

# The Claiborne Clarion

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

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Bettie Monaghan, Barbara Haddaways's Mom will be 89 years old on the Fourth of July. The town wishes this Grand Lady a great big "Happy Birthday"!  
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## ROADWAY CLEANUP

Carrie Gould-Kabler will be posting a sign at the Post Office announcing the next scheduled pick-up date.  
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## SOME SAD NOTES

Lida Klunk's mom passed away in early June and Mrs. Bea Leverance passed away in the month of May. We send our condolences to both Families.  
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## OUR ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

The voting has taken place and we have an agreed upon date for the Claiborne Picnic.  
Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>  
3 to 6PM  
at Maple Hall

As in years past, bring yourself and a covered dish (preferable filled with something yummy to eat) and plan on sharing a fun afternoon with your Claiborne neighbors.  
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Both Hugh Kabler and Mary Frances Sewell are home from their respective hospital stays.  
A "Get Well" wish goes out to Wade Absher who is recuperating at the Pines in Easton.

## POST OFFICE UPDATE

Submitted by Kirke Harper

The volunteer committee established after the April 18<sup>th</sup> community meeting on the future of the Post Office has met three times and explored scenarios and options for eventually reducing Jim and Martha's daily involvement while continuing a Claiborne Post Office.

The most likely short-term scenario is that Jim and Martha would continue to hold the contract with the Postal Service and by June 2008 they would hire a manager and one or more other employees to operate the Post Office in its current location.

We have developed three possible physical options for the Post Office, two short-term and one long-term:

1. Remain in the current location, add a half bath and partition to separate the Post Office from Jim and Martha's home;

2. Renovate the outside room (the porch) plus add a half bath to further reduce the impact on the Richardson's space; and

3. Move the Post Office to another location, most likely one of the rooms at the Methodist Church, if arrangements could be made with the Church.

In preparation for a meeting with the Postal Service, we conducted a brief survey to get a sense of the level of support for keeping the Post Office in Claiborne. The results of the survey were overwhelmingly positive - with over 60% of residents responding, more than 95% of the

respondents are in favor of keeping a Post Office in Claiborne and more than 80% said they would donate or help raise money for the Post Office effort. We expect to meet with the Post Office officials within a month.

The most important thing we are working on are the meeting with Post Office officials and setting up a non-profit organization that could be used to support the Post Office. We will raise these issues at a future town meeting.  
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DeDe Ritner's idea to develop a town directory has been shelved for the time being. It's a great idea whose time has not yet come. Thanks for the idea, DeDe.  
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Did you get to see the huge school of horseshoe crabs that assembled on the beach early Tuesday, May 1st? They didn't stay long, checked out the beach and moved onto another site.  
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## THE BIG KABOOM THAT WASN'T

While riding her shiny new red tricycle to work one morning Nancy Clark noticed what looked like a bundle of well weathered dynamite lying on the side of the road. She told Jim Richardson who consulted with Nick Frock and they agreed it sure looked suspicious.

The Police Department was called and they in turn called the Bomb Squad, which is headquartered in Salisbury, who quickly dispatched their bomb expert to the location.

A determination was made that the "bomb" was actually a bundle of old, unspent fireworks that someone had dumped in the ditch quite some time ago.

Thanks to Nancy, Jim and Nick, Claiborne remains the quite little village we all know and love.

## OUR LITTLE CHURCH

The Reverend John Moore will be conducting a "Hymn Sing" service on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM here in our little church.

It's also looking like there may also be one or two baptisms that day too.

There will be fellowship in the community room after. All are welcome!  
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## SUMMER VACATION

It's wonderful seeing our college student's back in town for the summer.

After a tough year of studying, take a break and ENJOY because the fall semester is just around the corner!  
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## JELLYFISH!!!!

You know they're coming, just like they do every August. Well, let's surprise them down at the dock and have the first annual

## "JELLYFISHTIVAL"

Anybody know any jellyfish songs?  
Jellyfish jokes?  
Jellyfish uses?

Be the first to sign up for the committee: 410-745-6987.  
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Thanks to Adine and Dede for this month's printing of the Clarion.  
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## ENJOY A SAFE AND HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY!