



## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### My Mother's List

By Jim Richardson

Every Saturday morning when I was a boy, my mother would leave a note for us kids on the kitchen counter; a list of chores that needed to be done that day. Of course, she had been up for hours and would be gone on either her morning walk or shopping for the next week's groceries. The assigned chores were not to be taken lightly and they were our responsibility to get done by the end of the day. It was her way of reminding us that life wasn't a free ride - that all of us were expected to pitch in.

In many ways, I see the Claiborne Village Hall as the center of our town and an important part of our family of friends and neighbors. And just like a family, it requires chores. Right now, some of us are busy building new steps in front of the main hall. Before that, another group of volunteers weeded and mulched the orchard behind the building. Future chores include minor repairs to the belfry that need to be completed before winter and the installation of our fancy new stage lights. Committees are always looking for new members: the Building Committee, the Grounds Committee, the Orchard Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Program Committee. There are large jobs such as the ones I already mentioned, but there are plenty of smaller jobs that need to be done too; like making posters for our events, maintaining Jo Batters' wooden bench out front, making sure the hall and annex are clean, emptying our recyclables, and changing the light bulbs.

Look for a list of volunteer opportunities that will be posted in the mail room soon and consider signing up for one or two that may suit your talents and interests. The Village Hall and its programs can always use your help!

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bob Todd	4*
Anne North	4
Jake Flory	7
Janet Friedberg	10
Ella Murphy	11
Bernie Boos	21
Leigh Anne Schaefer	21
Judy Harrald	23
Mimi Holt	24
Rob Todd	29

\* R.I.P.

If you'd like to add your name to the birthday list, please contact Pat Flory at [patflory@gmail.com](mailto:patflory@gmail.com)



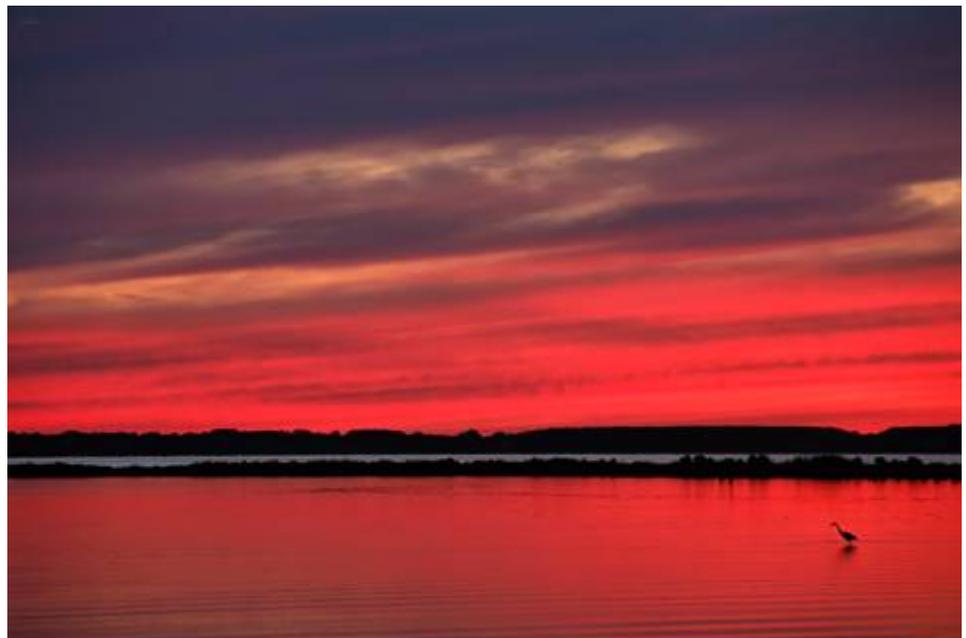
Thus far, Josh Galicki has recorded 110 bird species from his yard and throughout the village.

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By Josh Galicki

"Many folks look at water locations on the Eastern Shore from a boating or sailing perspective, whereas I look for photographic opportunities. I've been a wildlife observer and photographer for most of my life with the Eastern Shore as a favorite location. Actually, bird photography is one of the primary reasons I discovered this area and why I'm here today. When I first arrived in Claiborne, I was so impressed with Broad Cove or Claiborne Cove as some say, since it is perfectly situated for wildlife. The cove's shallow waters can provide a respite for loafing ducks and swans, exposed tidal flats for foraging herons, and ample fishing opportunities for diving terns, Bald Eagles, and Osprey. Thus far I've recorded 110 bird species from my yard and throughout the village. Most are migrants passing through and some make their home here to nest and raise young such as the conspicuous Red-winged Blackbird. Beyond all of the avian life, I've spent time photographing Red Fox, Muskrats, Diamondback Terrapins, White Tailed Deer, Eastern Cottontails, Rat Snakes, and many other species. It's such a delight to kayak, boat, bike, or just walk around and see what's happening in the early morning or late hours of the day. From a photography standpoint, what makes our town stand out is the light from the amazing sunsets that we're gifted throughout the year. I've been striving to incorporate these rich colors into my work, and also adding some human elements of interest over at the pier when possible.

