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THE CLAIBORNE CLARION

Weather Alert

Snow is forecast for the Eastern Shore sometime later this week. See page 4 for details.



April Birthdays

Phil Sayre	5
Martha Hamlyn Crenshaw.....	10
Elizabeth.....	22
Linda Harper	23
Carrie Kahn	24
Terry Babb.....	30
David Crenshaw	30

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

Free Concerts

Carpe Diem Arts presents free lunchtime concert series at Brookletts Place - located at 400 Brookletts Ave in Easton, MD.

April 9 — Lena Seikaly
May 11 — Caron Dale

Bring your lunch or call Amanda at 410-822-2869 or <mailto:abrown@uppershoreaging.org> two weeks ahead to get the low-cost Brookletts lunch.

From Sheds to Toads

A President's Rambling Notes — I have nothing profound to write about for this month's Clarion. But I am very, very grateful to the volunteers who helped get the foundation ready for our new (used) shed which will be delivered soon. Pretty soon we will have room to store our rakes and shovels, wheelbarrow, and hoses, as well as our boxes of holiday decorations. I imagine it won't take long to fill it to the gills.

By the way, that's an interesting idiom. Anyone know its origin? Stuffing fish with oysters, crab and other food items before baking is a possibility. And speaking of gills, one of my earliest memories as a boy was taking summer hikes with my best friend, Ned, up an unpaved road that paralleled a stream behind our town. Halfway up, there was a small pond where we would stop and wade, take off our shoes and go hunting for tadpoles. Which reminds me of a poem I wrote in the first Spring of COVID:

Toad

When riding my bike down the road,
By the side I did spy a big toad.
"I'd like to inquire
About your front tire,"
Said the toad, "It's about to explode."

I looked at the object in question,
It had a most grave imperfection.
"Dear Toad," I replied,
"I could have died.
Please accept my heartfelt affection."

Said toad, "Sir, these are the facts,
In this box there's a ton load of tacks.
These I have scattered
So toads don't get spattered,
By fellows like you, in their tracks."

— Jim Richardson, President, Claiborne Association

Signs of Spring



Two Ospreys were sighted off the Claiborne Jetty on March 21. The Osprey platform pictured above was built and placed out on the Jetty several years ago by Bill Sewell with the help of Rob Todd.

According to the Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, after spending the winter in probably either Venezuela, Columbia, or Panama, Osprey return to the Eastern Shore around the middle two weeks of March. The male returns first, gathering sticks and tidying up the nest, with the female arriving about a week later. Nesting pairs usually return to the same nest site or nesting area. Apparently, it is not the Osprey's loyalty to one another that brings them back each year, but their devotion to a successful nest site.

Recent Deaths

Elisabeth (Beth) Fuhrman of Columbia, PA., age 67, died March 5, 2024 after a short illness. Sadly, the house next to the Hall in Claiborne that she and her husband, Garry worked hard to make a special

Speaking of Sheds



Village volunteers ready the foundation for the soon-to-be shed behind the Village Hall. Pictured above: Top photo – Steve Friedberg on his trusty Kubota. Bottom photo (left to right) – Renny Johnson, Rob Todd, Jim Richardson, and Mike Kuperberg. Thanks to Jim for organizing this and to Susan and Paul Cooper for donating the shed.

Recent Events at the Hall

March 3 — Thanks to Carpe Diem Arts and Talbot Arts, Claiborne brought in Irish

American Heritage Month with a concert by Sean Heely, Abbie Palmer, and Agi Kovaks, with a guest appearance by Claiborne's own, Chris Noyes.



place will never become their home. Beth and Garry were married 44 years and have a son, CPT. Chaplain Matthew Fuhrman, daughter Katy Hopkinson, and six grandchildren. Beth was preceded in death by their son, CPT. Brandon W. Fuhrman, U.S. Army Ranger.

Beth taught art and art history in the public school system of Bridgeton, NJ. In 1991, Beth was recognized at the Kennedy Art Center in Washington, DC as an outstanding art teacher.

A celebration of Beth's life will be held at a future date. It has been requested that contributions in Beth's memory be made to the Claiborne Community Association.

Diana Mautz of St. Michaels, MD. Died March 14, 2024.

She and her husband lived in Ohio until 1970 when they moved to St. Michaels to follow Diana's true love of sailing. In 1979 she purchased Carpenter Street Saloon in St. Michaels which is still in operation today.

Among her many accomplishments was her leadership and mentorship through sailing in both Ohio and the Eastern Shore. During this time, she built one of the largest junior sailing programs on the East Coast.

She loved people, and in particular, children and grandchildren. Grand Diana's greatest joy was spending time with grandchildren, Johnny, and Evelyn Mautz. She is survived by her two sons, Dan Mautz and Johnny Mautz.

