



# The Claiborne Clarion

A Newsletter for the  
Claiborne Community  
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## November Birthdays

**7 Jake Flory**  
**10 Aiden Berry**  
**25 John Berry**  
**29 Rob Todd**

## Save the Date

*Claiborne Association  
Board Meeting*  
Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
7PM  
Village Hall  
All Welcome!

## Save the Date

*Let's Talk About Aging in  
Claiborne*  
Thursday,  
November 13th  
7PM  
(see details at right)

## Let's Talk About Aging in Claiborne

Patti Cruickshank-Schott

Many of us have been curious about how we might stay here in Claiborne for as long as possible as we age:

- What does it mean to have a community in which we help each other until the end?
- How realistic is that idea?
- Will people accept help from people other than family?
- What kinds of help: sharing meals, Car-pooling? Help with shopping, driving, medications, etc.?
- What might be some of the pleasures of making this happen?

We can go in several directions with this. We will begin by sharing our questions and brainstorming ideas. There might be an ongoing discussion about aging. Some people might want to read and discuss relevant books and articles. It might become a planning group to create concrete ways to support people who would like to continue to live here in Claiborne as they age. These might be separate groups, or off shoots of a central group that comes together every few months to share what they have been thinking, learning and feeling.

Thursday, November 13th 7PM. Location TBA based on how many attending. RSVP to Patti or Kirke if you're thinking of attending. [awayhome@happynomad.com](mailto:awayhome@happynomad.com) [919-696-6630] [Kirke.Harper@gmail.com](mailto:Kirke.Harper@gmail.com) [410-714-3191].

Here's an interesting article about ways other communities are doing this – *The Village Movement: Redefining Aging in Place*.  
<http://www.nextavenue.org/article/2012-06/village-movement-redefining-aging-place>.

## Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling Day



Talbot County Landfill  
Saturday, November 8  
8:00 - 2:00

Interested in having someone take your stuff? Let's have a Claiborne load and save on driving while we're at it!

Interested?

Contact Abby Cureton -  
awcureton@gmail.com

## Explore Claiborne *Virtually* Using Google Earth

Check out the masthead graphic for this month's Claiborne Clarion. It's search result for "21624" on Google Earth. Recognize it. If you haven't tried it, you might want to have some fun. See the detail of your house, boat, etc. Here's how (from the Google Earth website) <https://www.google.com/earth/> (Hint: Click on the box on the left, labeled "Google Earth" to download the free software application):

Google Earth allows you to travel the world through a virtual globe and view satellite imagery, maps, terrain, 3D buildings, and much more. With Google Earth's rich, geographical content, you are able to experience a more realistic view of the world. You can fly to your favorite place, search for businesses and even navigate through directions.

Here are a few things you can do with Google Earth:

- **Discover the Earth:** Fly to any location in the world, learn about a city and it's geographic features, find local businesses, and create tours.
- **Explore the Sky:** Enjoy the wonders of the heavens and learn about our solar system.
- **Dive in the Ocean:** Go beneath the surface and visit the depths of the ocean and explore the planet's deepest underwater canyons. Learn about ocean observations, climate change, and endangered species. You can even discover new places to surf, dive and fish.
- **Walk on the Moon:** Take tours of landing sites narrated by Apollo astronauts and view 3D models of landed spacecraft.
- **Visit Mars:** Travel the Red Planet and explore NASA's latest imagery of our galactic neighbor.

Want to jump in and start having fun with Google Earth? Try any of the the following:

1. **View an image of your home, school or any place on Earth -** Click **Fly To**. Enter the location in the input box and click

the  Search button. In the search results (Places panel), double click the location. Google Earth flies you to this location.

2. **Tour the world -** In the Places panel, open the **Sightseeing Tour** folder and double click **Start tour here**.

3. **Get driving directions from one place to another and fly (follow) the route -** See *Getting Directions* and *Touring the Route*.

4. **View recent historical imagery for your favorite locations -** In the

3D Viewer menu, choose the  Clock button to enable Historical Imagery. Then, use the time slider to view interesting placemarks throughout recent history. See *Viewing Historical Imagery* for more information.

5. **View 3D terrain of a place -** This is more fun with hilly or mountainous terrain, such as the Grand Canyon. Go to a location (see number 1). When the view shows the location, use the zoom slider to tilt the terrain. See *Using the Navigational Controls* and *Tilting and Viewing Hilly Terrain* for more information.

For a video/audio tutorial of Google Earth, go to:

<http://www.google.com/earth/learn/beginner.html#tab=searching-for-places>

## **GOING, GOING, GONE!!!!**

The Claiborne Village Hokey Pokey library is in store for a major cleaning out on November 16th. Please take any books or puzzles that you might like to have before then and resist dropping books off until after the first of the year!

Thank you!

*Your friendly librarian.*

## **Sherwood Seminars**

Jack and Judy Harrald

On the third Tuesday of every month, the Sherwood community sponsors a speaker series in the church hall on Sherwood Landing Road.

