponed. The local organizers are working with St. Baldrick's Foundation and the new location, the Parlor in Kinnakeet, to set a new time.

Chamber Music Concert Cancelled, Other Ticket Sales Suspended

The Don and Catharine Bryan Cultural Series and the 4 Seasons Chamber Music Festival have agreed to cancel the performance scheduled for April 18 at St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church. All tickets will be refunded.

Further, the Series has suspended ticket sales for the Ocracoke Alive Benefit Concert scheduled for May 8 pending a review in early April of the prospects for the concert going forward. Refunds are available.

To receive a refund, call 252-207-5287.

An Upcoming events - - - maybe.

On Wednesday, March 18, the Division of Motor Vehicles mobile unit will be at the Hatteras Village Civic Center from 10 to 2 only.

Where to go for reliable information.

Reliable sources of information about the Coronavirus are important. Check these online sites or call one of the information lines.

Dare n c dot gov slash c o v i d 19 or call 252-475-5008

N c d h h s dot gov slash coronavirus or call 866-462-3821

c d c dot gov slash coronavirus

For Hatteras Island news, go to Island Free Press.

** Two additional segments follow this news broadcast.*

- Two Dare County health officials bring information about coronavirus.

- And, information from Dare County Schools about the school closure.

This is Radio Hatteras. Be safe out there.

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, March 22, 2020.

Radio Hatteras starts this news summary with a message from Dare County Commissioner Bob Woodard.

**Insert recorded message.*

First, as of today, Sunday, March 22, no individuals in Dare County have tested positive for COVID-19. Dare County's response to the coronavirus formally started Monday, March 16 at 1:15 in the afternoon.

The Dare County Control Group met first thing Monday morning to consider actions that needed to be taken for the safety of Dare citizens.

At 1:15 that afternoon, the public was notified that the Control Group had declared a State of Emergency

The declaration allowed the County and individual towns to quickly implement restrictions necessary to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

Bulletin No. 1 restricted mass gatherings to less than 50 people, the guidance established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at the time. The suggested group size is now 10 people or less.

The control group established a Joint Information Center, which has been releasing updates once or twice a day along with videos posted on youtube.

A Dare County hotline opened at 2 o'clock Monday. The number for the hotline is 252- 475-5008. It's staffed daily from 8:30 to 5.

On Monday, Dare County closed the Fessenden Center and the Hatteras Library.

All Parks and Recreation program were shut down. All county libraries were closed along with other facilities in an effort to stop the spread of the virus. All advisory board meetings without remote capability were cancelled.

Dare County offices remain open but with stern notices to call before visiting an office to find out if something can be handled online or over the phone.

On Tuesday, March 17, the control group prohibited visitor entry to Dare County, effective at 2 o'clock. Check points were established by Dare County Sheriff's deputies at the Wright Memorial Bridge and in Manns Harbor. The order also stated that visitors to Ocracoke and Currituck County beaches would not be permitted to transit Dare County.

Hyde and Currituck counties followed Dare's action, prohibiting visitor access. North Carolina ferries adjusted schedules on Friday.

The initial closure applied to visitors only. Problems with entry emerged. On Friday March 20, non-resident property owners were barred from entry.

Citizens from Currituck, Hyde, and Tyrrell counties may enter Dare County to conduct business, work or attend medical appointments.

Also, on March 17, Gov. Roy Cooper issued a statewide Executive Order closing restaurants and bars to sit-down meals but permitting carry-out and delivery of orders. Go to the Facebook page Hatteras Island Restaurant Updates for information or call your island favorite place to see if these establishment is still operating.

Also in the governor's order are changes in unemployment benefit filing making it easier for workers without jobs to file. Claims can be made online. Employers will not be billed for benefits issued to employees.

Dare County continues to emphasize practicing social distancing. The messages is simple. Every single person in this county plays a role in helping reduce the transmission of the virus.

Access to reliable information is available at Darenc.com/covid19 or at cdc.gov/coronavirus or ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus.

