

The Claiborne Clarion

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The purpose of this newsletter is to acquaint and inform Claiborne residents.

We have two very brave ladies here in town, Dawn and Betsy and I'd like to let them know how much I admire them. Keep smiling and we'll keep praying!

Murphy's Lesser Known Law #8
The things that come to those who wait will be the scraggly junk left by those who got there first!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 5 th	Beaver
May 9 th	Jane Nigra
May 14 th	Me, (Barbara)
May 16 th	Melissa Connelly
May 20 th	Owen Connelly
May 23 rd	Betsy Desjardins
May 26 th	Carrie Gould-Kabler

And belated birthday greetings to Linda Harper who shares her special day, April 23rd, with Jeff Desjardins. AND, would you believe that the 23rd is also Happy Jarsinski's birthday? Three people sharing the same birthday in a village of approximately 147 - that's really amazing!

From Nancy Clark:

From the Easton Star Democrat
August 15, 1925
"Salvaging Childhood at the Claiborne "Miracle House". Maryland Tuberculosis Association has greatly benefited hundreds of weakly children in its few years of existence. "Miracle

House" started in 1919; property formerly used as rest resort for mothers and babies, privately conducted. New house with reception hall, sunroom, and dining rooms on first floor, dormitories and bedrooms upstairs. Has capacity of 92 children; 69 there at present from Baltimore and all counties in State. No active TB cases taken; solely used as a preventorium. Miss Piper says no medicine given; benefits of rest, good food, air, and sunshine being sufficient."

Nancy also notes that the preventorium burned in the summer of 1954. Mrs. Moon was the owner at that time.

On another note, Nancy also informed me that a longtime resident, Bob Leverance has passed away. He was predeceased by his wife, Bea. I never knew these folks, but Nancy said they were long time summer residents.

On Sunday, April 27th we lost a very dear friend, Jeanne Cockey. Born in Columbus, GA (on her father's birthday) she and her husband, John, raised four daughters and kept a home base for the family here at "The Bungalow".

Our sincere condolences go to her family, which includes her dear sister-in-law, Adine Kelly and of course, Sally.

I'm glad I had a chance to get to know her. She will be missed. There will be a memorial service at a later date to celebrate Jeanne's life.

Yard Sale/Auction a Success

Many thanks and congratulations to all the buyers and sellers who made the Second Annual Yard Sale and Silent Auction such a rip-roaring success.

You all raised \$901.55 toward the post office project and the community association! Fantastic!!!

Start stashing away you treasures for the Third Annual Fiesta.

Chairpersons,
Linda Harper and Sarah Sayre

Murphy's Lesser Known Law #9

When you go into court, you are putting yourself into the hands of people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty!

Fire Damages Claiborne Home

Last Saturday evening I stood outside and watched eleven fire trucks from St Michaels, Tilghman, Easton and Oxford, one ambulance and the Fire Marshall's truck rush down the road to the Guinness' home.

The fire started accidentally and was called in by a neighbor, just who, I don't know, but a big thank you goes out to him/her for acting quickly. In all, there were 30 firefighters on the scene and it took half an hour to control the flames. The good news is that no one was injured.

If there's anything we can do to help, please let us know.

The following evening the St Michaels Fire Department was back in town to

investigate a suspicious substance found at Happy's house by the new owners.

The bomb squad was called in from Baltimore and 1½ hours later they arrived on the scene, assessed the situation and took the suspicious item to a field outside of town, dug a hole and exploded it. It was said to be some very old, dried-up paint.

Water!

DeDe Ritner wants me to pass along these hints that she read in the Star Democrat regarding our most precious resource, water:

- *Never put water down the drain when there may be another use for it, such as watering a plant or garden or for cleaning.
- *Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers.
- *Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily by disposing of tissues, insects and other such waste in the trash.
- *Take shorter showers.
- *Don't let water run while shaving or washing your face.
- *Store drinking water in the refrigerator; don't let the tap run every time you want a cool glass of water.
- *Operate dishwashers and clothes washers only when fully loaded.

Happy Mother's Day!

If you are lucky enough to still have your mom around, don't forget to call her on Sunday, the 10th and wish her a "Happy Mothers Day" and thank her for the stuff you put her through as a kid, Come on, you know as well as I do, we weren't perfect little angels.

My thanks to Sarah Sayre for the ream of paper! BR
