

The Claiborne Clarion

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Priceless!!

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

A Few Thoughts from DeDe

Does anyone have “stink bugs” in their house? If you answer “no” we aren’t sure we will believe you!

Let’s put our heads together- groups or individually – and think of a way to get rid of them. One of our neighbors had already started. We are serious about this as this summer promises to bring a huge crop. Leave your ideas at the post office. Thanks, DeDe

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South Pacific will be presented March 4, 5, 11,12th at 7:30pm and on March 6th at 2PM at the Talbot County Auditorium in Easton. Our own Chris Noyes, Choral Director at Easton High School will be the producer. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors and can be purchased at Reeser’s, and Crackerjacks or at the door.

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If you weren’t able to attend the February Pot Luck at the community center you missed a great feast and most of all you missed out on getting together with your neighbors who just like you, have been enduring winter and needed a break.

The evening was topped off when I bit into Adine’s “Better than Sex Cake”. I’m trying to get the recipe for us and will post it next month.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Ted Jones

March 9th

Penny Rhine March 13th
Mike Kabler March 13th
Bea March 21st
Michael Haddaway March 29th

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Tim and Abby Cureton wish to thank the Claiborne community for their warm welcome and well-wishes for their new addition, Koa. Your cards and greetings in person have been so thoughtful.

Thank You!

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FREE TO A GOOD HOME

A Hewlett-Packard Ink Jet 722C printer, works well – no problems – but it is SLOW. Contact Paul Moorehead at: 745-3932 or mrhd4Otter@atlanticbb.net

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**Here's wishing you and yours a very
Happy St. Patrick's
Day!!!**

By Kirke, By Golly

The Claiborne Association Board met on February 13. Molly reported that we have \$12,860 in the treasury, plus some additional donations received through Bay Hundred Foundation yet to be deposited. We discussed two upcoming events to be held at the church – a potluck dinner on February 20 and another event on March 20. One of our goals is to have at least one event each month as the weather gets better and better.

Fundraising for the church is off to a good start. So far we have received donations from 24 families for our restoration efforts. On January 28 the IRS granted the Association tax exempt status. Donations made to the Claiborne Association are fully tax deductible and our 501(c)(3) status make us eligible to apply for grants from many more sources. If you have not made a donation yet, or if you would like to hear more about the how the money is to be spent, call Kirke at 745-9348.

We also discussed the planning activities needed before we begin restoration of the church. The next big milestone will be a pre-application meeting with county staff to acquaint staff with the church project and to get their advice about the project. Following that meeting we will apply for a building permit. A goal is to plan our construction work so the building can always be available for events. We will give a full report on construction planning and timing at the April meeting.

John Scott has proposed the creation of a permanent committee to explore partnerships with other local and county organizations aimed at providing resiliency in the event of emergencies. John and Jack Harrald are working together with some other Bay Hundred folks and the county Office of Emergency Management.

Planning for the community garden is underway. Several people are sprouting seeds for early crops. Renny has offered the use of his tiller. Now, if we can just get it started again! If you are interested in joining the gardens call Judy or Lida.

Jim Richardson has volunteered to make a new sign for the church. We need to decide as a community what name we would like to give to the property. Give your suggestions to Jim or Martha at the Post Office or email them to kirke.harper@gmail.com. We'll vote on the best ideas at the Association's General Meeting in April.

At the April meeting we need to select members of a nominating committee to identify candidates for election as officers and board members for the year

beginning September 1. Would you like to serve on the nominating committee? Please let one of the current board members know.

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First Dip of the Year

On Friday afternoon, February 18th Chris Sard was the first Claiborne resident to venture into the Chesapeake Bay Waters.

Intrepid soul that he is, he wasted not time and took advantage of the balmy spring-like day to do his own polar bear plunge.

Way to go Chris!

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Memoir Writing

We all have memories and haven't we all said, "I'm going to write them down one day". Well, that day has arrived. Before too much longer you'll be able to come to the Community Center on Wednesday mornings from 10 'til noon and be a part of "Claiborne Remembers".

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Jean Higgins is residing at William Hill Manor in the Health Care Center and I know she would like for us to visit and let her know what's going on back home. If you have time, please do stop by.

BIG POST OFFICE NEWS!

by Martha and Jim

It's time to breathe a sigh of relief. With the wave of Post Offices closings across the country, we were counting the days before they would turn their attentions to little old Claiborne. Luckily, rather than having to close completely, we've been granted permission to establish a delivery center in the new Community Center. We've been able to purchase lovely brass mailbox units that will be in keeping with the architectural style of the building and they will be installed before the end of April.

The very good news is that, although our new postal center will not be manned (or womaned!), and our mail will be processed by the St. Michaels Post Office before it is delivered to us, we will get to retain Claiborne as our delivery address. Yup, we're 21624 forever!

We believe we can make this a very smooth transition and will have a meeting as well as hand-out information to make sure everyone is clear on the details. So start

looking forward to picking up your mail at the Community Center, chatting with your neighbors there, browsing the Hokey Pokey Book Exchange and maybe having a cup of coffee before you move on.

On Saturday, February 12 the Village lost a very important and well loved person –Nancy Clark

Having had the delightful experience of being born and then growing up in St Michaels she was somewhat of an historian, possessing a vast knowledge and love for this area.

Nancy had called me shortly after Christmas and told me about her illness and that she wouldn't be here to see spring arrive or inform us of the osprey returning to their nest out by the ferry dock. This year's anticipated date is March 17.

She asked me to put something in the Clarion after she was gone. Letting all of us, or as Nancy said, "Well, most of them" know how much she loved living in this precious place and how much your friendship meant to her.

Nancy was the first person most people met when they moved here and she loved telling everyone what a great place they had chosen to live and make gave each and everyone of us a sense of community.

St Michaels, Richmond, VA and Claiborne were her stompin' grounds.

Nancy loved little kids and dogs and was seen making her daily rounds, riding her big red three wheeler with the basket on the back filled with doggie treats. She would stop at each home with a puppy to pet, talk to and visit with our pooches before moving on.

Hailey Mae would yipe, wiggle and jump for joy when she spied her coming down the road.

A memorial service will be held at 2 PM on Saturday March 5 in St Michaels at St Luke's Methodist Church.

This little village that you loved so much will not forget you, dear friend!