Additional limits on visitors at The Outer Banks Hospital

Due to the spread of COVID-19 in eastern North Carolina, The Outer Banks Hospital is now prohibiting all visitors. To accommodate special circumstances on a case-by-case basis, some areas allow one healthy adult visitor like maternity, clinics inside the hospital, end of life patients, discharge pickup.

Beginning Monday, March 23, The Outer Banks Hospital is rescheduling outpatient procedures and visits that can wait a few weeks.

Hyde County does not have a case of Coronavirus

On Saturday, March 21, Hyde County initially reported a case of Coronavirus. Contact tracing proved otherwise. The identified case was isolating in another county, where the individual lives. The individual has more than one address and used a Hyde County address. The individual reports no travel to Hyde County during or after the illness and no contact with an individual in Hyde County.

School restarts

In Dare County, school resumes online on Monday, March 23. Students and parents can find information on daretolearn.org.

Meals are available for all Dare County students to age 18. The meals are served Monday through Friday. Breakfast is served from 7:45 to 8:45 and lunch is from 11 to 12:30. Locations on Hatteras Island are Cape Hatteras Elementary School, Hatteras village community center, Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo community building and in Avon in the parking lot next to Burger Burger at the intersection of Harbor Road and NC 12. Look for the school bus.

Tax deadline extended

The filing deadline for federal and state individual and corporate income taxes has been extended to July 15.

The state's Revenue Department will not charge penalties for those filing and paying taxes as long as the returns are filed before July 15, 2020.

However, the department cannot offer relief from interest charged to filings after April 15. Unless state law is changed, tax payments received after April 15 will be charged accruing interest over the period from April 15 until the date of payment.

2020 Census

As of March 21, 16.7 percent of households have responded to the 2020 Census since invitations began arriving in mailboxes on March 12.

Dare County's response rate is 6 percent. Take time now to fill out the 2020 census.

Lots of Hatteras Island beloved places to visit are closed and events canceled.

Included are Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, Frisco Native American Museum and Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station. The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Visitor Center is closed, but grounds are open. Beaches are open for walking and driving and surfing. Watch for pre-nesting closures.

Large Item Pickup cancelled on Hatteras Island

On March 24, March 31 and April 1, Dare County Public Works Department had scheduled large item pickup on Hatteras Island.

Public Works has cancelled those dates and will reschedule pickup at later date.

Pickup was scheduled in Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras on March 24; in Avon, March 31; and in Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo on April 1.

Please do not place items on the roadside at this time.

Next, Sheila Davies, Dare County Public Health Director, presents her report prepared on Saturday afternoon.

This is Radio Hatteras. Be safe out there!

Weekly news summary for March 29, 2020.

Stay home. Stay safe.

That's the message from Dare County's Control Group.

At 1 and then at 2, Friday afternoon, a Declaration was issued by the Control Group ordering Dare folks to stay at home to prevent the possible spread of the coronavirus in Dare County.

At 4 o'clock, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper issued a similar order.

On Saturday, the Dare County Control Group decided to align Dare County with the Governor's order and guidelines that will be statewide. Dare's order went into effect Saturday, March 28 at 5 o'clock.

Both documents order all individuals to stay at home, except for Essential Activities.

In general, Essential Activities fall under these categories

— For health and safety

— To get necessary supplies and services

— For outdoor activities (walking, hiking, golfing, running, cycling, accessing the beach and parks that remain open) while maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from others at all times.

— For certain types of work

— To take care of others in need

— To go to place of worship

— To receive goods and services from an Essential Business

— Volunteering with organizations providing charitable services

Essential Businesses and Operations listed in the governor's Executive Order number 30 separate types. Go to governor.nc.gov/news/executive-orders and look for Order No. 121 for a complete list.

Some essential Business categories include healthcare, human services, infrastructure work, government operations, those that sell groceries and medicine, food production including fishing, media, gas stations, roadside assistance, financial institutions, hardware stores, building and construction trades needed to maintain residences and essential businesses, mail and pickup/delivery services, restaurants for curbside pick-up or delivery, professional services like real estate and legal services, and many others.

Gatherings are now limited to 10 people.

All closings previously promulgated stay in place. Public Schools are still closed.

No haircuts are available, for example.

