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Note the Dates:

Thursday, October 17, 7 p.m.
Claiborne Association Board
Meeting at the Village Hall.
All are welcome to attend.

Saturday, October 26 -
Fish Fry at the Village Hall.

Saturday, December 7, 6 p.m.
Claiborne Holiday Potluck and
Association Meeting.

October Birthdays:

Sarah Sayre	2
Lexi Lednum	7
Susanne Scott	12
Karen Thomas	13
Ed Schaefer	16
Mike McCaughey	19
Mary Gregorio	23
Marty Bollinger	29
Dawn Lednum	31

Claiborne Association Notes (Updated Version 10/7/2-24)

Jeanne and I have learned that the best boating of the year happens in the shoulder seasons, after many people have put away their boats at the end of summer. The cooler weather and less boats on the water make for a wonderful time to enjoy the watery world around us. Our biggest challenge, now that Log Canoe season is over, is deciding which way to cruise! Pro tip – the fuel dock at Fairbanks on Tilghman Island has an amazing price on diesel!

The newly elected Board and Committee Chairs (i.e., the Executive Board) had its first meeting of the year on September 12. Note that we agreed that our standing meeting date will be 7 PM on the third Thursday of each month, unless we reschedule. Please join us!

In 2023, a strategic planning committee proposed a new strategic plan for the Claiborne Association based on three priorities:

- Ensure Financial and Organizational Stability
- Increase Engagement and Community Building
- Strengthen Connections between the Association and the Greater Claiborne Community

During the September Board meeting, we went around the table to hear from Executive Board members and members of the community regarding their goals for the community and the Association. What we heard fits well into the three strategic priorities. So, I'd like to ask the same question of the larger community:

What are your goals for the community and the Association in this board-year (September 2024-August 2025)?

We would like to hear from you – you can respond to any of your Board members, or feel free to attend the next Board meeting on

Calling all Claibornites, Past and Present!

A Claiborne history project is in the works. A wealth of information, including photos, maps, and stories, already exists. It just needs to be collected, added to, and organized. A possible first step is to discuss and define what the focus of the project will be.

One idea is to look at each Claiborne house and trace it back to its original owners and others who have lived in it. Human interest stories and amusing anecdotes will make this more interesting and fun. We will need people to do some research, others to talk with those who have grown up here and still live here, and a group to determine how to organize all of this.

If you are interested in participating in this special project, including how you might want to be involved, contact:

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October 17 and tell us in person. Be warned that you may hear a response like, "That's a great idea, would you like to help us make it happen?"

As the temperatures and the leaves begin to fall, I hope you'll join me in looking forward to another set of seasons in our piece of heaven here in Claiborne.

Claiborne Volunteers at Work

A New roof!



You might have noticed Alan Farr, Jim Richardson and Rob Todd on the shed roof at the Village Hall recently. Well, they aren't just "fiddling on the roof." They've taken on the task of replacing the weathered shingles on the shed roof.

The new shingles were left over and donated by Gary Fuhrman after he recently reroofed his house next to the Hall.

As reported earlier, the shed itself was donated by Paul and

Susan Cooper. Then, to enhance the shed's capacity for storage, Alan built the shelves that are inside.

A Clean Village!

The Claiborne Clean Up Initiative was launched approximately 19 years ago. A group of volunteers gathered on a specific date and time and picked up trash and other things throughout our village. Now every team member has their own section and picks up whenever they feel the need to head out with their gloves and a collection bag. You may see them around the village three to four times a year.

Current team members are:

Abby West, Koa Cureton, Martha Hamlyn, Mary Gregorio, John Scott, Susanne Scott, Bill Sewell, Alice Sewell, Paul Cooper, Kirke Harper, Mike Friedberg and Steve Friedberg. Please contact Abby West if you have questions or are willing to volunteer your time and energy.

First Fish Fest Dinner!

Save the date of Saturday, October 26, when our hometown chef, Rebecca Cockey Mullins, will show us how to prepare two fish we haven't previously had in our repertoire. Two invasive species, blue catfish (not a bottom-feeding catfish) and channa (snakehead, blessedly rebranded), will become Chesapeake Bay standards very soon and they are both delicious. We don't promise that you won't still love rockfish, but these two will likely be a lot easier to catch when you are next out on the river and more economical to buy at the market. Details to follow.

Wondering if we'll have another Halloween Bonfire at Shirley's? Yes, we will, this time with finger food yummys, but its date might migrate into first week of November. We will give you as much notice as possible, but we'll be waiting for excellent bonfire conditions!

St. Michaels Library Temporary Closure News

The Talbot County Free Library is planning for the temporary closure of the St. Michaels Library while preparing to move that branch to a temporary location at 1013 S. Talbot Street in the St. Michaels Village shopping center. The library will be closed starting Monday, October 7th. We will begin moving in late October, with an opening of that temporary location scheduled for mid-November.

And...There are plenty more volunteer opportunities. Just check with an Association Board member or a friendly neighbor and learn about how you might help support our village.

Claiborne Concert Series 2024

Thanks to Busy Graham and Carpe Diem, we were treated to a Crankie Shadow Puppet Show at the Village Hall on the evening of October 22nd. It was a uniquely charming visual story-telling by Katherine Fahey (paper artist) and Dan Van Allen (puppeteer). Bees and their honey, a dancing skeleton from New Orleans, and a local tale of black cats* were featured in three stories delightfully depicted in a mesmerizing scrolling panorama. The story unrolls as the scroll is cranked across the stage, lit from behind with both cut-paper scenery and moving shadows of puppets. Shown here are the artists, the stage in closed position projecting the intricate cutouts on its doors, backstage with the puppets at the ready and one of the story scenes.

* ask someone who saw the show why there are so many black cats in Talbot County!

