



THE CLAIBORNE CLARION

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Note the Dates:

April 1, 11 AM - Claiborne Marching Band practice at the Village Hall. Please bring your sousaphone.

April 11, 7:30 PM – Village Hall Concert Series “Spaelimenninir”

April 13, 7 PM - Claiborne Association Board Meeting

April 5, 12, 19, 7:30 PM - Claiborne Movie Night

May 5 – Cinco De Mayo Celebration at the Village Hall

May 13 – Claiborne Estate Sale

April Birthdays

- Phil Sayre..... 5
- Martha Hamlyn..... 10
- Elizabeth Crenshaw..... 22
- Linda Harper..... 23
- Terry Babb..... 30
- David Crenshaw..... 30

Please contact Pat Flory at patflory@gmail.com to add your name to the birthday list.

Estate Sale Benefits You, Me & All of Us

The Great Claiborne Estate Sale, for the benefit the Claiborne Association, will be held on Saturday, May 13 (rain date the 14th) from 8:00 until whenever. Why is this great news for you? You can fully enjoy that seasonal urge to clear out some of your Too-Many-Things. And you don’t need to fret if any of those things are too large, too heavy, or too unwieldy. Jeanne Kuperberg will be organizing some strong backs who can wrestle those items out of your house (or shed), onto a trailer, and over to the Maple Hall sale site. Be in touch with her at 774-284-3647 to schedule a pick-up time.

Contact her also if you are ready to get your donations out of sight right now, as she can let you in to the storage room at Maple Hall whenever you are ready to deliver your donations. The Claiborne Association appreciates your donations!

Wednesday Night Movies Winding Down

Movie nights have been great this year, but especially since the installation of a very high resolution projector, thanks to the generosity of Gary Saluti. We are very grateful! Our final movie will be on April 19, as the late sunsets make it hard for us to fit in a whole movie between darkness and bedtime!

Reminder - if you want to be added to, or subtracted from, our weekly movie notice emails, please send your request to claibornemd@gmail.org.

Please contact Martha Hamlyn, Suzanne Todd or Pat Flory with your suggestions for future events.

—Claiborne Association Program Committee

Scandinavian Music Comes to Town on Tuesday, April 11 7:30 PM

Spaelimennir, a group of 6 musicians from the Faroe Islands (and Sweden, Denmark and the U.S.) have been playing together for 45 years, so you know two things: they really have their sound nailed down, and they must have a wonderful time playing together!

Their music is what they call pan-Scan - traditional and contemporary folk from the North Atlantic cultures, with traditional American tunes blended in. They play reels and jigs and polska (oh my!), and where else are you likely to hear songs in the language most closely linked to Old Norse?

Another performance gem brought to us by the Talbot County Arts Council and Carpe Diem Arts.



St. Michaels Library Programs

Monday, April 3 at noon - Lunch & Learn at St. Michaels Library.

April is National Poetry month. Please join us in welcoming Meredith Davies Haddaway, an award-winning poet, who will share "Six Poems That Can Save the World".

Thank you to the wonderful people in Claiborne – Anne and Greg North

Greg and I feel truly blessed to be living here in Claiborne. We moved to the Shore almost 47 years ago, living in different towns with Greg running his construction business, while I worked as a RN for the local hospital system. We have found Claiborne to be a unique and very special place, made so because of the people, a true community. A heartfelt thank you to each and everyone who reached out to us after our devastating fire. We are so very grateful.

This from our daughter Paige, and her thoughts about community:

"A week ago, I woke to a missed call and text from my sister to call her. Everyone was okay, and my parents' house was on fire. Within five minutes of evacuation, the house would have blown, said the fire chief. We are lucky. My parents and their pets are alive. They have a place to stay. It is hard to fathom the things that have been lost, the rebuilding that has to be done, the trauma that my strong and mighty parents are enduring. There is little left and much to do. And it could be worse.

I think a great deal, on the daily, about community and generosity. And they are so lucky in their neighbors - those who saw the fire from their home, those who are feeding them, caring for them, and being present, and those who embody the reach of the human heart. This is the definition of community care.

There have been times when I have wondered what community means anymore, when I have been disappointed by community, and when community has been the very thing I hope to build, in my students and in my calling. May all I know and love be lifted up by all your communities when you need them most." Paige North

Congratulations Liz Fellingner Miss Dominion 2023



Terry Boos and John Fellingner are proud to announce their daughter, Elizabeth (Liz) Fellingner, was awarded the title of Miss Dominion 2023. Miss Dominion is an official Virginia local title of the Miss America pageant system. Liz will compete for the title of Miss Virginia in Roanoke, VA June 26th through July 1st.