Essential businesses as defined in the Executive Order may remain open. Other non-essential businesses must remain closed unless permitted by the Secretary of Revenue to which individual businesses can apply for an exemption.

The governor's order last for 30 days.

Social Distancing is

As defined in the statewide order, Social Distancing is

— Maintaining at least six feet from other individuals

- Washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer
- Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces
- Facilitating online or remote access by customers, if possible.

The Count

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning, coronavirus cases in North Carolina numbered 1,040. Four deaths have been reported. 91 people are hospitalized. Only one test for coronavirus has been reported positive in Dare County. On Wednesday, March 25, the County's Department of Health and Human Services reported a person already in self-isolation had reported positive. The person was tested in Dare County but lives elsewhere. The county health department published notice that those who had close contact with the person had been notified.

For information

The Dare County COVID-19 Call Center is open daily from 8:30 in the morning to 5 o'clock and can be reached at 252-475-5008. Staff members are available to address questions.

For updated information regarding Dare County services and department operations, go to [dare.nc.gov / covid19](http://dare.nc.gov/covid19) services.

What's open.

On the Facebook page Hatteras Island Restaurant updates, Megan Vayette has listed restaurants that are open or closed as of middle of last week. For the northern villages 5 food establishments were open; in Avon 11, in Buxton 3, in Frisco 3, and in Hatteras 3.

Beaches are open

To minimize potential spread of COVID-19, visitor centers at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, and Wright Brothers National Memorial are temporarily closed.

Park lands continue to be open for outdoor activity as described in the governor's order. Social Distancing is required.

The 2020 Census continues

Dare County's response rate to the 2020 Census is 12.5 percent. The state's is almost 29 percent.

Hatteras Islanders receive mail at post offices so invitations with a specific identifier were not received.

BUT, we can be part of the Census now. Go to my 2020 census dot gov. When the screen asks for an ID number, look below for the sentence that says If you do not have a Census ID, click here. Proceed to be counted.

Field operations to deliver census forms may start April 15.

Lowering of US and NC Flags to Half-Staff in Honor of NC Rep. MaryAnn Black

Governor Roy Cooper has ordered all United States and North Carolina flags at state facilities to be lowered to half-staff beginning Saturday, March 28 until sunset Tuesday, March 31, 2020, in honor of NC House of Representative MaryAnn Black, who passed away this week. Black has represented the 29th District of Durham County since 2017. She also served as a Durham County Commissioner from 1990 to 2002. A private service for Rep. Black was held on Friday.

Just a reminder about income taxes

The filing deadline for federal and state individual and corporate income taxes has been extended to July 15.

The state's Revenue Department will not charge penalties for those filing and paying taxes as long as the returns are filed before July 15, 2020.

However, the department cannot offer relief from interest charged to filings after April 15. Unless state law is changed, tax payments received after April 15 will be charged accruing interest over the period from April 15 until the date of payment.

The Internal Revenue Service has also extended the federal deadline to July 15.

The IRS has suspended any penalty and interest associated with the extension to July 15.

State Board of Education Approves Steps to Cope with COVID-19 Fallout

The State Board of Education took steps on three different fronts today to support schools across North Carolina coping with the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.

— The board approved a grading policy to enable high school seniors to graduate on time.

— In response to Gov. Roy Cooper’s executive action earlier this week to provide \$50 million in COVID-19 related support to districts and schools, the board approved a formula for allocating those funds based on a combination of student enrollment and poverty levels.

— The Board also approved an emergency paid-leave policy for public school employees for the month of April that addresses COVID-19 and related issues.

At this point in this news show, we usually list upcoming events of interest or importance to Hatteras Island.

This past week, two fun events occurred. On Friday, March 27, Cape Hatteras Elementary School teachers caravanned through all Hatteras Island villages. Teachers and students waved to each other.

On Saturday and Sunday, a unique Hatteras Island Car Safari happened. Throughout Hatteras Island, folks and businesses placed stuffed animals, or pictures or art work of animals in windows on porches, in trees. Adults drove children through the streets to find the animals from 2 to 5. Smiles were offered by all.

