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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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