Karen Grosh of Wittman, MD was born in 1952 in Easton. She died March 1, 2024.

She took great pride in being an 11th generation native of the Bay Hundred area. She served in the



March 13 — A slide presentation and discussion by Jeff McGuinness, author of *Bear Me Into Freedom: Celebrating the Talbot Odyssey of Frederick Douglas*, and Lance Morris was the delight of about 50 people who came for the event.

New In the Neighborhood



Photo by Beverly Funkhouser

Jamie Frailey and Cathy Evans — Jim and Cathy are two of Claiborne's newest residents. With no plans to move from Towson, where they had been living for the past 32 years, Cathy fell in love with the area when she was housesitting for a friend in St. Michaels. On a whim, she had a realtor friend take her around to see what was available, and she stumbled upon this the old bakery on Claiborne Road.

"I heard that someone had submitted a contract right after I saw it," says Cathy, "so I needed to bring Jamie down right away."

"I agreed to come down on the following Sunday and noticed that Cathy had the checkbook in her hand, 'just in case'. Although the whole process was spontaneous and admittedly a little rushed, we are both delighted to be here."

"We've always lived in older homes, but this one is the oldest by far. We're not afraid of a fixer upper – which this most definitely is – and we can do a lot of the demo and simple construction ourselves. Before we moved down, we had a new HVAC system put in as well as gorgeous oak floors installed on the main level."

Cathy and Jamie are graphic designers specializing in both print and web design. Jamie works remotely for BCT Architects in Baltimore, and Cathy has owned *Shoot the Moon* for 33 years. Her passion is the non-profit world, and both Jamie and Cathy are looking forward to working with local businesses and organizations.

Cathy is a painter, fiber artist and collector of sticks and stones. Jamie is a traditional archer.

The couple met at Maryland Institute College of Art, and they have been married for 34 years. They have two children, Morgan 33 who lives in Baltimore, and Jackson 32 who lives in Denver, CO. You will see Cathy and Jamie walking their two rescue dogs, Daphne and Huckleberry.

Navy and was stationed at the Naval Academy as an operating room technician. Besides raising her family, she spent countless hours volunteering at Tilghman Elementary School.

She and her husband, Michael lived and sailed for years aboard their vessel, *Checkmate*.

Besides her husband, she is survived by daughters Claire Buecker, Sarah Grosh, and Dawn West; four grandchildren and a brother and sister.

St. Michael's Library News

April 1st at Noon - Please join the St. Michaels Library in celebrating National Poetry Month. Our guest for the Lunch & Learn program is Sue Ellen Thompson. She is a renowned and award-winning poetess. She will present her collection *Sea Nettles: New & Selected Poems*. Listen to her mastery in full force, in the voice of a woman who has come to accept and embrace the terms of her long life. Lunch & Learn is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Light refreshments available.

April 29th at Noon - Monday Movie: *The Boys in the Boat* - Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Olympics. This film is based on a true story. Directed by George Clooney

Weather Alert Details



April Fools!



Carrie Kahn and Jim Wilkins —

Jim Wilkins and I have been visiting the Eastern Shore to bicycle since we lived in Baltimore, where we met on the soccer field and were coincidentally post-doctoral fellows at Johns Hopkins. Jim in Biophysics at the Homewood campus and me at the Med School in Clinical Immunology. We had two kids there, Phillip in 1982 and Libby in 1985. Philip lives in Buffalo where he is a huge Bills fan and Libby and her husband Chris live in NYC. Chris is a post-doc at Rockefeller and they have two kids, Wil who is 5 and Theo

who will be 2 in June. They have a lovely dog Uli who likes to swim here. Sounds like we will be hosting Uli for a while as Theo has been a bit too affectionate. Jim's work has shuttled us from coast to coast, Baltimore; San Mateo, CA for Genentech; Potomac for Otsuka; Woodbridge, CT for Alexion, back to SF for Genentech. As a consequence of all the moving I went from Academic research to venture investing in early stage biotech for the State of CT, to founding two small and ultimately unsuccessful biotech companies to painting full time. I post on my Instagram account under carolyn kahn should you be interested. You can find us on Miracle House Circle. Please stop in any time to say hello, no appointment needed!

CERT Training

As of March 25, there were still a few spots left for our summer CERT course!

Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) provides basic emergency response training, preparedness education, and strategies to help you and your community be more resilient in the event of a disaster. This course includes emergency preparedness, fire safety, emergency medical treatment, light search and rescue, and much more! This is hands-on and lecture-based training provided by Talbot County first responders. This training is free and open to the public.

When: June 17 and 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. 6 - 8:30 PM.

****must be able to attend all sessions in order to register**

Where: 605 Port Street Easton MD 21601

If you have any questions - please reach out to me or Madison Loker, mloker@talbotcountymd.gov

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