The virus crisis has postponed many events. Normally, Hatteras Radio would be promoting the Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation’s annual gala, this year celebrating the organization’s 20th anniversary. Easter week events at Chicamacomico Life-Savings Station would be on the list.

Both events have been cancelled.

Please remember the organizations relying on event donations to help others and maintain our community.

*This week’s news program concludes with a message from Dr. Dan Dwyer, chief of staff of The Outer Banks Hospital. * Insert Dwyer.*

This is Radio Hatteras. Be careful. Stay safe out there.

January 2020 PSA's

Insert at 1:30 and 5:30 Friday, Jan. 31, Saturday, Feb. 1, Sunday, Feb. 2 and 8 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3.

State of the County presented Monday

On Monday, February 3, the State of County 2020 will be presented at Cape Hatteras Secondary School.

The event starts at 5:30 in the evening in the cafeteria. Refreshments will be served.

February 3rd is the very day that Dare County was officially formed in 1870 and the county is celebrating its 150th anniversary. The presentation includes numerous historic photos.

The event is free. Reserve a seat by calling 252-475-5900.

Insert at Noon, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Jan. 31 through Feb. 3 and 8 a.m. Feb. 4.

Escape a vape at Cape Hatteras Secondary on February 4

A free program about vaping is open to late elementary, middle, and high school aged youth and adults. The event will be hosted from 5:30 to 7:30 at Cape Hatteras Secondary School on February 4.

Insert 8:30, 9, 10, 11, Jan. 21, 2020.

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather advisory.

The National Weather Service has issued a Wind Advisory for tonight starting at 4 this afternoon and ending around 7 tomorrow morning.

North winds will blow up to 35 miles per hour with gusts expected at 45 miles per hour.

The weather service warns that minor water level rises will be possible for areas adjacent to the southern Pamlico Sound and lower Neuse River.

Tonight the temperature is expected to drop to 35.

Gusty northerly winds combined with the cold temperatures, will keep wind chill values in the 20s to low 30s.

On Wednesday, the high will be near 50.

Yesterday, snow flurries graced some parts of the Outer Banks.

For a look ahead, the weather service predicts moderating temperatures and dry weather through midweek, with the next storm system arriving Friday into Saturday. Settled and seasonable weather returns late weekend through early next week.

Be safe out there. Drive carefully. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert Jan. 17, 22, 29, 31 at 11:30 a.m.

The Hatteras Island Oyster Roast is a highlight of the winter season on Hatteras Island.

It is so popular that this year's February first Oyster Roast is now sold out both online and locally. The sellout was announced January 15.

North Carolina Coastal Federation thanks everyone for the support.

Insert at Tuesday, Jan. 14, 11:30, 5:30; Wednesday, 7:45, 11:30, 5:30, Thursday, 5:30, 7:30 a.m.

This is Radio Hatteras with a notice about planned electric outages for Thursday

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative has posted planned outages for Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon for Thursday.

The brief outages will occur Thursday, January 16 at 8 in the morning and at the conclusion of the maintenance to the transmission system.

The rain date is Friday, January 17.

If power does not return following the outages, call 866-511-9862

Insert Friday, Jan 10 at 6, 6:45, 7:45, 10:15 p.m.

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather announcement.

The National Weather Service has posted small craft advisories for coastal waters from Oregon Inlet to Ocracoke Inlet and for the Pamlico Sound for this weekend and beyond.

For coastal waters, the advisory is in effect from early Saturday morning at 3 o'clock to Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock. That's tomorrow morning January 11 through Wednesday, January 15.

For coastal waters, seas will gradually build on an increasing southeasterly flow. Southerly winds will blow up to 29 miles per hour with winds peaking with gale force winds Saturday night. Gale force winds are 39 to 54 miles per hour.

For Pamlico Sound, the small craft advisory is in effect from 7 o'clock Saturday night to 1 Sunday afternoon. South winds will blow up to 35 miles per hour. Unsettled weather is expected for this weekend as a cold front approaches Saturday and stalls Sunday. Spring-like temperatures are forecast with a high of 70 on Saturday and 71 on Sunday. Showers and thunderstorms are possible.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

5K Run for Ocracoke set for Jan. 18

The Fessenden Center is sponsoring a Run for Ocracoke, 5K Fun Run, Saturday, January 18.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the run starts at 8 a.m.

