



# THE CLAIBORNE CLARION

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## MAY DATES TO SAVE

Cinco de Mayo and General Meeting...Sunday, May 5, 6 PM

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Audrey Noyes.....1  
Abby West..... 2  
Tom Beaver.....5  
Lynn Marr..... 7  
Jane Nigra..... 9  
Alice Sewell..... 11  
Beth Ellen Dawson....13  
Barbara Reisert.....14  
John Fellingner.....17  
Carrie Gould-Kabler...26  
Jesse Greenspan.....28

## RECENT EVENTS AT THE HALL

\*Pop-Up Potluck Dinner  
  
\*Log Canoe Racing  
Video - MPT

## CINCO DE MAYO AND GENERAL MEETING

Yes, once again on May 5, the Claiborne Association will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a taco dinner and the Kuperberg's endless margarita fountain. Please plan to attend for an evening of senseless frivolity and fun.

A brief business meeting will start the evening. Dues-paying members will be invited to vote on several important issues. (Hahaha, just kidding.) The meeting will last about 5 minutes. Jim will present the budget for FY 2024-2025, plus announce the members of the Nominating Committee for the upcoming Fall election. Minutes of the last meeting, the Treasurer's Report, and the proposed 2024-25 budget will be emailed to members, posted in the Hall and/or placed on the Claiborne website – [claibornemd.com](http://claibornemd.com).

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## SMOKE ALARMS

Years ago, I remember an episode of a comedy series called "Modern Family" where one of the characters becomes so frustrated by his failed attempts to turn off a rogue smoke alarm that he finally beats it to death with a baseball bat. Last week, sometime in the wee hours of the morning, Martha and I were rudely awakened with our own rogue smoke alarm, the one nearest our bed. Upon inspection, it had some dust buildup inside the cover. Standing on a chair with a Dustbuster did the

\*Pop-Up Irish Music featuring the Paddy-O-Players

#### **CLARION EDITORS**

Your 'umble Board is always looking for new volunteer editors for the Clarion. Pat Flory manages the overall communications strategy; Pat and Rob Todd do the dirty work of publishing both print and electronic. Left to the volunteer editor is the extremely fun part - a few moments of interviewing people and writing stories. The format is pretty much set. You add the color. Exercise your creative side. Let Pat or Rob know if you want to give it a try. They can arrange for someone to help you. Act now, space is limited.

#### **CLAIBORNE NEIGHBORS LITTER PICK-UP TEAM**

This is a good time for a road clean-up. If you're interested in joining the team, please send Abby an email:

[awcureton@gmail.com](mailto:awcureton@gmail.com)

We all appreciate the clean roads and byways - thanks so much! And a special thanks from all walkers to Steve Friedberg for mowing from Maple Hall Road to Shirley's Lane.

trick. It wasn't the first time this has happened but a good cleaning with a vacuum always works. The problem, is I forget to do this chore as often as it is needed. The next morning, I cleaned all of our alarms and discovered that one of them had been disarmed. When? Probably when we had guests over for dinner and the smoke from the stove activated the alarm. Or maybe in early pollen season when the yellow-green stuff worked its way into the alarm.

Lessons learned: Be attentive to your smoke alarms. Clean them once a year, replace their batteries if needed and make sure they are working. (There is a light on most models that shines steady.) By all means, don't disable them for any length of time. They are there to save your life.

Jim Richardson

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### **NEW (TO US) SHED**

Thanks go to Paul and Susan Cooper for donating their unneeded shed to the Association. A crew (Mike Kuperberg, Renny Johnson, Rob Todd, and Jim Richardson) built a foundation along the Northwest boundary of our property a few weeks ago. The Cooper's had the shed delivered to its new home. Alan Farr is constructing new shelving that will hold out-of-season decorations, extra equipment, and whatever is filling up the shower stall.

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### **THE MONTH OF MAY**

What's May known for? May Day, Mother's Day, Star Wars Day, ALS Awareness Month, and Memorial Day among other things. It starts with the flowers produced by those endless March and April showers we complained so much about. And it ends with the unofficial start of Summer.

When your editor was a child in small town Kansas, we made and decorated paper baskets for May Day, filled them with flowers and hung them from the front doorknobs of people we loved. My favorite adult was Mrs. Myers, the nice British lady next door who, I later learned, was the beloved clerk of the County Courts. Adults in the little prairie town put up a Maypole and hung crepe paper from it. We children danced around the pole, weaving the paper to the ends until the pole was decorated. These rural pagan rituals have given way in modern times to a celebration in many countries of the gains made by workers. While workers have certainly gained, I mourn the loss of a Spring celebration of fertility and promise that gave children a sense of wonder and excitement.

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## SHERWOOD NEWS

### CELEBRATE SPRING MAY 16 !

The Sherwood Seminar for May will provide an opportunity to learn how to make Paella Mista with chicken, vegetables, shrimp and mussels. Jorgina Colyn will demonstrate for us and then we will all sit down for lunch. The demonstration will start at 10:30 AM followed immediately by lunch. Space is limited. There is a \$35 fee to cover the costs. Please email by May 10 so food can be bought.  
[maggiejarboe@aol.com](mailto:maggiejarboe@aol.com).

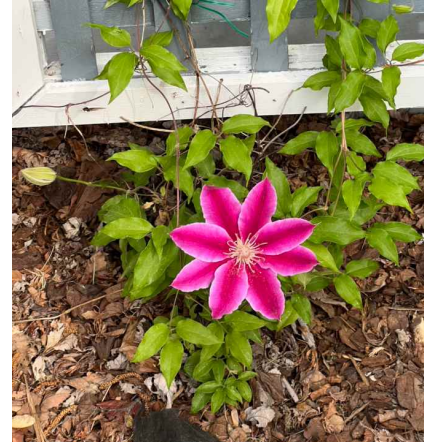


### JUNE 1 – HEALTHY TILGHMAN

The Healthy Tilghman 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk is a fund-raising event to benefit Healthy Tilghman.

Click on the link to for details [Healthy Tilghman 5k Run or Fun 1 Mile Run/Walk \(runsSignup.com\)](http://runsSignup.com).

## And speaking of May Flowers....



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## POETRY CORNER

And some time make the time to drive out west  
Into County Clair, along the flaggy shore,  
In September or October, when the wind  
And the light are working off each other  
So that the ocean on one side is wild  
With foam and glitter, and inland among stones  
The surface of a slate-grey lake is lit  
By the earthed lightning of a flock of swans,  
Their feathers ruffed and ruffling, white on white,  
Their fully grown headstrong-looking heads  
Tucked or cresting or busy underwater.  
Useless to think you'll park and capture it  
More thoroughly. You're neither here nor there.  
A hurry through which known and strange things pass  
As big strong buffetings come at the car sideways  
And catch the heart off guard and blow it open. - Seamus Heaney