On October 21<sup>st</sup> a group of Claibornites attended to hear Clay Stamp, acting Talbot County manager and Director of Talbot County EMS talk about emergency services on Bay Hundred. Clay was joined by Tim McNeil, Department of Emergency Services 9-1-1 Division Chief and Brian LeCates, Department of Emergency Services Emergency Medical Services Division Chief.

They demonstrated hands-on-only CPR and their CPR Lucas machine that can administer CPR mechanically.

Several points which deserve mentioning:

- Do not hesitate to call 9-1-1 for immediate access to medical advice from the operator. An EMS ambulance will be dispatched while you are on the line. All EMS vehicles carry a trained paramedic.
- 75% of 9-1-1 calls come from cell phones. The 9-1-1 Center can track your position if you are using a smart phone.
- EMS will evacuate cardiac STEM emergencies to the closest appropriate facility, typically Anne Arundel Medical Center. The EMS will coordinate helicopter evacuation in Bay Hundred with State Police.
- Bay Hundred is extremely vulnerable to flooding from storm surge. Early evacuation is an Emergency Management priority. Have an evacuation plan and know where you are going. County emergency shelter is Easton High School.
- Visit their most excellent web site at [www.Talbotdes.org](http://www.Talbotdes.org).

Upcoming talks in the series include Sheriff Joe Gamble on November 18<sup>th</sup> and Al Bond in December. All are welcome.

## **Concert and Goodies for All, Dancing for the Silly-at-Heart!**

On Saturday, November 22, the Claiborne Village Hall will host Pete Sutherland, fiddling virtuoso from Vermont, and his musically talented friends. The concert portion of the evening begins at 7:00 p.m., and then we'll break to nibble on yummy desserts to fuel up for the dance. Square dancing, circle dancing, contra dancing - all done by amateurs and children, so the hilarity level is high for both participants and observers!

As usual, bring a beverage of your choice. Free for as many children as you can round up, a contribution of \$10 for adults would be appreciated.

## **Hootenanny**

Friday, November 28

Once again the Greater Otter/Moorhead Family will bring their musical talents to the hall on the day after Thanksgiving. There will be one guitar, one banjo and many voices to fill the hall - yours among them, we hope! Come at 7:00, just after your turkey leftovers dinner, bring all the company that's still at your house, and unleash your voice.

"Group singing is cheaper than therapy, healthier than drinking, and certainly more fun than working out. It is the one thing in life where feeling better is pretty much guaranteed."...Anonymous

## Maryland Big Tree Program

(Reprinted from the News from Adkins Arboretum)

*Calling all Talbot residents! If you have a Maryland Big Tree on your property and haven't had it measured since 2005, please contact John Bennett, volunteer coordinator for the Maryland Big Tree Program. He and his team will be happy to pay a visit to measure the tree and update their records.*

*For more information:*

*[www.mdbigtrees.com/](http://www.mdbigtrees.com/)*



## Three Cheers for Claiborne's Scottish Import



Photo by Paparensee (A.K.A. Renny Johnson)

The International Star Boat, WISH #7713 is on her way to victory and the honor of 'King of the Miles River for the 2014 WNS Racing Season'. Steering is her illustrious Captain Will, Murdochthefirst and his intrepid First Mate, tactician and cook, Carl Puttinthehammertothemetal..... All of Claiborne and especially the Claiboatnees (people who live in Claiborne and crawl around on boats) are very proud of their victory.... Well Done!.....Three Cheers for them, at your own measure!

## Claiborne Scrap Metal Drive

The Scrap Metal Drive will take place on Friday, November 21. If you have old electric motors, engine parts, broken metal tools, boxes of nails and bolts, BBQ grills, wire, pipe, aluminum or other metal item you would like to be rid of, you can notify Kirke Harper at [kirke.harper@gmail.com](mailto:kirke.harper@gmail.com) or sign up at the Village Hall. Kirke or Mike Kabler will come by your house to make a plan to pick up your items on **November 21**. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Claiborne Association for renovation of the Hall. If you have a legally registered vehicle you would like to be rid of we can advise you how to get \$200 or more for it.

## Are our tides rising?

This month's Clarion editor was away the day of the high tides a few weeks ago. His neighbor, Dave Crenshaw, took a few shots of the flooding and came across this interesting and relevant 1997 Baltimore Sun article by Tom Horton (who happens to be this editor's favorite writer about The Bay ... His *Bay Country* is a classic). Bill Boicourt was cited as the expert whose research is shared in the article. As Dave Crenshaw noticed, this year coincides with Boicourt's observation that "the tilt of the Earth and the tilt of the moon's orbit conspire every 18 1/2 years to exert more gravitational pull on the tides." This editor approached Dr. Boicourt to see if he had updated his findings. Though was out of town at a conference, he promised to share his current research with Clarion readers in a future issue. See Tom Horton's 1997 article. below)



**For much of '96, tide stayed high Anomaly: Some years have had one tide higher than any recorded last year on the Chesapeake Bay, but 1996 was unique for the sheer number of above-normal tides. Several factors could explain the phenomenon.**

### **On the Bay**

April 04, 1997|By Tom Horton | Tom Horton, SUN STAFF

THROUGHOUT Virginia and Maryland, people who observe the Chesapeake Bay know 1996 was the most unusual year for high tides that they can recall.

