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Parade, prizes and a picnic!

Abby Taylor
is bringing it
all to a small
town near you



ABBY TAYLOR has good ideas, great energy and a lot of pretty wonderful prizes - and she is bringing them all to the town's Fourth of July celebration.

Taylor, 31, lives here now, and has lifelong ties with Wachapreague. Her dad, Charlie Farlow, was born on Pearl Street, and his father docked the Fern A. here for many years.

She grew up mainly in Onancock, leaving the Shore to attend Old Dominion University. There, she says, laughing, she got homesick and moved back - and then found that she was asking herself why, in fact, she had been homesick.

She left again, to work in Virginia Beach while she made her way in nursing school.

Along the way, she married Scott Taylor, who, at the time, was a welder on submarines at Newport News. Abby was

pregnant, COVID had hit, and nursing school fell by the wayside.

The couple moved back to the Shore, had their daughter Charlie, and Abby decided to be a stay-at-home mom and part-time event planner. Scott is now working as a Virginia Beach firefighter, and the arrangement has worked out for all of them. Starting this fall, when Charlie begins school, Abby expects to be working more regularly outside their Liberty Street home.

SO WHEN MAYOR Charles Elliott came to her, asking if she could help with the Fourth, she said yes. (She said yes four years ago to running the pageants for the Volunteer Fire Department Carnival, so her name is probably familiar to many of you.)

Abby says there's a lot to do to get the

This & That

A MAIN STREET RESIDENT reports seeing a painted bunting at her feeder for several days in a row earlier in the year. This is an unusual bird for our region, according to the



Cornell Lab's All About Birds site. The northern reach of the bunting's range is generally South Carolina - so what was it doing here?

The bunting has a vivid color palette of red, green, blue and yellow. Females have a distinctive green color with white eye-rings.

A Bayview Avenue resident reported seeing an orchard oriole in the spring, as well. It's not quite as unusual a sighting as the bunting, but not common, either. It has a dark head and rust-colored chest.

JIM BELL, who chairs the Planning and Zoning Commission and with his wife Susan is the force behind the Historic District movement, says the town is working on a new website and seeking photographs to showcase Wachapreague.

He's looking for interesting shots of people, places, landscapes and more for a rotating banner, and general photographs to use elsewhere on the site. So if you have photos of our town that you'd like to contribute, and which can be in a 1200 px by 500 px format, please reach out to Jim by calling or texting him at 540-816-9800

THE ARTISANS OF WACHAPREAGUE, a new group of artists and crafters who live in town, will have a show and sale July 12, from 10-2, at the Powelton Presbyterian Church on Main Street.

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