The run/stroll route starts at the Fessenden Center and goes to the British Cemetery in the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Historic District and back to the Fessenden Center.

All proceeds will go to Ocracoke Island disaster relief through the Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men. Registration fee is \$20, in cash or check to the Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men, memo Ocracoke Relief.

For additional information, call 475-5650.

Insert on indicated Wednesdays in 2020 at 8 a.m.

The Cape Hatteras Anglers Club invites residents and visitors to Wednesday Night Bingo tonight at the Anglers Club, located on Light Plant Road in Buxton.

Light Plant Road is directly across Highway 12 from Conner's Supermarket.

Doors open at 6:30 in the evening. The club has a maximum capacity of 150 people. Games begin promptly at 7. Games are all cash prizes. Proceeds benefit the Anglers Club scholarship program for local high school seniors and other island non-profit organizations.

Wednesdays

February 12

March 11 and 25

April 8 and 22
May 6 and 20
June 3 and 17
July 1, 15, 19
August 12, 26
Sept. 9 and 23
October 7 and 21
November 11 and 25
December 9

Insert Jan. 2 and 3 at 11:30 and 5:30. Saturday, Jan. 4 at 8 a.m.

God's Bounty, an annual seafood and wild game buffet dinner, happens this Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020. Doors at the Hatteras Village Civic Center open at 5 p.m. and the buffet runs until 7 p.m. or until the food runs out.

Some of the dishes will include bear roast, venison tacos, turkey nuggets and chili.

Eat in or take out. Donations are accepted but not necessary. Monies collected are used to fund the free meals hosted by Hatteras United Methodist Church during the winter.

The address of the Hatteras Village Civic Center is 56658 NC 12, Hatteras.

February 2020 PSA's

Break in at 5:15, Feb. 20, 2020

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather report for Thursday evening.

A winter storm is arriving tonight

The National Weather Service has issued a series of advisories for a winter coastal storm.

For Hatteras Island, a wind advisory is in place for this evening through Friday afternoon. North winds will blow 25 to 35 miles per hour with gusts up to 52.

For Hatteras Island north of Cape Hatteras, a high surf advisory is posted from late Thursday night to very early Saturday morning, February 22. Large breaking waves of 7 to 10 feet are expected in the surf zone.

For soundside Hatteras Island south of Buxton, a Coastal Flood Advisory is in effect this evening until Friday evening, February 21. One to two feet of inundation above normally dry ground is expected in low-lying areas near

shorelines and tidal waterways.

For Hatteras Island, only rain is predicted. No winter storm warnings are in place. Wintry precipitation is expected to taper off between 9 and 11 a.m., Friday morning.

But wait. The storm is not over. Inland, the temperature drops to 20 degrees. For Hatteras Island, temperatures will hover just below freezing. Anything wet will refreeze.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Inserted at noon, 1 p.m., 2.20.20

This is Radio Hatteras with a mid-day winter weather update.

A winter coastal storm is aiming for portions of Northeastern North Carolina tonight and Friday.

For Hatteras Island, Wind and Coastal Flood Advisories have been issued.

North to North northeast winds will gust to 40 to 45 miles per hour during the storm.

With north winds, Pamlico Sound flooding 1 to 2 feet above normally dry ground may occur on Hatteras Island south of Buxton and on Ocracoke.

Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands may not see snow, reports the National Weather Service.

In Manteo, 1 to 2 inches of snow are expected.

In Columbia, 4 to 6 inches are predicted. On Saturday, all three Cape Hatteras basketball teams are scheduled to play in conference championship games in Columbia. JV plays at 4:30 followed by girls and boys varsity teams.

The weather service also warns that what's wet as dark falls Friday will freeze. On Hatteras Island, the temperature will hover at freezing. In Columbia, the temperature may be 25 degrees.

Stay safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert 6 and 7:30 p.m., Feb. 19.

Winter weather coming

A winter coastal storm is expected to impact northeastern North Carolina Thursday night and Friday morning.