Liz is a sophomore honor student majoring in meteorology at VA Tech. She competed in a ten-minute private interview, talent, on-stage question, social impact pitch, and red-carpet wear. For her talent Liz sang Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again from Phantom of the Opera. Liz's Social Impact Pitch is on her Social

Outreach Program: You Are Not Your Circumstance. She designed this program in 2017 after her personal battle with chronic illness. She strives to teach youth all over the world how to overcome adversity through positive coping mechanisms.

Hall Updates



After being declared by experts to be beyond its useful life, here or anywhere, the piano was surgically reduced by Dr. Rob Todd into manageable bits.

New Traffic Patterns for Village of Claiborne

It has been several years since the traffic calming speed bumps and the speed limit signs were put up at the entrance to Claiborne. There has been sufficient time to review the results and propose any necessary changes.

The speed bumps are now worn to a very low rumble and brief thump. The 25 mph limit is ignored by just about everyone. Complaints have been made by strollers, dog walkers, and bicyclists that they are forced to yield to vehicular traffic. There is general agreement that a change is necessary.

The Claiborne Complaint Committee has been considering next steps. After much discussion a resolution has been reached. The group met on the evening of March 31, and debated into the early morning hours of April 1. The decision by this ad hoc group is that Claiborne will become a **Pedestrian Village**, roughly based on the model of Venice, Italy.

The Village will annex the southwest corner of the agricultural field on the west side of Claiborne Road, just north of Cockey's Landing Road. It will be paved with permeable material. A gate will be put across the road, being positioned so that it does not interfere with the deer path that crosses from west to east and east to west (See map: line represents gate, circle represents parking area.)

Emergency vehicles will be let through the gate immediately. Post office vehicles, UPS, FedEx and pizza deliveries will be let through on a timed system. A shuttle will be available for the disabled, elderly, and audacious. The residents of Rich Neck have decided to use boats to travel between Cockey's landing and their distant waterfront homes. A few other residents are contemplating their options. This important initiative will be funded by the sale of bouquets of phragmites at the St Michaels Farmers Market.



New location of Claiborne Marine Pump Out Station. Service runs from April 1, 2023 to April 2nd, 2023. Renny will be happy to advise you on the approximate length of hose you will need to provide.



Claiborne History Tidbits –

Marty Bollinger

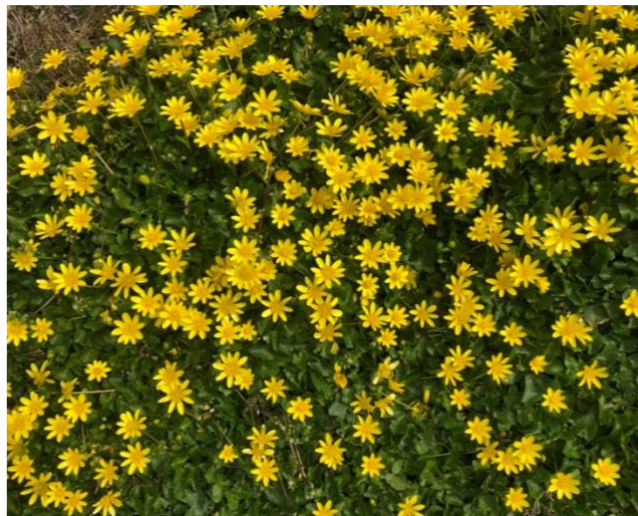
There was a restaurant at the ferry wharf. It started in 1919 as “Ye Ferry Inn.” That didn’t last long. In 1920 it was taken over and renamed the “The Sea Gull Inn.” The new proprietors were Robert and Nodie North, grandparents of Judge John C. North, Jr., of St. Michaels.

I believe the establishment closed in 1937 or 1938 after Robert’s death while fishing in 1937. The building was later moved, probably in 1940, to a farm in Bozman, where it resides today and remains in use. The couple in the photo below are Robert and Nodie North.



Garden Tip - Invasive Lesser Celandine vs Native Marsh Marigold

Lesser Celandine



These yellow flowers are charming and photo-worthy but problematic. They are called lesser celandine, are classified as invasive by the U of M Extension Service, and have spread over some years from the Fuhrman property to almost completely fill the back yard at the Hall. You can see that they are marching down the ditch in front of the house next door. The problem is that they completely cover any grasses that might want some spring sun, and the entire plant goes dormant in the summer, leaving nothing but weeds to grow in their place. Small patches can be removed by digging them up, being sure to get their tiny underground bulbs and tubers.

Native Marsh Marigold



There are many similarities between lesser celandine and native marsh marigold. Both have kidney shaped leaves, both occur in moist soils and both are low growing with bright yellow flowers. Though the flowers look similar at a distance, they have distinct differences when seen up close which can aid in identification. Marsh marigold has 5 – 9 petal-like sepals, while lesser celandine has 7 – 12 yellow petals which are narrower than the marsh

marigold and have GREEN sepals.

Click to learn more [Native Marsh Marigold](#)