

Wachapreague Times

News, information, happenings and maybe a little gossip from the Flounder Capital of the World

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Madison Annis has been crowned queen of this year's carnival!

The Earth Is Still Spinning - Even with No Funnel Cakes!

WACHAPREAGUE FIRE CHIEF Sean Fate says that one big thing at the annual Fireman's Carnival (June 14-July 1, Wednesdays-Saturdays) is that funnel cakes will be replaced by mini donuts.

"Some people say the Earth will stop spinning because there are no funnel cakes this year," Fate said Wednesday.

The funnel cake machines were worn out, and very labor intensive, so the Department decided to replace them with the more automated donut machines.

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THE BIG FERRIS wheel - new to the carnival last year - came from a storage spot in Sioux City, Iowa, where it had been restored by a father-and-son team. It is a cable-driven park model, meaning it's not taken apart and moved, says Sean Fate,

chief of the Wachapreague Volunteer Fire Department. New, it would cost more than \$300,000; the department paid \$60,000 for this one. Fate says it seems like a good investment, as the former one stood for 40 years.

Learn About Burton's Bay Ecological Restoration

VIMS EASTERN SHORE LAB has received a \$2.25 million grant for a project to restore seagrass and scallops in Burtons Bay.

VIMS will hold a public meeting June 21 to present the ideas and plans.

The project will focus on re-establishing a seagrass ecosystem that has been missing for 90 years, according to a press release. The minimum goal is to build a 60-acre seagrass bed, release 6 million bay scallops, and start a real-time online water quality station. Long-term biodiversity and productivity are the big goals for the project.



Richard Snyder, director of VIMS here in Wachapreague

The info session will be followed by a question and answer forum.

The meeting will take place in Seaside Hall, 40 Atlantic Ave., Wednesday, June 21, at 1 p.m. For info, contact Richard Snyder, VIMS director, at rsnyder@vims.edu, or 757-787-5384.

From the Editor

WELCOME to the inaugural edition of the Wachapreague Times! I'm Carrie Jacobson, an artist living on Bayview Avenue.



I worked as a newspaper journalist for 25 years before leaving to earn my family's living making and selling art, so when Bob Williams bemoaned the fact that there was no town newsletter, I volunteered.

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New at Town Hall



Above, the town hall has had a major renovation, thanks in large part to a small army of volunteers. Below, we have a new mower (\$3,000)



The little library outside of town hall is stocked with books, free for the taking!



GREAT GARDENS

It's prime gardening time again, and there are beauties all over town. I'm pleased with the progress of my garden. What about you?

Please send a photo of your garden to me at carrieBjacobson@gmail.com, or PO Box 144, or drop one off at 18 Bayview and I'll put as many as I can in the next newsletter.

Around Town

AN ISLAND HOUSE FOOD TRUCK is open for breakfast and lunch on Route 13, across from WalMart. A press release says it will be open Wednesday through Saturday.

In the Island House gift shop in Wachapreague, new sunglasses including Pit Vipers, Ray-Bans and Oakley, are 15 percent off to all Eastern Shore residents, says Blake Johnson.

THE WACHPREAGUE GENERAL STORE welcomes ceramic artist Ginny Rutherford, fused glass artist Don Cheeseman and woodworker Larry Pitts to its lineup of artists and crafters. Also, decaf coffee, espresso and latte drinks are available, as is a new flavor of ice cream - brownie chocolate fudge.

DARRYL LITTLESTON SEAFOOD has added a retail shop to his business on Atlantic Avenue. The Island House has been buying fish and crabs there, Blake Johnson says, and many townspeople have been enjoying delicious fresh fish, caught right off shore, at reasonable prices. The shop is open every day but Sunday.

POWELTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH hosts a chair-based senior exercise program Thursdays from 10-10:30 a.m. The Hooks and Needles sewing group take place on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. All are welcome!

CARNIVAL *From front page*

This year, the Foodbank of the Eastern Shore, The Onancock Rotary, the Exmore Moose Lodge and the Kiwanis Club are manning booths.

This helps with staffing issues, gives the clubs some good exposure and earns them some money, Fate says.

Pageant winners, in addition to Marison Annis, Queen of the Carnival, include preteen winner Sydney Smith; Little Miss, Kylie Long; and Little Mister, Benjamin Belote. For more photos, please see the Wachapreague Memories page on Facebook!

Fate says sponsors of this year's carnival include Sharp Energy, which donated all the propane and Bundick Well and Pump, which is performing daily pumping of the port-a-potties.

EDITOR *from front page*

I want this monthly newsletter to bring you news and information you want to know and share especially the stuff we all talk about at the kitchen table or across the fence or when we meet at the post office.

Please let me know news you'd like to share - and also, let me know if you have a concern, a question or something to celebrate.

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