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Time for the Next Course

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CATHEY BELL summed up the general feeling that people have expressed about the announcement that the Island House will close Dec. 30.

“It’s very sad news,” she said recently, at the Wachapreague General Store. “But I cannot imagine that there is not something in the works to keep it going.”

Others, sad and shocked by the news, said they will miss not only the restaurant, but also the events the restaurant cooked up, like the Oyster Roast and the Flounder Tournament.

Cindy J. Stauffer said that she found Wachapreague through the Flounder Tournament - and “it’s what brought us to Wachapreague” from her life in Pennsylvania.

Two people, one from town, one from Accomac, who didn’t wish to be identified, said they’d miss the pleasures of sitting in the restaurant and enjoying the view, but they hoped that a new owner might bring a new, more inventive menu.

One issue about the restaurant closing is that meals taxes bring revenue to the town - about \$42,000 annually, according to Mayor Charles Elliott.

And many people talked about the difficulties of getting fuel, when the dockside fueling station closes.

Harbormaster Sandie Pulchaski said that the town has gotten a waiver to allow a company like Pep-Up to come to the town dock to fuel boats, but of course, this is not a permanent solution.

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IN OLD-FASHIONED NEWSPAPER

lingo, reporters or editors would put “-30-” at the ends of certain stories, especially ones that were sent in bit by bit. The -30- signified that the story was at its end.

And so, for the Wachapreague Times, it is.

I’ve put out the Times nearly every month for two and a half years. My purpose was to write about the good people of Wachapreague and the many good things they do.

I think I’ve accomplished this task, at least as far as I’ve taken it. There are scores of people in town with stories to tell and experiences to share - but it will be up to someone else to tell them.

I’m an artist, a painter, and while the Times doesn’t take a huge amount of time or energy, it takes enough that I notice. Enough that it gets in the way of paintings I want to make, projects I want to pursue and life I want to live.

I hope you’ve enjoyed the Times. I sincerely hope someone takes it over and makes it their own.

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This and That

THE FIRST ANNUAL Holiday Stroll is set for Thursday, Dec. 18, from 5-8 p.m.

Based on the long-established holiday stroll in Nantucket, MA, the stroll in Wachapreague will offer participants a chance to buy holiday gifts, have some refreshments and maybe hear some holiday music.

Current Reflections Art Gallery will be open, as will the Wachapreague General Store, with exciting holiday food and drink. The Wachapreague Inn Gift Shop will be open, offering a variety of items made by artisans in town and on the Shore. Lilliston Seafood will offer chowder for sale, and the Island House will have hot cider - and for \$1, hot spiked cider. Lee Anne Shontere, artist and member of the Artisans of Wachapreague, will sell her creations out of her home on Main Street,

Judy Bilicki, who helped cook up the Stroll, said she hopes it’s the start of a long tradition!

COMPETING PETITIONS have circulated in the past couple weeks, focusing on the quality of the work by Mayor Charles Elliott.

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