As of Wednesday afternoon, no advisories have been issued for Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands. Snow is not expected on the two islands as the temperatures are predicted to remain between 39 to 41 degrees.

For off-shore and Pamlico Sound waters, a small craft warning is now in effect. A Gale Watch kicks in Thursday afternoon through Friday. Very rough waters are expected.

North to north northeast winds will blow up to 35 miles per hour with gusts to 47 on Hatteras Island.

High surf is predicted north of Cape Hatteras.

Winds are predicted to dwindle by Saturday morning and shift northwest Saturday night.

The winter storm will impact the entire state. As of Wednesday afternoon, a Winter Weather Advisory has been issued for portions of Western, Central and portions of Northeastern North Carolina through Friday morning

CPR offered on Hatteras Feb. 25

Hatteras Island Rescue Square will offer a public CPR class on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at our Station in Buxton.

This one night, three-hour class will cover adult, child and infant CPR and use of an AED. The class is open to residents and property owners of Hatteras Island.

The squad works with the American Heart Association Training Center. The association now charges \$5 per student for a two-year CPR certification.

Attendance and completion of the class is free of charge if you do not need an AHA certification card. If you do need a certification card for employment or credentialing reasons there is a \$5 charge for the class. Payment must be in cash in exact change on the night of the class.

Due to the overwhelming response to many of our classes, pre-registration is required. Call our station at 252-995-5490 and leave your name, a contact telephone number and the number of students attending. When you leave your message please speak slowly and clearly so we are able to get your information. You will be contacted to advise you if space is available for you to attend. Walk-ins are welcome on a space available basis in the event of vacancies or cancellations.

Insert 8 a.m., Feb.14

Enjoy an evening out at the Salvo Fire Hall. Tonight from 5 to 7 dinner will be served.

On the menu are baked ziti with meatballs, salad, bread sticks, dessert and tea all for a donation to support youth programs at Fair Haven and Clarks Bethel United Methodist Churches.

Call in: 2.7.20

This is Radio Hatteras with a NC 12 report

The southbound lane of NC-12 between the Bodie Island Lighthouse and the north end of Rodanthe is currently closed due to sound side flooding. North Carolina Department of Transportation will reopen the road once water levels recede.

This is Radio Hatteras

Insert at 11 or 11:15, noon, 1 and 2, Feb. 6

This is Radio Hatteras with a morning weather report.

The National Weather Service advisories are posted for coastal flooding, high surf and wind.

The coastal flood and high surf advisories start early tonight and run through Friday to early Saturday morning.

The wind advisory kicks in late tonight and subsides Friday afternoon. Southwest winds are expected to blow 30 to 40 miles per hour with gusts to 55.

For the High Surf Advisory, large breaking waves of 7 to 10 feet are predicted for the surf zone. For the Coastal Flood Advisory, 1 to 2 feet of inundation above ground level are possible for soundside areas adjacent to the Pamlico Sound and adjacent tidal creeks.

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Expect heavy rain. One and a half to two inches of rain are predicted.

A strong cold front brings this weather system across Hatteras Island. The period of greatest impact is expected between 2 and 6 Friday morning.

Another National Weather Service update is scheduled late this afternoon.

Stay safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras

Insert when ready and 7:15, 7:45, 9 p.m., Feb. 5.

This is Radio Hatteras with an evening weather report.

The National Weather Service has issued advisories for coastal flooding and high surf and high wind watch specifically for Hatteras Island.

The coastal flood and high surf advisories start at 7 o'clock Thursday night and run through Friday to early Saturday morning.

The high wind watch kicks in late Thursday night and subsides Friday afternoon.

Southwest winds are expected to blow 30 to 40 miles per hour with gusts to 60.

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Another weather service announcement is scheduled Thursday mid-morning.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras

Insert Monday, Feb. 3 at 11:30, 1:30, 5:30 and Tuesday at 7 and 7:30 a.m.

Electric power outages for Hatteras Island are planned for Tuesday, February 4

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative has announced power outages for Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon. The outages are necessary to perform maintenance on the transmission system.

