

The Claiborne Clarion

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

A BIG THANK YOU

Please allow me to thank my mentor and fellow Village Center Board member and owner of the Book Bank down on Tilghman Island, Gary Crawford. Gary's the person that gave me encouragement and direction to start a news letter for us. Gary got started doing newsletters in his village of Fairbank seven years ago. A quarterly called "Fairbank Gazette" first appeared in the month of June, 2000. Now he's publishing the well know, weekly, "Island Flyer" that's distributed on the island and can also be found on line at: www.TilghmanMD.com. Be sure to check it out! Thanks again Gary.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

It's hard to believe that in our little village only one person is celebrating a birthday in February. Or, maybe, you forgot to let me know about the birthdays in your family. March is coming and I need information!!!

Anna Kabler, 3 years old February 13th

Speaking of the Kabler family, Carrie wants to thank all of her "Clean Up Claiborne" crew who did such a great job on Saturday morning, January 27th.

Our thanks go out to: Jan and Renny Johnson, Susan Cornish, Adine Kelly, Sally Cockey, Kirke Harper, The McCaughey's, Jim Richardson and of course, Carrie Gould-Kabler. Nick Frock was in charge of bag collection and deserves an "attaboy" for his part in the clean-up.

If you want to be part of the next clean-up come to the Post Office at 9 am on Saturday, March 31st

OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

During the month of January Derick and Dawn Abbott moved into the former Effinger home on Claiborne Road. Other members of the family are Krystle Wilers, 16, Krystine Abbott, 9 and D.J. Abbott, 8 as well as Domino, a black and white cocker spaniel and Duncan, a Sheltie round out this group of newcomers. The family re-located from Tilghman Island where Derick is Dock Master at Knapps Narrows Marina. Dawn works at St Michaels elementary school as a health assistant.

St Michaels Cub pack #741 is fortunate to have Derick as it's new Cub Master and Dawn as his assistant.

You've probably noticed a photo of Krystle that Nancy Clark posted at the Post Office. She, Krystle, has been chosen by the People to People Ambassador Program as a Student Ambassador to Japan. When Krystle returns from her 14 day educational adventure we hope she'll share her experiences with us.

A big friendly Claiborne Welcome to our new neighbors!

Don't forget your honey on the 14th!

HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY!

TWO FUN EVENINGS

Twin Bridges Education Foundation is sponsoring a "So You Think You've Got Talent" show at Tilghman School starting at 7:30 on Friday February 16th (Audition Night) and Saturday, February 17th (Winners Night). Head on down the road and plan to attend at least one of these two fun evenings dedicated to "offbeat" talents. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$20 for a family. This promises to be lots of fun and provide a huge amount of belly laughs. Our own, Chris Noyes, will be one of the three judges for this rollicking event.

Did you know that February is the perfect month to prune grapevines?

WHAT DOES 29/92 MEAN?

Well, it means that on Monday, January 29th Mary Frances Haddaway celebrated her 92nd birthday. Born in Trappe in 1915 she married and moved to Claiborne in the early 40's. Mary Frances raised three children, Ginger (deceased), Bill Sewell, a local boy and Joanne from Wilmington who helped her celebrate a special birthday lunch at Harrison's Chesapeake House down on the island.

Mary Frances has six grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Her words of wisdom to us are: "Treat everyone as nice as you can" and "Be fair in everything you do".

Happy belated birthday to a lovely lady!

This month we have an anonymous donor (initials K.H.) who has paid the printing expenses of the "Clarion".
Thanks Mr. Anonymous!

This is a recent email I received and want to share since so many of us are dog lovers:

THE PURPOSE OF A DOG

Author unknown

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year old Irish Wolfhound name Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife, Lisa and their little four-year-old son, Shane, were all very attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle. I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home. As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience. The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm petting the old dog for the last time that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes Belker slipped peacefully away.

Shane seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for awhile wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives.

Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why." "People are born so that they can learn to live a good life - like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" "Well," said Shane, "dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long".

KEEP WARM AND STAY HEALTHY