There have been several years with a single tide higher than any in 1996. (The highest recorded came in 1933.) But there has been nothing like the number of higher than normal tides last year.

There were weeks and months when, it seemed, the tide never really went out. Homeowners who get tide in their waterfront yards once every few years got it several times in 1996.

Their inconvenience was my delight.

My avocation is running aground while trying to go where no canoe has gone before, propping the tiniest, winding marsh creeks and guts.

But last year, I floated wherever I went. Just a few inches added onto the normal tide can open huge acreages to small craft along the gentle slopes of the bay's shore.

Is there an explanation for what elevated the tides in 1996, I asked Bill Boicourt?

Boicourt is an oceanographer with the University of Maryland's bay laboratory at Horn Point near Cambridge, and I've learned over the years that you always learn something fascinating from him, even if it is not the answer you asked for.

No one keeps long-term averages of the annual frequency and duration of high tides, so there is nothing official to compare with 1996, Boicourt said.

But it clearly was a remarkable year for high tides, and several factors could explain it.

We were at the peak of a long-term astronomical cycle, in which the tilt of the Earth and the tilt of the moon's orbit conspire every 18 1/2 years to exert more gravitational pull on the tides.

It was also a record-setting year for freshwater running into the bay from its rivers, and fresher water, being less dense than saltier water, "stands" higher.

The most noticeable high tide period of last year was during the warmer months. Thermal expansion alone -- in other words, warmer water takes up more space than cold water -- means the summer bay is about seven inches higher than the winter bay.

But all the above were likely no more than sideshows to the real action that drove the bay so high so often, Boicourt said.

In years both normal and abnormal, the major reason for most tidal caprice is the wind.

The Chesapeake Bay, Boicourt explains, is "unusually" disposed to the wind's influence. It is long, nearly 200 miles, and reasonably straight over that whole length, "so the wind can act, consistently, over a large area of it."

## Unique Fundraising Opportunity

(See Save-the-Date to the left)

The sponsors of Christmas in St Michaels have asked if they could include our Village Hall on the 2014 Christmas House Tour. Our Hall is seen as an example of a village church that has been saved and repurposed to continue serving the community it has served for the past 125 years. This as a unique opportunity to tell our story to a wider audience and to establish a broader financial support base.

The goal in deciding to host the Christmas Tour is to begin a funding campaign to enable us to complete renovations of the Hall and to support future maintenance of the Hall. This tour typically draws more than a thousand people. We will ask each visitor to make a donation to help with our ongoing renovation efforts.

The tour will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 13, and 14 and will require the efforts of many people. Board and Program Committee members have been busy making plans. In addition to the efforts of the Program Committee - Shirley Cockey, Pat Flory, Martha Hamlyn, Linda Harper and Mo McHugh- volunteers will be asked to bake holiday cookies for the event and to serve as Docents to explain the history and current uses of the Hall. The Building Committee will devote their next two workdays to preparing for the tour. New exterior lights and interior lighting in the foyer will be installed. Temporary wall and ceiling coverings and lighting will make the Annex more useful for the tour and future events.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER**  
**14, 2014**  
**6:30pm**  
**CLAIBORNE**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**(Dinner, Holiday**  
**songfest, Special**  
**guests)**

This year, the Claiborne Village Hall and the Claiborne Landing will be two of the stops on the annual Christmas in St. Michaels House Tour. The tour will be held on 12/13 from 11:00 to 5:00 and 12/14 from 11:00 to 4:00.  
See this issue for details!

Preparations for the tour and the tour itself may cause some inconvenience to members of the community. To make room for a history display and to facilitate mail delivery on Saturday, December 13 the mailboxes will be temporarily moved to the Annex. A number of buses will rotate through Claiborne over the two days of the tour and may increase traffic. The buses will drop off and pick up people at the Hall and show them the Wharf area as they turn around. We do not expect any private cars.

On Sunday evening a catered supper, hosted by Mary Lou McAllister, founder of the Christmas in St. Michaels event, Libby Moose, and the Claiborne Village Association Program Committee will be provided as a way of saying thank you to the Claiborne community. It will also provide an opportunity to share our vision for the future of the Village Hall with members of the larger Christmas in St. Michaels community. The usual musical highlights will be offered; bring your own drinks; dress is casual. Even though the meal is catered we can expect the same fun.

The catered dinner will result in a one-time change to our traditional Holiday Pot Luck and Association general meeting. We are working on an event that will maintain our potluck traditions!

We appreciate your support for the event and your participation in any part or the entire weekend. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Board or Program Committee members listed below.

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