The outages will occur Tuesday, February 4.

Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo will experience hour-long outages between 8 and 9 in the morning and 3 and 4 in the afternoon.

Avon will experience brief outages on Tuesday between 8 and 9 and 3 and 4.

During this time, Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands will be served by limited diesel generators. Please make reasonable efforts to conserve electric use.

March 2020 PSA's

Insert 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. 5 p.m., Friday, March 27 and 8 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 28.

For March 29, copy and edit out the two Saturdays and insert at 8, noon and 1.

Fun for all islanders

A kid-friendly Hatteras Island Car Safari is planned for Saturday and Sunday.

Organizers are asking residents to place stuffed animals in areas of a house easily visible from a road, like windows, porches and yards (if weather permits).

Parents can then drive through the villages and let kids try to spot all the different animals.

The Safari is set for 2 to 5 Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Go to Facebook, search for in Hatteras Island Car Safari and comment with your street name.

Feel free to leave your animals out for as long as you like and maybe brighten someone's day.

Insert 1:30 p.m., March 26 and 8 a.m. March 27.

This is Radio Hatteras with a message is appealing revaluation value.

Regarding the 2020 Dare County revaluation of property value, the deadline to file an informal appeal of the county's estimate is Friday, March 27 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The revaluation department can only accept these appeals either online or by mail.

The informal appeals process is handled by staff within the Appraisal department.

In a formal appeal, the property owner personally appears before the Dare County Board of Equalization to present evidence for an adjustment in the proposed value.

For additional information and answers to questions, email reval@darenc.com or call 475-5940.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert at 11 a.m., 1 and 5 p.m., March 24, 2020

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather report.

The National Weather Service reports that a developing low pressure is forecast to cross Eastern North Carolina Wednesday, tomorrow, March 25.

Ahead of the low Wednesday morning, numerous showers and possible thunderstorms are expected to occur. A few thunderstorms may intensify and become severe with an isolated damaging wind gust possible.

For both Pamlico Sound and offshore Hatteras Island a gale watch is posted.

For the sound, the watch is in effect from Wednesday afternoon through late Wednesday night.

North winds of 23 to 35 miles per hour with gusts to 46 are forecast along with very rough waters.

For the coastal offshore waters from Oregon Inlet to Ocracoke Inlet, the gale watch starts Wednesday morning and goes through Wednesday night.

Winds offshore are forecast to be from the west at 23 to 35 miles per hour with gusts to 46. Seas five to 8 feet are possible.

Be careful out there. Stay safe. This is Radio Hatteras.

Remember audios inserted – long ones and short PSAs

Inserted as soon as possible. March 17, 2020

This is Radio Hatteras with an update about closing Dare County to visitors

In response to updated guidelines from the CDC to avoid discretionary travel and to follow the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, the Dare County Control Group has made the decision to restrict visitor access to Dare County beginning today, Tuesday, March 17 at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Beginning at 2 o'clock, checkpoints will be established at entry points to Dare County and no visitors will be allowed access.

Permanent residents, non-resident property owners and non-resident employees of Dare County businesses may review entry guidelines at darenc.com/entry.

Reentry permits from previous years will not be accepted. Staff is working to activate the online permitting system by 1 o'clock

To avoid contact with personnel at the checkpoints, display your permit on your dashboard so it is clearly visible for checkpoint personnel.

Visitors **will not** be allowed to travel through Dare County to access Currituck County (Corolla), Hyde County (Ocracoke Island), or Tyrrell County.

People who reside, own property or work in Corolla or Ocracoke **will** be allowed entry.

Dare staffers working at the Emergency Operations Center are available to answer COVID-19 related questions using a dedicated phone line. Call 252-475-5008. If you reach a voicemail, leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Currently, no individuals in Dare County have tested positive for COVID-19.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Bill. Thanks. Leave the cut number of Cosmo and he'll insert the messages.

Insert when ready; then noon and 5 p.m. on March 17. Times for March 18, 19, 20 through March 23-27, 7:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

This is Radio Hatteras with information about the Student Meals Program.

Dare County Schools Student Meals Program runs Monday through Friday.

