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Note the Dates:

Friday, August 1, 7 PM - Chris Noyes and William Thomas in concert at the Village Hall.

Sunday, August 16, 5 PM – Claiborne Association General Meeting and Annual Picnic

August Birthdays

John Scott	1
Mo McHugh	2
Mike Kuperberg	3
Jim Richardson	4
Scott	9
Tyler Murphy	10
Jeanne Kuperberg	13
Bill Sewell	14
Jack Harrald	18
Kirke Harper	27

Please contact Pat Flory at patflory@gmail.com to add your name and birthday to the Claiborne Birthday List.

August Musings – Jennifer Shea

I met him at the Landing. July 6th. I was on my trike: I met him at the Landing. July 6th. I was on my trike: he was just at my eye level. We stared at each other. What are you doing here I pondered? Who are YOU, he seemed to ask. Where am I? Baffling. A Stone Thinker sitting at the Landing waiting for someone or an answer to an unspoken question. I kept thinking about his quizzical gaze as I rode. Why was he there and what did he want to know. Was he curious about the Village? Should I tell him about what I have learned in my brief tenure leading the Claiborne Association? About our amazing community and hardworking Board? Is that what our Claiborne Muse wondered about? Well, he wouldn't believe how effortlessly they operate. Ideas percolate, plans hatch, and results arrive.

Take for example our New Village Portrait, photographed in April at our Spring meeting. The idea arose, photographer John Rock recruited to shoot it, and now Jim Richardson is creating a new addition to the Hall's wall. *A Century Apart—A Century Together.* Marty Bollinger has galvanized the History Committee. Organizing the photographs and documents he assembled for his new book and incorporating contributions from Village scrapbooks, he has created a digital archive with over 130 carefully curated items. Marty urges anyone with Claiborne related materials or photographs that he could include to contact him. The project to create signage about Claiborne History at the Landing? Kirke Harper recently received a grant to fund them! A welcome brochure with village map is in the works, and in the fall we will begin to collect a new series of video oral histories. The History Committee is on a role.

Library News

Talbot County Free Library celebrates 100 years. Please join us on Saturday August 23 for a party from 11:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Easton Branch. Join us for Little Jon's Gigantic Bubble Show, cupcakes and more.

Recycling Update – Suzanne Todd

The recycling site at the St. Michael's ball field has been closed. According to the Talbot County Public Works Department a new site will be opened in the future. The sites next to St. Michael's Market and the one near the bridge in Tilghman are still there.

Claibornites Sail

Claibornites on the Skipjack Nathan of Dorchester with Captain Jake Flory and crew! There was very little wind but fun was had by all.

To learn more about this organization or take a sail, please contact visit Nathan of Dorchester or contact Jake at jakeflory@gmail.com

So too is the Gardening Committee, an outgrowth (organic, of course) from a brainstorming meeting of concerned Village gardeners. Now led by Janet Friedberg and Priscilla Sener the group is caretaking the lovely gardens that surround our Hall. And the Hall? Well, adding the new Portrait creates the opportunity to reassess the entire Hall Space. Yes. A new committee!

Little Muse, I learned a lot in my five months about just how much the Board is thinking ahead about Claiborne's future and what community means. Is that why you appeared that July day? To prompt me to reflect? Okay, I have but where did you go? You aren't at the Landing anymore. Has anyone seen him? Did the Kuperbergs beam you up to Friday Harbor?

Serving as your Interim President has been a privilege and a pleasure. Thank you all for your support. And I didn't need a fleeting Muse to remind me!

See you this Friday's Concert with Chris Noyes , 7:00 pm in the Hall and Community Picnic, at the Cockeys', August 16th.

Program Committee News

They are calling it .... 'Upbeat Melancholia.' Friday August 1, 7 PM

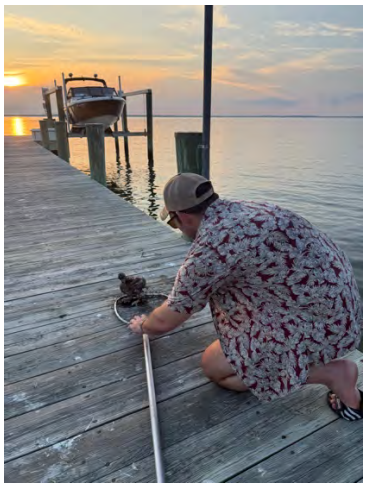
William Thomas and Chris Noyes, dear friends and colleagues, are thrilled to present an hour of some of their favorite Broadway, popular and art songs, cabaret style with piano and voice. You will hear songs from Stephen Sondheim to Stephen Schwartz, Irving Berlin to Rodgers and Hammerstein - along with a gem by contemporary musical composer Jason Robert Brown.

The show begins at 7:00 on Friday, and all are invited to stay after for ice cream sundaes. The suggested donation is $15 - $20, but pay what you can, and bring children for free to hear music they're unlikely to run across elsewhere.

