



# THE CLAIBORNE CLARION

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PAT FLORY JUNE EDITOR, PHOTO *SUMMERTIME LAUNDRY DAY*

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### **Note the Dates:**

Saturday June 24 – 8 p.m.  
Concert at the Village Hall

July 4 – 2 p.m.  
Annual Claiborne Parade and Ice  
Cream Social

### **June Birthdays**

Tom Babb ..... 2  
Pat Flory ..... 16  
Dustin Fellingner..... 22

*Please contact Pat Flory at  
[patflory@gmail.com](mailto:patflory@gmail.com) to add your  
name to the birthday list.*

### **Cinco de Mayo**

Our first post-Covid, face-to-face, sharing-food-indoors event was a rousing success on a lovely Spring evening. Did the villagers come for the general meeting or for the shrimp burritos with mango salsa? Hmmmm...

Let's just say they were both a success!

### **Claiborne Association Notes**

What has the Claiborne Association Strategic Planning Committee been up to recently? The Committee, along with a number of you, has been busy. We've held three separate focus groups with Margaret Enloe-North as facilitator. Questions ranged from "what do you like about the Claiborne Association" and "does having a Village Hall meet any of your needs" to "what would you change about the Association" and "what are best uses of the Village Hall?" A summary is in process and will be shared with the broader community as soon as possible.

We know that focus groups are not everyone's cup of tea and so we would like to continue to gather your thinking about the future of the Association and the continued maintenance of the Village Hall. Some people love surveys, so we'll be sending out a short survey to get your thinking. Other folks like to write and so we invite you to send an email with your thoughts to Mary Gregorio ([gregorio27@gmail.com](mailto:gregorio27@gmail.com)) or Jennifer Shea ([jhshea@mac.com](mailto:jhshea@mac.com)).

In the meantime there were a couple of points of clarification made during the discussions which I'd like to share with you.

- One is that, while we'd love for you to become a member if you are not already, it is not necessary to be a member to attend events. Potlucks, picnics, parades, performances, movies, ladies' night – Do come!
- All residents are welcome!
- Another is that the purpose of the Claiborne Association is to promote connection and well-being in the community. Activities are purposely conducted on a non-partisan, non-political and non-sectarian basis.

We are interested in what you think about sustaining the Claiborne Association and the Village Hall, so please be sure that your voice is included.

## **Claiborne History Tidbits –**

*Marty Bollinger*

Albert and Mary Wyatt also started the Bellfonte (aka Belfonte aka Bellefonte) Hotel in Claiborne, which operated from 1923 to 1938. In 1926 the hotel was taken over by Annie B. Card, who was Mary Wyatt's sister.

Annie B. Card had her main residence in Wilmington, Delaware. Four times, in the 1930s and 1940s, she was arrested by the Wilmington police for running a "disorderly house" out of her home. (Yes, that means what you think it means.)

I have found no evidence of similar activity in Claiborne, but one does wonder given the number of sailors and transients in the village...



## **Tinsmith in Concert – June 24, 8 PM**



Tinsmith performs traditional music of Ireland, Scotland and Appalachia. Citing influences from blues to bluegrass, from funk to jazz to mountain music, Tinsmith brings traditional songs and tunes into the new century. Led by WAMMIE-winning vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Brooke Parkhurst (banjo, Irish flute, tin whistles) and

the awesomely talented Rowan Corbett of the Carolina Chocolate Drops (guitar, bouzouki, bones, djembe), the trio also features renowned bassist and singer Henry Cross.

This program will be at the Village Hall and is presented by the Claiborne Village Association in partnership with Carpe Diem Arts and is made possible in part by a grant from Talbot Arts. Suggested donation is \$15- \$20 and, as always, children are free.

## **Old Friends**



One of the benefits of having a village hall is that we can gather for such occasions as the memorial open house for Paul Moorhead, a long-time neighbor. Paul's wife, Becky, was delighted to be able to come 'home' to talk about Paul with old friends.

And look who turned up to honor Paul? None other than the Editor Emeritus of the Clarion, Barbara Reisert! It was lovely seeing her again.



## **St. Michaels Library Programs**

Monday, June 5 at noon - For it's June lunch and learn the library will host Darlene Goehringer of Pop's Old Place, a Century Family Farm in Dorchester County. She will share a documentary about the farm that was done with David Harp, Tom Horton and Richard Anderson.

Saturday, June 24 - Chesapeake Children's Book Festival in Easton 10a.m. to 2p.m. This event celebrates children and the joy of reading. There will be 24 children's book authors, and children who sign up will receive a voucher for one free book (while supplies last).

Monday, June 26 -  
Monday [Movies@Noon](#) is back. The film will be *A Man Called Otto* starring Tom Hanks and Mariana Trevino. A grumpy widower forms an unlikely friendship with his new neighbors that turns his world around.

**Sherwood 4th of July Parade and Celebration** – 11 AM. Games, hot dogs and lemonade after the parade.

## **Creative Shop Vac-ing by Tim Frock**

I've been keeping bees for several years and there's never a dull moment. I had a new experience last week when Sarah told me she thought she'd heard buzzing in her yard. Together, we looked all over and finally found a bee swarm in a tree near her house.

Swarming is a honeybee's natural means of reproduction. In the process of swarming a single colony splits into two or more distinct colonies, each having anointed a new queen bee. When they first leave the new queen will land usually on a low hanging branch near the original hive, while the bees who leave with her form a cluster around her until they agree on a new destination.

The swarm in Sarah's tree was about 8 feet off the ground, and the cluster was tight against the trunk, which meant there was no way to cut a branch or shake them into a box. I had to use a bee vacuum to extract them from the temporary gathering spot. I made a bee vacuum by using a shop vac that I attached to another box and gently sucked the bees to that new box where I'd made a screen door to prevent the bees from getting stuck in the shop vac.

After that I transferred them to their new home in Bozman. The bees are very happy, now, because they think that they swarmed and moved to a very nice location and their new home. They probably just figured that they hit some really bad weather on the way, never having experience a shop vac ride before.



*Tim and the Scott's Grandsons, Liam and Aiden*

**Claiborne Hall Update –  
A New Front Door**



Thank you Will Murdock...another beautiful addition to the hall!

**The Claiborne Community Estate Sale was a big success!**

Over the course of several weeks, we collected enough donated items to fill Steve Friedberg’s “Party House”. A small army of Claiborne volunteers priced, organized and advertised the sale. We had a good turnout for the event and sold almost everything. We raised \$3600 with your generous donations to support the Claiborne Association operating fund. Special thanks to Steve Friedberg for providing the space, and a shout out to the those who assisted with the sale, setup, pricing, hauling and fellowship.

Most of all, a big note of thanks for the community support. This was truly a community event, and as always happens in Claiborne, many hands made for light work.



*An Estate Sale Find...*

*... Goes Paddling Home*



*A well-deserved celebration for the crew*