Since I've been in town for just under a year, I still have a lot of exploring to do and hope to have a better understanding of the animal cycles and the overall wildlife scene. I'm a big fan of citizen science and understanding what other forms of life share this space that we call Claiborne. If you see me on the water or out and about with a long camera lens and binoculars, please be sure to say hi! My work, including Claiborne images, can be found at my website, [www.joshuagalicki.com](http://www.joshuagalicki.com).



## Tracking the Ferries of Claiborne

The Planning Committee

Seems logical that a director & Vice President of the Naval Historical Foundation and author of three books about naval and maritime history might just be a tad curious about the ferry system in his new hometown. Marty & Maura Bollinger retired to their house on Rich Neck just as COVID halted our communal village activities. So, while the rest of us were baking bread and perfecting our French (ha!), Marty delved into the histories of all the ferries that have served Claiborne and, in many ways defined our village, over the years. You have likely read some of the results of this work in past editions of the Clarion, but Marty has more to tell. He presented his research at the Talbot County Historical Society in August (to a sold-out room) but has since uncovered more tidbits.

Please join us on Saturday, November 12, at 5:00 p.m. We'll see Marty's presentation, pepper him with questions, maybe offer him some knowledge of our own on the subject, and then shuffle tables and chairs for a community dinner. Soup, bread, salad & dessert will be provided - no need to bring a thing other than your preferred beverage. As with all events these days, masking is optional.

## FIRST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BONFIRE

By Rob Todd

Claiborne celebrated its first Annual Halloween Bonfire behind the Village Hall on Saturday, October 29. The burn pile had grown since its beginning when the trees were planted behind the Hall. So, it was determined that just before Halloween was the perfect time to take care of matters. After all, Claiborne is always looking for another reason for an impromptu gathering. Many thanks to the Program Committee for making this happen and to all those who contributed yummy sweets and hot cider, spiked for some. Also, thanks to the local pyros for keeping the blaze under control. In case you were wondering, the St. Michaels Fire Department had been alerted. Looking forward to next year's conflagration, wherever it may be!



## ONCE AGAIN, CLAIBORNE RISES TO THE OCCASION

By Jim Richardson

The Claiborne Association Board is pleased to announce that steps have been taken to assure that visitors to the Village Hall will soon be able to enter and exit the main hall in a safe and secure manner instead of taking flight. There were many volunteers who willingly stepped up to help with this elevating project. I wish to thank Will Murdock for his expertise in building all things made of wood, Bill Sewell and his mighty tractor and bucket, and finally Kirke Harper, Rob Todd, Steve and Mike Friedberg, and John Scott for doing much of the grunt work. Thanks to you, we have crossed yet another important threshold.

(If you counted seven puns, you passed the test!)

**What a difference a year makes**



(From the November 2021 Claiborne Clarion)

“Looking forward to the coming of Beth and Gary Fuhrman, Claiborne’s newest.”



November 1, 2022.  
Coming along nicely.





*"We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."*

Thomas Jefferson

*"The most important office, and the one which all of us can and should fill, is that of private citizen."*

Louis Brandeis

*"Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it."*

Susan B. Anthony

*"So, make a plan and VOTE! It is literally up to YOU!"*

Sarah Sayre

In Talbot County:

On Tuesday, November 8, vote in person at your own polling place – To find the address where you should vote, refer to the Maryland State Board of Elections Voter Registration Search and Polling Place Look-Up site at <https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/where.html>  
Early voting has begun at the Easton Firehouse. It continues through Thursday, November 3.

For Mail-in Voting (from the Maryland State Board of Elections: <https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>)

**Important Note:** A recent change in the law requires the State Board of Elections and each local board of elections to refer to absentee ballots as "mail-in ballots" and absentee voting as "mail-in voting." Please note that this change in terminology does NOT change the process of mail-in voting.

The deadline depends on how you want to receive your ballot.

- If you hand deliver your request and the ballots are ready, you can pick up your mail-in ballot. You may take your mail-in ballot with you and return it by mail or you can vote it at the local board office and give it to an election official. The deadline to request a mail-in ballot in person is election day, November 8, 2022. Please visit your [local board of elections](#)' website for hours of operation.

## GET INVOLVED, STAY INFORMED

Lots of things are happening for the Claiborne Association and you are always invited to hear first-hand what is being planned and to express your ideas. All are welcome when the Association Board meets; usually on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. **Association Board minutes are available at [www.claibornemd.org/clai-board.php](http://www.claibornemd.org/clai-board.php)**

- If you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax, your request must be received (not just mailed) by Tuesday, November 1, 2022.
- If you want to receive your ballot via the internet,\* your request must be received by 5pm, Friday, November 4, 2022 for a request sent in the mail, or by 11:59 pm, Friday, November 4, 2022 for a request sent by fax or [submitted online](#).
- If you miss the deadlines to receive your ballot by mail, fax, or via the internet, but still want to vote by mail-in ballot, you or your agent must apply in person at your local board of elections. For more information about someone else picking up your ballot, see “Can I have someone pick up my ballot?” below.

*\*Please note that a ballot received via the internet must still be returned by hand, by mail, or dropped at a ballot drop off box.*

### **Halloween in the Big City of St. Michaels**



*The brave crew of Engine 49 takes a break to offer candy to St. Mike's Trick or Treaters*

But wait! There's more, if you dare to turn the page...  
Jim Richardson dared, and this is the last photo Jim is known to have taken...

Beware of the Claiborne Zombies...

