

The Claiborne Clarion

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

I'm so sorry to have to report the passing of our friend and neighbor, Betsy Des Jardins on Monday evening, March 2nd. A true friend and gentle spirit, she bravely battled cancer for quite some time.

Jeff has asked me to thank the residents of Claiborne for the community support and assistance he received during this very difficult time. We'll all miss "The Girl from Miracle House Circle".

The service that was conducted by Reverend John Moore and held in our little church last Saturday was lovely.

Betsy's daughter, Jeanette, from Texas asked if I would print the following:

"We would like to take this time to say thank you. Claiborne residents are no longer a community; it's all about being a family.

The Des Jardins family would like to say thank you for flowers, cards, food and well wishes and for being there. I hope to see you in the spring. God Bless!

I, Jeanette Allen, as a daughter of Betsy Des Jardins would like to say on behalf of the family, my brother Charlie Henry and my sister Ann Marie, Thanks to all of you for being there for my mom and dad". Sincerely, Jeanette Allen

STORYTELLING TIME

Another wonderful Sunday afternoon of storytelling was held at the church on Sunday February 22nd. This time, the main speaker was Dan Higgins who has lived here forever and mentally walked us around town, describing what Claiborne was like back when he was a kid. He also had lots of photos of the ferryboats to share. The Higgins family played a very important part in the daily operations of the ferry service. Dan's knowledge and descriptions of his childhood hometown were priceless. Thanks Dan. You can view the latest edition of Claiborne stories on YouTube.

Bring your stories to the next gathering at the church on Sunday March 29th from 3 to 5 PM. and join Reverend Moore in telling your memories of Claiborne. If you have photos, be sure to bring them along too!

NEW GRANDBABY

Barbara and Mike Mc Caughey welcomed the arrival of a new grandson, Grady Maxwell Bridges to the world on Valentines Day. He weighed 10 lbs. and was 24" long.

Welcome to the world big guy!

ST PATRICKS DAY

Everyone's Irish or wishes they were on the 17th, so put one your green and celebrate! If you're into racing, Carpenter Street Saloon will hold the town's annual shopping cart races beginning at midnight.

Talbot Street between Willow and Railroad will be closed from 11:30 to 12:30 so the participants can "man" their carts.

WILDFLOWER GARDEN

As you know, it was Betsy Des Jardins' idea to create a wildflower garden to remember all of the residents of Claiborne who have passed on. Well, two weeks before Betsy's death she and I spoke with Ralph Steinberger and he told us we could use his little garden area on Bayside Drive.

We'll gather there at noon on Saturday, April 18th to plant our garden.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 9 Ted Jones
March 13 "the big 40" Mike Kabler
March 13 Penny Rhine
March 21 Bea Worton
March 29 Michael Hadaway

TRASH DETAIL

Watch for signs at the Post Office announcing when the next pick-up will take place.

VILLAGE CENTER PLAN

Kirke is still looking for a few good men/women to volunteer for the Village Center Master Planning process. If you're interested please call or email him.

FAREWELL

On February 5th we lost a longtime resident of Claiborne. Dan Kirby, an avid tennis player was 91 years old. At 80 he left the tennis court and became a table tennis fan. He spent many summers at Maple Hall during his courtship with Miss Salvadora Cockey and he wrote her nearly 500 letters that are now a family treasure. After they married in 1948 they lived in Catonsville and moved to Claiborne in 1983.

GET WELL WISHES

Go out to Carolyn Mc Clyment, who has been experiencing some health problems. She is currently in Easton Hospital. If you're in the neighborhood and have a few minutes, why not stop in and say hello? I'm sure she would welcome the company.

VILLAGE YARD SALE

Start gathering together all the stuff you want to sell at the Village yard sale next month. The April edition of the Clarion will have all the details.

Lots of folks have sighed up for the community organic garden at Molly Bond's home, but there's still time to get your name on the list. They, the happy growers, should begin tilling the soil and planting their crops as soon as we are frost free. I have a friend sending me pop-corn seed from Iowa. If the deer don't get to it first, we can all share it at the summer picnic.

Lets all welcome

Spring on the 21st!!!!