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April Birthdays

Phil Sayre.....	5
Martha Hamlyn	10
Joshua Mills.....	12
Elizabeth Crenshaw.....	22
Linda Harper.....	23
Terry Babb.....	30
David Crenshaw.....	30

Did we forget to your birthday?

If you want to add your name to the list please contact Pat Flory at patflory@gmail.com

Rainbows Over Claiborne



No pot of gold but maybe an early Spring sign of good things to come – Rob Todd

Hello Friends and Neighbors!

I hope you are well! I hope, like me, you are appreciating the budding signs of Spring and are looking forward to increasing opportunities to spend time together with family and friends.

We are not quite ready for potlucks at the Village Hall yet, but there’s evidence of impromptu, safely- distanced gatherings around the firepit here and there, and rumor has it that grandchildren are getting to visit with grandparents after a long and tedious separation.

April is also our time for the Claiborne Association General Meeting! As in December, we’ll hold a virtual (Zoom) meeting for the membership. In keeping with tradition, the meeting will be brief. We’ll highlight some of the ongoing work at the Hall, share the budget and plans for the future. Members will receive an agenda including a projected budget as well as minutes from the December meeting to approve. You will also receive a link to the Zoom General Meeting on 4/13 at 7:00pm.

If you live in Claiborne and are not yet a member please consider joining; if you live outside of Claiborne, but have enjoyed Claiborne’s potlucks, movie nights, ice cream socials and random parades, please consider joining as a Friend of Claiborne. Membership dues are \$10./adult. There are no dues for children.

While the meeting itself will be brief, the socializing doesn’t have to be. Pour your favorite libation and stay for some virtual socializing!

- **Mary**

It must be spring ...



Bill Sewell and Rob Todd performed spring maintenance on the Osprey platform alongside the Claiborne jetty. An upside down salad bowl was placed to prevent the geese from nesting. Bill with Alice's assistance removed the salad bowl and the osprey are nesting.

Lida and Will's Garden In Bloom



Magnolia and Hellebore

The St. Michaels Library Needs Your Help NOW!

Plans for the much-anticipated renovation and expansion of the St. Michaels Library are progressing and the library needs our help to secure the necessary funding. They are asking us to support their request to the County Council to approve matching funds for the Maryland



Library Capital Grant program by writing an advocacy letter or email to the county council, preferably before April 5th, since the county is currently in the midst of budget talks.

For more information about the project and a template for the letter/email see the library's latest newsletter: [St Michaels Library Expansion](#). If you choose to write your own letter, please emphasize the special role the Library plays in our community and how the renovation, which they hope to begin in 2023, will both modernize and amplify its reach and utility. New features you can mention:

- a 40% expansion to the meeting room
- addition of 2 study rooms
- expansion of the children's and teen areas
- collection space to accommodate lower book shelves for children and readers with disabilities
- lighting upgrades
- added smart device connectivity
- added space for reader seating
- technology upgrades and more computers

Please send your letters or emails to:

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South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse
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Easton, MD 21601 or

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Any questions, please contact Shauna Beulah @tcfl.org. She appreciates our help! Thank you.

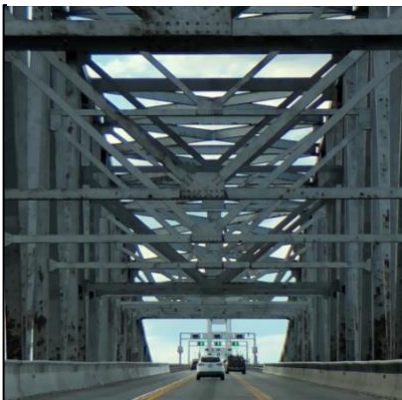
Potential Bridge Design Options



A. *The light touch*



B. *The copy cat*

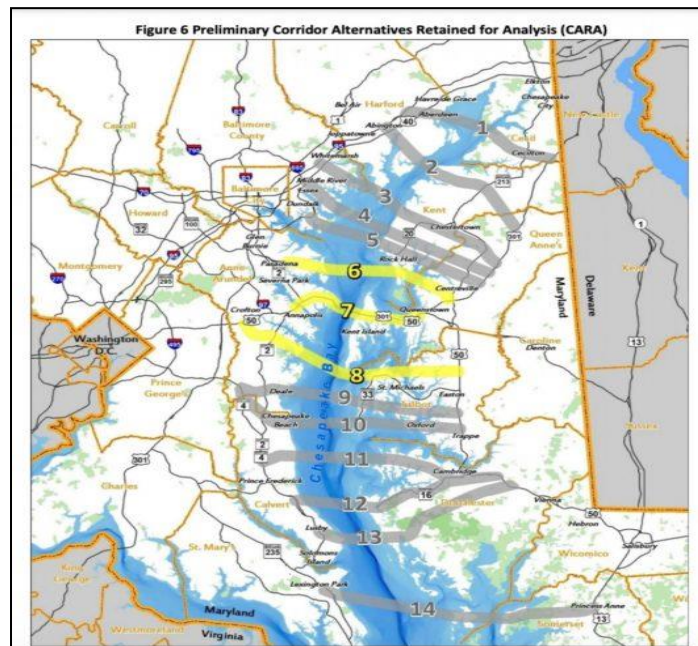


C. *The box*



D. *The leap of faith*

Science Corner – Reported by Sarah Sayre



Washington Post – *Transportation Section* - Apr. 1, 2021, Staff pool

Maryland Recommends Option 8 as Best Site for a New Bay Bridge, asks for local input

Maryland transportation officials have rejected 13 of 14 potential sites for an additional Chesapeake Bay crossing, saying a new span must be built on the “option 8” path south of the current bridge, extending roughly from Crofton (Anne Arundel County) across the water to Easton (Talbot County) to provide the most traffic relief and cause the least environmental damage, according to a state report released Tuesday. Governor Hogan has said, “I will find the money. This is high priority.”

[Hogan says option 8 is “only serious way” to reduce Bay Bridge backups](#)

To mitigate the socio-economic impact to the more rural eastern end of the bridge, the MTA is calling on residents of the Bay Hundred area to weigh in with their preference for style of bridge. Choose one of the options pictured and email your choice to [Bridge Style Survey](#) no later than May 1, 2021. Additional comments may be added to your message.