

The Claiborne Clarion

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Priceless!!

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

From Kirke

The annual Claiborne Community picnic on August 23rd was a great success. Even after a one day rain delay, we had a wonderful turnout of more than 60 people. Janet and Mike Friedberg provided hotdogs and hamburgers as well as their beautiful yard and pool.

A new feature of the picnic is the annual general meeting of the Claiborne Community Association. Formed last year to explore ways to preserve and improve our community, the association has no governing authority and cannot take action without agreement of the members. The association is currently working on six projects:

1. Keeping a post office in Claiborne
2. Exploring ways to preserve the church
3. Purchasing and planting trees
4. Getting Washington Post home delivery for those who want it.
5. Trying to reduce the number of trash haulers to save us money and reduce truck traffic.
6. Holding the annual community yard sale.

Please consider joining if you're not a member. The annual dues are \$5.00 per person. You can join at the Post Office.

Beyond the activities of the CCA, two additional projects got off the ground in the past year: Following Betsy Des Jardins' death some friends carried on her idea of creating a memorial garden to

remember past Claiborne friends and family. A garden was created on Ralph Steinberger's property on Bayview Drive. Jeff DesJardins coordinated soil preparation and planting, A memorial sign was created by Jim Richardson and many others contributed their time, efforts and love.

Lida Klunk organized and coordinated the creation of a community garden on a part of Molly Bond's property. The first year's efforts produced a bumper crop of lettuce, squash and cucumbers, followed by tomatoes and eggplant. Rabbits enjoyed the green beans before they could produce a crop when the gate was left open one day. A fall planting of lettuce, cilantro and spinach is sprouting now. * * *

Abby's Trash Pick-Up Report

Next litter pick-up will be Saturday, Sept 19th from 9 to 11 am. Meet at the post office. This pick-up is a big one! We're going to clean up our usual Claiborne Road, as well as the Old Claiborne Road out to Highway 33. If you have driven or biked down that road recently, you've noticed that someone dumped their garbage. I propose a solution to our "no-show/low show" litter pick ups. We need 3 team captains, willing to lead a pick up team twice a year. Captains will choose a Saturday and then host the pick up. If you are interested, please email and keep our community beautiful!! awcureton@gmail.com

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Set aside time to get to the St Michaels library and view our DeDe's black and white photo show that's on display.

Another place to stop in St Michaels and see great photographs is "The Gregorio Gallery" that is owned and operated by our own Pete.

Chris Noyes will be singing at Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 6:30 - 8PM on Thursday, September 3rd

Jerry Devine will be at The Tilghman Island Inn Saturday evenings 8pm-?

Que Pasa? Sara Sayre and Judy Harrold are studying Spanish with a small group of linguists on Fridays.

CBMM Annual Boat auction takes place on September 5th from 11am-3pm. Boats of all sizes from sailing dinghies to cabin cruisers will be auctioned to highest bidder starting at 1:00. Beer & BBQ

will complete the day.

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Introducing Student Reporters:

Ciara Lednum, 8th grade St Michaels Middle/High School.

Special interests: All Shore Choir, Clarinet, Soccer and Softball.

Lexi Lednum, 5th grade, St Michaels Elementary School

Special interests: Soccer and Softball

Devon Lednum, 5th grade, St Michaels Elementary School

Special interests: Baseball and Football

Edward Schaefer, Kindergarten – Tilghman Elementary

Special interests: soon to be decided.

Anna Kabler, Kindergarten – Tilghman Elementary

Special interests: naps and picking out books.

Avery Noyes – Art and design studies in New York City. Extraordinary talent in the arts.

We will look forward to being kept current on a range of activities and events from our very talented student reporters. We are extremely fortunate to have young people of this quality in our community. We cherish and celebrate each of them.

Also, there are several other students whom we have not yet contacted. We hope to add several more reporters soon.

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Harrolds visit China & Tibet

Jack and Judy's long march across China and Tibet started with a 14½ hour direct flight to Beijing and finished with a 24 hour travel-time slog back from Hong Kong. In between, they visited Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace and Gates of Heaven in Beijing, The Great Wall, the city of Xi'an, the Terra Cotta Warriors and sailed up the Yangtze River through the Three Gorges to the new (and controversial) dam. From Chongqing they flew to Lhasa, Tibet, where they struggled with 12,000' altitude and visited the Potala Palace and a local orphanage and monastery. Then it was on to Chendu to see its Panda Sanctuary. They visited families in several of these communities and even had an overnight farm stay with a family outside of Xi'an. China is an amazing country – they are building infrastructure and housing at a staggering pace. Their roads and transportation systems far outdo what we have. It was a great adventure, but they are very happy to be back in Claiborne.

Answer to the O. Henry question in the July Clarion: William S. Porter, known as O. Henry, was accused and convicted of embezzling funds from a Houston Bank and sentenced to 5 years in prison. Porter began

his writing career while in prison, and over the next 10 years he wrote and published more than 300 short stories under the pen name O. Henry.

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The Volunteer's Corner

Last month DeDe told us about her connection with "Pets on Wheels" and this month I'd like to let you know about (ALL) which is completely staffed by volunteers and is housed at CBMM. "The overarching goal of the Academy for Lifelong Learning at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum is to become a significant asset to the Talbot County community and to the Museum through the efforts of its members toward the enhancement of life through continuing education for all citizens."

Membership is open to everyone who wishes to learn and is willing to serve.

There are 14 classes beginning this month.

Check out the course catalog at the post office and see if there isn't something that perks your interest.

Also, if you want to facilitate a class, please let me know, Barbara.

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In Vino Veritas

(Yum, yum-anew feature for serious wine drinkers) from: Ed Schaefer

September recommendations:

Tariquet Uni Blank-Columbard

(About \$9)

Since 1912 Chateau du Tariquet has been home to the Grassa family. Wine production strictly controlled within the Domaine and adheres to sustainable agriculture. The use of sulphites has been reduced to the strict minimum, as antioxidants such as Vitamin C are the preferred alternative. With floral aromas, the wine displays citrus flavors with a touch of exotic fruit. This is a very easy-drinking wine, perfect as an aperitif or with anything that isn't red meat.

Domaine de Gournier-Rose

(About \$10)

As fall colors arrive and deepen so does the color of the Rose that I drink. One of my perennial favorites comes from Domaine de Gournier which is located on the western edge of the Rhone Valley, north of the city of Nimes. The 2008 bottling is a blend of principally 35% Merlot, 30% Syrah, 15% Grenache, 10% Mourvedre and 10% Sangiovese. The fruit is harvested expressly to craft rose. Brightly colored, the explosive red berry fruits in the nose and on the palate are accented by notes of spice and a touch of earth.

Telmo Rodrigues Almuverde 2007 Alicante

(About \$12)

Telmo Rodrigues is one of Spain's most celebrated winemakers. His wines are tremendously appealing, modern, but still show regional typicity. Almuverde is from the region of Alicante near the town of Monovar and made of 100% Monastrell. This is a bright, juicy wine that is perfect with dry rubbed ribs or just about anything that come off the grill.

Wines are available at Town & Country on Route 33.

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HAPPY LABOR DAY!