Breakfast pickup is available from 7:45 to 8:45 in the morning. Lunch pickup is from 11 to 12:30. Look for a school bus at each community location. Meals are available for any 0-18-year-old Dare County resident. There is no cost.

On Hatteras Island the locations are

Cape Hatteras Elementary School

Food Lion in Avon
Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building in Rodanthe
Hatteras Village Civic Center
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Insert when ready. Then 5 and 7 p.m., March 15, 2020

This is Radio Hatteras with information about closures to prevent potential spread of the coronavirus. A state of emergency is now in place for all of Dare County.

The action followed a Dare County Control Group meeting Monday morning.

Dare County has issued Bulletin No. 1 regarding the emergency.

The State of Emergency allows the County and individual towns to quickly implement restrictions necessary to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

At this time, 1:15 this afternoon, March 16, the State of Emergency prohibits mass gatherings of 50 people or more, guidance that was established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Sunday, March 15.

Dare County is following all CDC and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services guidelines, therefore at this time, there are no further restrictions.

The Dare County Control Group will continue to meet and provide updates to the local community on a daily basis.

The Dare County Control Group has established a Joint Information Center to coordinate important communications from towns and agencies.

Updated information and a list of the most frequently asked questions received by local officials is now available at darenc.com/covid19. Sign up to receive news directly from Dare County at darenc.com/enotify.

A local hotline has been established to answer questions the public may have regarding COVID-19. The hotline opened at 2 o'clock on Monday, March 16. To reach the hotline, call 252-475-5008. The phone line will be staffed daily from 8:30 to 5 and may be extended depending on call volume.

To minimize the health impacts of COVID-19 in Dare County, the County is implementing a variety of emergency strategies to increase social distancing and slow the spread of this disease. The following Dare County facilities are closed until further notice the Dare County Center, Thomas A. Baum Senior Center, the Fessenden Center, and all Parks and Recreation facilities. All Dare County Library locations are closed.

All advisory board meetings that do not have remote capability have been cancelled. A complete list of cancellations and closures can be found at darenc.com/closures.

Dare County offices will remain open.

However, in the interest of the safety of our visitors and staff, face to face contact will be limited. Before visiting Dare County offices, please check the website or call to verify if services can be received online or over the phone.

The Dare County Sheriff's Office requests the use of their online services for requesting purchase permits and new or renewing a concealed handgun permit. Fingerprinting applicants will be done by appointment only. Call 252-475-5980 to schedule an appointment.

The latest guidelines from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services recommend adults 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.

As of Monday, March 16 at Noon, no individuals in Dare County have tested positive for COVID-19. There are currently 33 individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in North Carolina.

Stay safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert Saturday, March 7 at 8 a.m. before any other messages and 10 and noon.

This is Radio Hatteras with a Saturday weather report.

The National Weather Service has issued a High Surf Advisory for Outer Banks beaches.

High surf will develop later Saturday through Sunday as winds turn more northerly. Large swell energy from a departing low pressure will impact beaches north of Buxton. Minor beach erosion, ocean overwash and large breaking waves six to 11 feet in the surf zone are possible around times of high tide through late Sunday. The high tide Saturday afternoon at Cape Hatteras is around 5:30.

The advisory goes into effect at 4 in the afternoon Saturday and continues to 8 o'clock Sunday night.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras

Insert as soon as possible, then 4, 5 and 6 p.m. tonight, March 6

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather update.

Northwest wind gusts around 40 miles per hour are expected along Hatteras Island late today and tonight, Friday, March 6.

The strong winds will bring minor water level rises along soundside locations tonight.

The National Weather Service has issued a Coastal Flood Advisory starting at 7 tonight and ending at 8 Saturday morning.

One to two feet of sound water above normally dry ground is expected in very low-lying areas adjacent to the Pamlico Sound from Rodanthe to Hatteras with the greatest flooding from Avon to Frisco.

High Tide tonight in Rodanthe is around 7:30 and a little later Saturday morning.

Be safe out there.

Insert on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 a.m.

A Grief Support Group meets tonight at the Fessenden Center from 6:30 to 8.