



THE CLAIBORNE CLARION

A Newsletter for the
Claiborne Community

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Note the Dates:

Wednesday, Feb. 7 – 6:30 PM
Claiborne Soup and Movie

Thursday, Feb. 8 – 7 PM
Board Meeting at the Village
Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday, Feb. 10 – 7 PM
Chris Noyes in concert.

Saturday – Feb. 17 – 7 PM
Bingo at the Village Hall

February Birthdays

James Vatne	6
Beja Marshall	11
Anna Kabler	13
Kim Titus	14
Susan Cornish	14
Terry Boos	24
Carol Cockey Lyons	29

February 2024

A few inches of snow greeted the Village Monday, January 15, as the coldest part of the year, mid-January to mid-February, snuck up on us. The snow was beautiful and left the Village with the quietest MLK Jr holiday in recent memory. Freezing rain and a bit of sleet added to the package before another storm with three more inches and colder air moved in to make sure the snow remained for a few days.

The beautiful snow turned our thoughts to the upcoming celebration of love on the 14th. Originally a church feast day and named after one of several Christian martyrs of the 5th Century, Valentine's Day became a celebration of love in the 14th century. It's not an official holiday anywhere, but Anglicans and Lutherans still celebrate it as a feast day.

Valentine's Day recently was recognized in Claiborne in 2012, 2013, and 2014 with a party to make hand-made Valentines at the Hall. Our first Clarion dedicated to love was in 2016.

The valentine pictured above was the featured photograph in the February, 2016, Clarion edited by Anna and Stella Kabler, then 11 and 14. They received some help from Kathy Bosin.

Kirke

Carpe Diem at Brookletts Center

Busy Graham is always, well, busy creating and supporting the arts. You can support Busy and the arts by attending these free 12:15 concerts:

February 13
Linda Harris and David Cole

March 12
Paddy O'Players

April 9
Lena Seikaly

May 11
Caron Dale

You can bring your lunch or call Amanda at 410-822-2869 or abrown@uppershoreaging.org two weeks ahead to get the low-cost Brookletts lunch.

400 Brookletts Ave. Easton, MD

Bingo Returns

One of the most popular events in recent memory is about to be repeated. "Bingo Nite at the Village Hall" will be held on Saturday, February 17, 7 PM. There will be prizes. Make your plans now to attend this special event!

Direct from Pennsylvania
One night only and special to our stage
Guest appearances by Bingo Bob
and Bingo Betty
(Mark Stevenson and Jill Hills Stevenson).

One Nite Only! Prizes! Fun!
Embarrassment!



Program Committee

We are tickled that Chris Noyes has finally found time to play for us, her hometown audience! In honor of Valentine's Day, Chris will explore, through song, the concept of C.S. Lewis' "The Four Loves"- Agape, Storge, Philia, and Eros (not necessarily in that order). Come celebrate love at the Claiborne Village Hall on February 10th at 7 p.m., and plan to stay afterward for a reception to honor Chris.

And please hold room in your schedule for a Sunday afternoon concert on March 3, when we will be pleased to welcome Sean Heely, fiddler extraordinaire. He will be joined by a harpist and a percussive dancer and it will be lively!

Milestones:

Jim and Martha are happy to announce the birth of a new grandson, Jonah, born to their daughter Hannah and her wife Michelle.

Leslie Smith and Jesse Greenspan have sold the house that Leslie bought here in 1985. We will miss them.

We sadly note the passing of Vastine Holiday. She lived in Old Claiborne first with her grandparents, and then came to settle permanently with her late husband, Lawrence, in 1962.. They raised four children here, and were dedicated and constant volunteers in the community.

Please let us know if you have a milestone you would like to share.

New Neighbors

Catherine Evans and James Frawley have purchased the house at 10434 Claiborne Road. Welcome to the village.

Jenni and David have moved from corner of Cedar and Bayside Drive to 10422 Claiborne Road.

Hubby Jenkins

We were privileged on January 8, to have a wonderful musician perform in Claiborne. Hubby Jenkins is an American multi-instrumentalist who studies and performs old time American music. He is a former member of the Carolina Chocolate Drops and the Rhiannon Giddens band and has been nominated for Grammy and Americana awards.

Hubby was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. He attended Clinton Hills and Brooklyn Technical High School. As a young man he played the saxophone and guitar. After discovering the music of Skip James and Bukka White, he began exploring how African Americans influenced American root music.



We had a full house and shared our Claiborne vocal talents in a sing along.

The program was sponsored by Carpe Diem Arts and the Claiborne Concert Series.

Ever Tempted by Maryland's Polar Bear Plunge?

Me Neither. by Deborah DeYoung

Despite my aversion to cold though, I found myself in the Eastern Bay off Claiborne landing on Christmas Day. On purpose.

I jumped in after Cinder, who put a paw wrong as she raced her sister Annie down the dock. Splash! She started swimming the wrong way, but turned back toward land when I called her. I raced back down the dock, but there was nowhere for her to stand. That's when I went in. She dog-paddled off in another direction – faster than I could walk through the waist-deep water. I finally grabbed her, carried her back to land, and hoisted her over my head to the edge of the parking lot.

She and Annie were overjoyed, as only wet spaniels can be – but I was in trouble. I couldn't feel my legs. I tried the narrow ledge, but my footing was iffy and there was nothing to grab but asphalt (as if I could have hoisted myself up anyway). I started walking along the ferry pilings, figuring there would be an opening in that wall of wood. There wasn't. When I got to the end, it was a relief to see the metal ladder though my numb hands made it hard to grip.

**Another New Neighbor
Abominable or Adorable?**



Back on the hard, I envied how easily my water-logged dog shook off her coat. But I wondered if my elderly Mom or a little kid would have had it as relatively easy as I did. A dog would have had to reach the boat ramp, or scamper up a stretch of natural shore. Both seem a short distance away – until you’ve taken that plunge.

If you fancy a plunge, the official one is February 1-3 at Sandy Point State Park. Going in at the Landing was exhilarating – but scarier than I would have guessed.



Recovering?

**February 24th
1:00 to 2:00 PM**

The Tilghman Watermen’s Museum Speaker Series will host **Vince Leggett, the Admiral of the Chesapeake**, at the Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Leggett will speak on African American ties to history, culture and waterways of Chesapeake Bay. He is founder and president of the Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation (BOCF), whose work brings to light the maritime history of African Americans in the Chesapeake Bay.

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**Free Admission
Donations Accepted**

Talbot County Free Library - St. Michaels Branch Events

Monday Feb 5th at noon - Lunch & Learn

L. Michelle Johnson and Cheryl Hoopes will share about the Commodore Collection. These documents and artifacts were found in a home on the Eastern Shore and shed light on one man’s journey from slavery to freedom.

Thursday Feb 8th & 22nd at 10:30a.m. - Memoir Writing

Saturday Feb 10th at 1:30p.m. -4:30p.m. – My Tech Clinic
Free help with technology ranging from, but not limited to, laptops, cell phones, setting up accounts and Microsoft Office.

Thursday Feb 15th at 11:00a.m. Nancy Taylor Robson author of “A Love Like No Other: Abigail and John Adams, a Modern Love Story” will speak at the library. Nancy is one of the first women in the country to earn her U.S. Coast Guard license to run coastal tugboats, she is author of four books and holds a degree in history from the University of Maryland.

Tuesdays Feb 6th thru April 9th AARP Tax Aide. Appointments required, Please call the library 410-745-5877 for more information.