



The Claiborne Clarion

A Newsletter for the
Claiborne Community

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A Blue Dawn
Photo by Mike Wager

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December Birthdays

Liz Fellingner	Dec. 6
Lida Klunk	Dec. 8
Jess Murphy	Dec. 9
Danielle Murphy	Dec. 16
Cecelia Boos	Dec. 17
Edward Schaefer	Dec. 22
Norm Haddaway	Dec. 26
Owen Bond	Dec. 28
Devin Lednum	Dec. 29
Page Landsdale	Dec. 30



Happy Holidays!

Do you know anyone who lost wages during this pandemic?

The deadline is December 15, 2020
to apply for help through the
CARES Individual Assistance Program.

Scroll to the bottom of this Clarion for more information and phone numbers.

A message from Mary, President of the Claiborne Association

Hello Claiborne neighbors and friends,

Greetings on the first Covidaday of Pandemuary! I hope you are having more success keeping track of what day, week, month it is than I am. I also hope that you are taking good care of yourselves and your loved ones as we plod our way toward healthier times and the opportunity to gather once again.

In the meantime, I am reminded that this month features the Claiborne Association General Meeting. Look for general meeting business information to be posted in the Village Hall and sent to Association members via email in the next few days. If you are not yet a member but would like to become one, please drop a check for \$10/adult into the Donation box at the Village Hall or send any donations to Steve Friedberg at 10403 Claiborne Rd, 21624.

The good news, generally speaking, is that we have no big decisions to make right now. Mailboxes will be moved this month and planning continues for landscape and orchard. (See new cabinets below). General maintenance continues, with many thanks, courtesy of the Building Committee.

Please take care and please, if there is a child anywhere in your vicinity, congratulate them on the hard work they are doing right now to manage life during a pandemic. They really deserve a lot of credit! Also, wear a mask, wash your hands, don't lick any doorknobs.



With great sadness we report that Claiborne has lost two long-time neighbors:

Earl "Buddy" Wharton, November 7, 2020

Buddy grew up on Carpenter Street in St. Michaels. His parents were "Capt. Pete" and Mable, and his siblings were Ann, "Little Pete" and Nida (Spurry) of Chesapeake Landing.

Buddy was a great and honest waterman. With Bea at his side, they went oystering together for many years. Buddy hunted waterfowl from a young age and did a great deal of goose hunting with his pal, Allan Bryan Sr.

Buddy had a good heart and was a good man. He will be greatly missed.

(Tribute by Norm Haddaway)



Carl Griebel, October 27, 2020

Carl moved to the Bay Hundred from Annapolis, where he had built a career on the water. He established Severn Marine Services on Tilghman Island in 1976 and served both commercial watermen and pleasure boaters.

He was beloved and respected by all for his wit and character. He was also a man of demanding standards. Jim Richardson recalls applying for a job at Severn Marine in Annapolis: "Carl asked me to build a small box out of scraps of plywood. When I presented it to him, he kindly advised me to look for another way to make a living."

Carl is missed in both Claiborne and Tilghman.

(Tribute by Jim Richardson)



SMCC is collecting toys, games, books, clothing items and infant items up until December 18. Food items and household products can be dropped off anytime.

Suggested donations include toys suited for children of all ages; personal hygiene items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, and shampoo; family homecare items like detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning products, and sponges; and food items like canned chicken, tuna, roast beef, ravioli, pasta, stew, peanut butter, rice, soup, crackers, pudding, and fruit cups.

Fall Day

"Can you give us a poem," She asked,
For the newsletter?

As if, on a whim,
The thing could leap,
Full blown, from my mind
On a Saturday in November,
Even though the weather is
Beautiful and the virus hasn't caught
us yet.

Sit down, put pen to paper,
Think of an image, simile, metaphor -
Something to guide things,
Provide a pathway to perhaps
Understand, simplify even,
Something complex, or worse,
Complexify something simple

Such as a beautiful Fall day.

Just write a poem.
What could be simpler?

-Kirke Harper



Ready for the mailboxes!

Jake Flory and his crew of volunteers have painted and installed Jake's postal cabinets in the Village Hall. Thank you all! After the units are moved into position we will pick up our mail in the bright and warm annex. Packages will be stowed behind the cupboard doors; we will get a notice with our mail to look there.



Hello to a New Neighbor!

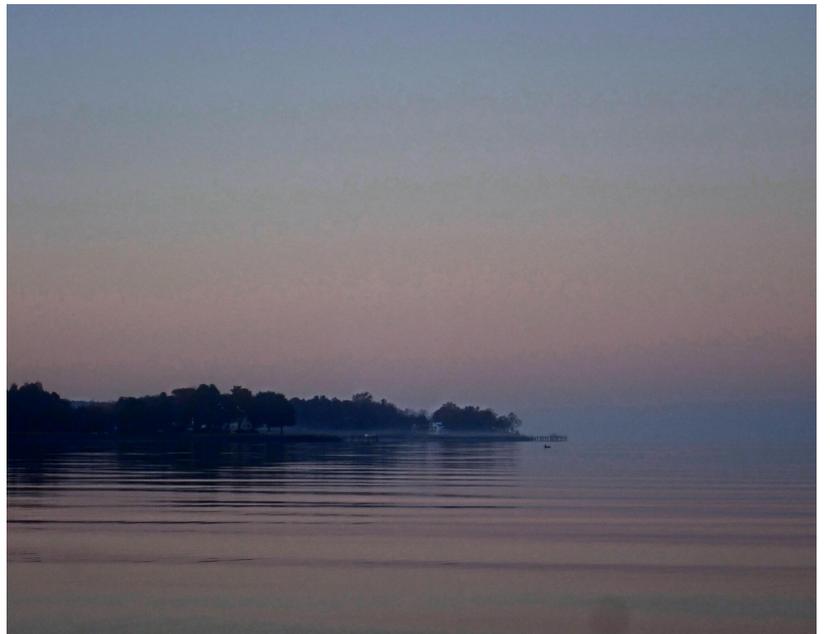
Please welcome **Diana Y. Thompson**, a delightful Eastern Shore native who has returned after having experienced success. She is a book lover and collector, author, poet, playwright and who knows what else.

How appropriate that she is living in the former home of book lover and librarian Mary Steinberger at the corner of Cedar Street and Claiborne Road.

In the Fall, in Claiborne, most trees shed their leaves and reveal their unique structure.



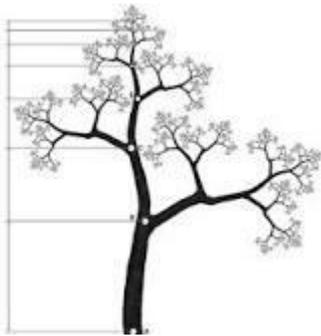
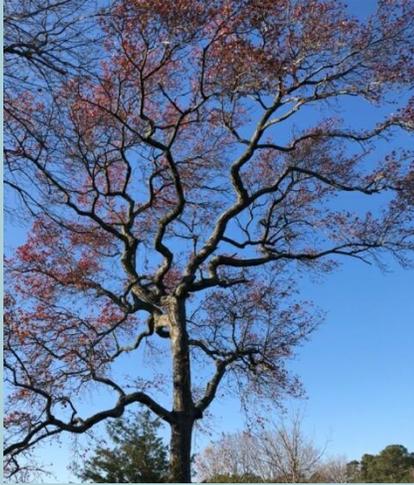
In spite of Covid, the magical life of Claiborne goes on:
Mike Wager documented a kayaking venture one recent dawn.
We can “watch” the sun rise here:





Please send pictures you want to share in the Clarion or on the website to patflory@gmail.com
This issue's photos by Mike Wager, Phil Sayre, and Sarah Sayre.

You can download past Clarions at <https://www.claibornemd.org/2020>



Trees are natural **fractals**, patterns that repeat smaller and smaller copies of themselves to create the biodiversity of a forest. Each **tree** branch, from the trunk to the tips, is a copy of the one that came before it.

To see more,

Google: **trees and fractals**

Bonus points: Can you locate each of these trees in Claiborne?

Help for those struggling during these COVID-19 times

By **TALBOT COUNTY COUNCIL** Guest Commentary
Published Sun Nov 29, 2020 in the Star-Democrat

The Talbot County Council is committed to helping individuals and families struggling to make ends meet during COVID-19. We want anyone currently living in Talbot County to know that the CARES Individual Assistance Program can help take the stress off them for paying their bills related to the current pandemic. Through December 30, 2020, funds are available to anyone currently living in the county who has experienced any loss of wages due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and needs help with rent, mortgage, or other housing costs, utilities, car payments, licensed childcare for virtual school, or other emergency needs. We are encouraging anyone who is in need of help to submit an application costs for licensed childcare related to virtual school, are also now eligible for coverage of these expenses regardless of whether the parent chose the virtual learning option or not.

The CARES Individual Assistance Program is not income-based. Anyone who lives in Talbot County is eligible for these funds if they have experienced any loss of wages due to the pandemic. We want to help as many individuals and families as we can. Families should not wait until they are faced with eviction, foreclosure, or utility cutoff to get in touch with us. If they are feeling stressed, they should reach out now as the Program is coming to an end at the end of this year.

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Please share this information with your family, friends, and neighbors as we all work together to put resources into the hands of those who need it most.