Claiborne Annual General Meeting and Picnic

Yes! The wait is almost over! This year's picnic will be **Saturday, August 16 at 5:00** at Shirley Cockey's home on Cockey Road overlooking Tilghman Creek. Jennifer Shea, our current board president, will kick things off with a brief general meeting of the Claiborne Association as well as share a few words before we vote on the new slate of proposed officers and the proposed budget. We thank Jennifer for stepping into the role of president when Mike Kuperberg moved to Seattle.

At the picnic, we will be able to pay our yearly dues of $20 per person (cash or check please). Please bring a dish to share, your drink of choice, and a chair or two. We are grateful to Shirley and her family for inviting us to gather at this perfect spot to celebrate all that is Claiborne.



Osprey Report from the Lansdale's (10496 Miracle House Circle)

Late last summer we installed an osprey platform on our dock to entice the birds to build a nest on it, rather than on top of Page's boat. Success! This spring two adults took to the new site and steadfastly built a nest in April and May and then hatched three baby ospreys in June. The male brought fresh meals from the bay for the young ones with regularity like airborne Uber Eats. The female rarely left the nest day after day watching over the brood.

In mid-July when Page and Dede were in Washington, Page's daughter, Chloe, and her husband Peter were hosting friends, Emily and James, from Washington for the weekend in Claiborne. Each couple has a baby girl, three and nine months, respectively. Young parents both human and avian caring for their young ones by the bay. Total bliss.

UNTIL …. a bald eagle dive bombed the nest attempting to steal a newly delivered fish by the male Osprey. Although the baby ospreys had not yet fledged, the adult Ospreys abandoned the nest, fish in tow. The eagle, angered by his unsuccessful thievery, grabbed one of the baby ospreys and dropped it in the water near the dock. The young human parents were in the yard with full view. Chloe raced to the shed for a net and James jumped into the water and fished out the young raptor. The bird had severe puncture wounds from the eagle talons and survival was not looking good. Chloe called the incredible volunteers at Owl Moon Raptor Center in Maryland, which specializes in the care and rehabilitation of injured birds of prey. A local volunteer in Easton was dispatched that evening, collected the bird, kept it overnight in her Easton home, and took it to the Raptor Center the next day for treatment.

"Ozzie", newly named by the human parents, spent a week in treatment at the center, after which with mended puncture wounds and a more than sated appetite, the volunteers determined he was ready to be brought back and placed into the nest. A happy reunion!

We expect flying lessons to begin at any moment so please stop by anytime to take a look!

Respectfully submitted,

Page Lansdale

Welcome Our New Neighbor and Claibornite - Scott Eglseder

I was born on August 9, 1960 in Easton, Maryland. He is the third of four boys, all of whom were delivered by his father, Dr. Ludy Eglseder, who was born in the Old Brick Inn in St. Michaels in 1928. I jokingly say that only one of the four boys was dropped on his head during delivery and I'm not saying which one it was.

I attended Talbot County public schools and graduated in 1978 from St. Michaels Senior High School as the class Valedictorian. I graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Maryland in College Park in the Spring of 1984 (is anyone doing the math on this one?) I was pre-med and immediately went into the financial planning business upon graduation.

I have a long history with Claiborne. My Uncle John and Aunt Frances (Paiper) spent their adult lives in what village residents call The Bakery, My Uncle John and Uncle Frank (Paiper) were carpenters and for many decades did all of the carpentry work for Ella Poe Burling on Rich Neck Manor. They had exclusive hunting rights on the property and Scott was there every winter while growing up hunting ducks and geese. Louise Cockey was my math tutor in high school and Shirley Cockey's oldest daughter, Judy, was my classmate.

I have 3 children and 8 grandchildren and a black Lab, Jake. My oldest son, Dave, and my two oldest grandkids live in Wamego, Kansas. My daughter, Jenika, and her four children live in Montrose, Colorado. My youngest son, Josh, and his two kids live in Japan. I wish that all of them were a little bit closer to Maryland.

I will be planning a party sometime in August and will be inviting everyone to attend!

Claiborne July 4th Parade

Milestones

Claiborne is truly a community my father loved, belonged and supported. You may have met him walking his dog, Bozy, cruising our streets in his golf cart, maintaining the Claiborne Water Supply with Renny, collecting for the mosquito control funds, attending a pot luck, or sailing the Eastern Bay in his Catboat. If you met him you probably knew he was a kind, generous, hardworking, caring sole. You may have also learned he was a veteran, engineer, craftsman, traveler, sailor, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and neighbor. To me he was Dad. He was always there.

Dad's roots in Claiborne ran deep. He was introduced to our Village through my Mom, Cecelia, in the 1950's. Her Grandparents (Mollie and Charles Kerper) moved to Claiborne from Bozeman in 1912 and remained here through their lives. Dad and Mom always wanted to retire here. They purchased the property on Cedar Ave that originally belonged to Clarence (Quack) McQuay, a longtime family friend, in 1988. They remodeled the house, moved in 1993 and have remained here since.

In Dad's passing and on behalf of his family I would like to thank everyone for your support at the hospital, service and/or the reception, and for all of the cards, flowers, food, kind words, and donations.

We send out a special thanks to Rebecca Cockey and our Program committee for an awesome job with the reception.

Rest in Peace Dad.

Terry Boos.