



Happy Holidays!

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Mark your calendar!

Tues., Dec 8, 7:00pm
Claiborne Association
Board Meeting. All are
welcome!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER!

Saturday, Dec 19th
Bring a dish to share
and, of course, your
choice of beverage!



Sarah Sayre & Jonathan

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POTLUCK SUPPER AND SING-A-LONG WITH JONATHAN WILLIAMS

Rather than lament the shorter days and threatening winds of winter, Claiborne residents choose to sing! The November Potluck Supper was indeed a cornucopia of delicious food, even more delicious music and, of course, an opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors.

Jonathan Williams led the revelers in spirited vocals by Alan Wright (who knew?) and Ella Murphy (who is now playing the guitar as well as singing) and a virtuoso ukelele performance (accompanied by much swaying of hips) by Sarah Sayre. What a wonderful way to spend a Saturday night.



WORLD TRAVELER, ALAN WRIGHT, TAKES THE STAGE WITH JONATHAN TO SING "SUMMERTIME"



Ella Murphy charms the crowd with a more current tune!

**DECEMBER
CONCERT... Dec 13th
6:00pm at the Village
Hall**

December Birthdays

Dec 6 – Liz Fellingner

Dec 8 – Lida Klunk

Dec 9- Jess Murphy

Dec 16- Dani Murphy

Dec 17- Cecelia Boos

Dec.22- Edward
Schaeffer

Dec 26- Capt'n Norman
Haddaway

Dec 28- Owen Bond

Dec.29 – Devin Lednum

And looking ahead...

January Birthdays

Jan 2- Barbara Haddaway

Jan 21- Koa Cureton

Jan 23- Ciara Lednum



The Claiborne Café! Carol Kabler and Becky Otter reopen the Café on Tuesdays in December!

And then starting in January and running until the end of March, the Claiborne Café will be open at the Village Hall. Volunteer hosts will be there from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday to chat, to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and maybe a snack, or to just say hello. Please stop by, or better yet, volunteer one day a month to be a host at the Café – February and March are still available. It's a nice way to connect with your neighbors as you stop by to check your mailbox. Please contact Suzanne Todd at suzannetodd@outlook.com

INVEST IN THE VISION!

The Claiborne Association continues to hold the vision of a sustainable meeting place where residents, along with their friends and families, can come together to celebrate events, share a meal, be safe in the case of a storm or other disaster, and generally be a central gathering place for all Claiborne residents to enjoy. We want to thank the many people who have volunteered their time and expertise in the efforts to repair and restore the building. We want to thank the people who have made major financial donations, purchased windows and doors, and contributed time and energy to the business of accessing grants and permits.

As we continue to work toward making this vision a reality, we ask that you make a tax-deductible, year-end donation to the Claiborne Association, 10403 Claiborne Rd., Claiborne, MD 21624. Thank you!



MEN AT WORK:

Tuesday, December 1st will be a Work Day at the Hall.

Projects include: replacing the header over the entryway into the main hall; closing off air gaps around the floors, trimming windows, doors, fascia and soffett, and cleaning/organizing the flotsam and jetsam.

Really, how many men does it take to.....?

**CLAIBORNE
CONGRATULATES
MICHAEL
HADDAWAY AND
KRISTEN
LYCETT!**

**WE ARE SO VERY
HAPPY FOR YOU!**



AND HAVE YOU FELT ALL THE LOVE IN THE AIR!



WHILE MIKE AND KRISTEN TIED THE KNOT IN 2015.....

**CLAIBORNE
CONGRATULATES
BILL AND ALICE
SEWELL ON THEIR
50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY**



**Be a Claiborne Clarion
Guest Editor**

Join the distinguished team of guest editors to author a month or two of the Claiborne Clarion. We'll help you with the format and posting it to the web. You'll decide on what articles and pictures to include. Months in need of an editor are June, and July through December. Please contact Rob Todd at robert10431@outlook.com. If you can't author an issue of the Clarion, you can still contribute a story, interview, or article. Send it to Rob and it will be forwarded to the guest editor for that month.

BILL AND ALICE TIED THE KNOT IN 1965!

Alice says she knew right away that Bill was the guy for her. It was truly a case of love at first sight! She and her friend Helen were waiting for their respective rides home from work – Alice waiting for her mother to pick her up and Helen waiting for her friend Bill Sewell to pick her up. Rumor has it that Alice had caught Bill's eye well before Helen introduced them.... which is a good thing, because according to Alice, he was her guy from the minute she laid eyes on him. Bill and Alice were married on December 11th and, following a reception at the Academy of the Arts (now the Academy Art Museum) the couple spent their honeymoon at a little getaway on the Skyline Drive.

Happy 50th Anniversary Bill and Alice!

December 11th



January 2016 editors – Pete and Mary Gregorio

February 2016 editors – Kathy Bosin, Anna and Stella Kabler

March 2016 editors – Jack and Judy Harrauld

“Our heads are round so our thoughts can change direction”. Allen Ginsberg

Return of Movie Night!

Wednesday Night at the Movies returns to Claiborne in January!

Send your suggestions to Pat Flory at patflory@gmail.com

Leave some canned goods in the donation box at the Village Hall and Suzanne Todd will take care of the delivery.

While you're there, check out a new batch of books... help yourself to some good winter-time reading material.

Reminder: It's not too late to participate in the Village Network Radio system that will support communication in the event of an emergency. Contact kirke.harper@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about this.

DON'T MISS JOY IKE AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON DECEMBER 13TH AT 6:00PM

NPR "All Things Considered" described Joy's music as a "unique blend of neo-soul, with just the right das of pop... A truly compelling act to watch in person!"

SIX SENTENCES.....

HURRY BACK SUMMER! by Rob Todd

Spring and summer are the seasons I love the most, yet they turn much too quickly into fall whose cool temperatures and soft colors I find a blessing, but whose arrival also signals that winter is not far behind. I've never looked forward to winter, but I'm hesitant to move south. Winter is way too cold, and what daylight there is, there's too little of and it's too gray, being stripped of summer's bright and vivid colors. However, the older I get the more accepting I am of winter – I suppose winter is beautiful and comforting in its own right, especially when it snows, having a way of making the world around you smaller and less busy; providing a chance to recharge, regroup, visit with friends, organize thoughts, maybe do an indoor project or two (or maybe not), play music, and read a book. Yes, I think I can learn to like winter, though not enough to move north either, but having said that I already yearn for the first spring blooms and the warmth and fun of summer. Yes, I can learn to like you, winter, but please, summer... hurry back!

The Best Stuffing Recipe Ever! by M. Gregorio

It was our first Thanksgiving together and we'd decided to stay home and cook; decided we'd save the big extended family celebration for Christmas. My father-in-law called me on the Tuesday afternoon before the big day to tell me he had a really good recipe for stuffing that he'd be happy to share with me. Surprised by this unusual call, it was my father-in-law after all and I adored him, I grabbed pencil and paper and said "yes, please, I'd love to have it!" He launched right in: toss a loaf of cubed bread crumbs with an onion, two stalks of celery that have been sauteed in a stick of butter along with crumbled, cooked Italian sausage, a tsp of sage, tsp of salt, and a cup of popcorn. Wait, what, did you say popcorn? He started a giggle that quickly built to a contagious laugh that I hold in my heart to this day and said, "You'll know it's ready to eat when the popcorn blows the a** right out of that bird!"

