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

WELCOME SPRING!

Yeah, winter and all of its cold, blustery winds are just a memory. Spring has arrived and I'm sure you're just as pleased as I am about its arrival. It's time to get out in the garden and get dirty fingernails. Beaver wants to remind us to use your knees when lifting, not our back.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 13th Jerry Devine

It seems that Betsy Desjardins will be busy purchasing birthday gifts and making birthday cakes for her family this month.

The twins, Jeanette and Ann Marie will be 35 on the 11th. For you folks who watched the girls grow up it must be hard to believe they are now middle age.

AND, Jeff will be turning one year older on the 23rd

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, on the 21st Betsy and Jeff will be celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary... And they said it wouldn't last!!!

SNOWBIRDS RETURN

Linda and Kirk Harper have returned home to our village after a two week trip to Florence, Italy. Their daughter, Jana, who is associated with Washington College in St Louis, Missouri, is teaching art there. They are very happy to be home again.

HAPPY EASTER!

CHANGE IS A GOOD THING

Abby and Tim Cureton, co-owners of the St Michaels coffee drive-thru on Route 33 have changed their business name from Khaldi's Coffee to "Rise Up Coffee!" and in addition have extended their hours of operation and also added new menu items. The logo is still the same with two goats rising up over a coffee plant.

Be sure to visit the one and only coffee shop in the world with this great name. Good luck, kids!

The bad news: Bob Todd's missing bicycle never did show up. The good news: Bob has a new red bike to ride. Happy trails, Bob!

ROADWAY CLEANUP

On Saturday, March 31st the following civic minded folks, lead by Carrie Gould-Kabler, gathered and did an excellent job of cleaning up the main road into town.

Our thanks to the following participants: Carol Kabler, Jan and Renny Johnson, Kirk Harper, Adine Kelly, Janet Freidberg, Dick and Katie Snowdon (winners of the "traveled the longest distance" award, came from D.C. after they read about it in the newsletter, Sally Cockey, Mimi Holt and Devon, Lexi and Ciara Lednum and Jim Richardson who assisted from the Post Office. Carrie said the next clean-up is scheduled the weekend before Memorial Day. Thanks again for a job well done!

HAPPY EARTH DAY - APRIL 22ND

AN EXCLUSIVE

The following items of interest were received from Becky Otter, at the downtown offices of the Clarion on Wednesday, March 14th.

A flock of 40 to 50 robins swarmed onto the big holly tree in Becky and Paul's yard on March 12 and they devoured all the berries in less than 20 hours.

Saga of the Indigenous Arboretum

Over the past ten years a small indigenous forest has grown between the drive way of the Moorhead-Otter place on Miracle House Circle and the slough, or marsh, which is largely on Bob Leverances's lot.

It is in a space that previously had been mowed regularly for many years. A few big trees stand there...oak, sweet gum, pine and locust the likes of which I had never seen before. These leaves were upright, nearly the size of my hand, and loosely wrapped around each other. Over the summer months I watch these leaves unfold. By Fall an erect stem held six or eight gray-green leaves. By the next summer it was a little tree about 20" high with neatly spaced branches and many big leaves. This became interesting enough to identify more precisely what this vigorous little tree was. I suggested it to be a Paw-Paw. Wrong!

By the way, the swampy slough mentioned above (we call it the Zuider Zee) drains from near the north side of Miracle House Circle, under the south segment of Miracle House Circle and on under the Claiborne Landing road into Wade's Cove.

[The "mystery tree's story" will be continued in the May issue of the Clarion.]

RETURN OF THE OSPREY

Well, Nancy Clark was pretty darn close to predicting the return date of the osprey. Mr. O. returned on the 21st and Mrs. O. arrived two days later, on the 23rd. (I guess she couldn't resist stopping at the outlet mall on the way north.)

SPRING TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

Limited interest has been shown in a Town Wide Yard Sale this Spring. Let me know by April 10th if this is something you want to pursue. If so, details will appear in the May edition. You can reach me at the following: claiborne@goeaston.net or 410-745-6987.

POST OFFICE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 7 PM AT THE MAPLE HALL MEETING ROOM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18TH

The topic of this meeting will be the future of our beloved Post Office. Please plan on attending and bring lots of ideas for the continuance of this most valued service to our Village.

You're encouraged to make suggestions as to how we can keep the Post Office in town. It's such an asset having this service it would be a pity to see it close. Our Village needs to work together to insure its future.

I'm happy to report that Thelma Prickitt is home from Easton Memorial Hospital. She had a brief visit with lots of good care and therapy and is now feeling much better and enjoying being home with Wade.

This month's sponsor of the Clarion is Adine Kelly - Thanks Adine!