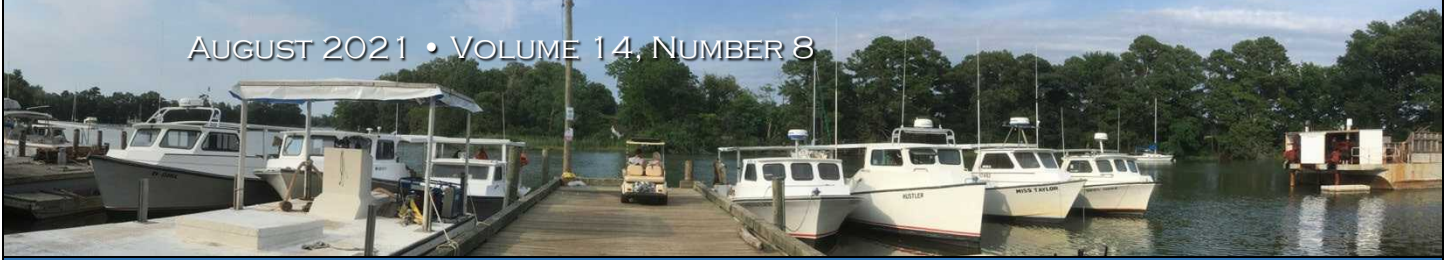


THE CLAIBORNE CLARION

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE CLAIBORNE COMMUNITY

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PAT FLORY, AUGUST EDITOR, PHOTO TITLED "THE CRABS MUST BE RUNNING IN THE MILES"
BARBARA REISERT, CLARION FOUNDER AND EDITOR EMERITA * MARY GREGORIO, PRESIDENT, CLAIBORNE ASSOCIATION

Note the Dates:

August 21 – 5 PM

Claiborne Association Board Meeting and Picnic - All are welcome to attend.

August Birthdays

John Scott	1
Mo McHugh	2
Mike Kuperberg	3
Jim Richardson.....	4
Sally Cockey.....	8
Tyler Murphy	10
Jeanne Kuperberg	13
Bill Sewell	14
Jack Harrald.....	18
Kirke Harper	27

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

Hello Friends and Neighbors

I hope you are well and that you are taking good care of yourselves in these interesting times.

"May you live in interesting times" is, according to the always questionable Wikipedia, an English expression that is claimed to be a translation of a traditional Chinese curse. Turns out there is little evidence that it originated in China or that it is a curse. I know this from reading the first three paragraphs of the Wikipedia page so I'm quite well informed.

Whatever the origin of the phrase, we certainly live in interesting and challenging times. A microcosm of the larger society, Claiborne represents the spectrum of political and social beliefs, personal celebrations and personal struggles. Fortunately for many of us we live in a truly beautiful speck of land among some very good friends and caring neighbors. I am feeling very grateful for our shared appreciation of this fortune.

I am {cautiously} happy to report that the Claiborne Association **General Meeting** will be held during the Annual picnic on August 21st. In the next week or so, members can expect to get an email with the agenda, minutes from the April meeting and nominations for the Board. We continue to follow the CDC guidelines regarding masks and physical distancing.

On a more somber note, Claiborne mourns the passing of three members of our community. Our thoughts are with the family members and friends of Sally Cockey, Larry Jones, and Katie Hicks.

"May love be what you remember most." (D.Sims)

Take good care of yourselves,

- **Mary**

The Annual Picnic Returns

The Claiborne Association Annual Meeting & Picnic will be tweaked to follow current CDC guidelines, but at least we can have one! On Saturday, August 21, at 5:00, Shirley Cockey will host us on her lawn overlooking Tilghman Creek, just by the Cockey Road Landing.



The outdoor venue will allow us to be together but we'll eliminate the crowded hovering over the groaning board that we are accustomed to by expanding the BYO beverage to Bring Your Own Dinner. Think of it as an old-fashioned church box supper (except your fried chicken may come from Graul's rather than your cast iron skillet). Ice cream treats will be provided. If you are in a safe pod with others, do share.

Other things to bring: a chair or a blanket to sit on, your dishes & silverware, your annual dues to the Association (\$10 per adult), and any mad money you might want to spend on our sale-priced tee shirt collection. A few extra chairs will be available from the Hall. There will be lawn games, too!

Parade and Ice Cream Social

Turns out it's not only the ice cream sundaes that bring the crowds out to participate and view the Fourth of July parade. We had fine weather, lots of kids, the Star Spangled Banner performed for us by Liz Fellingner, and special Kovid Klondike Bars. And fancy cupcakes, thanks to the Friedberg family. It felt almost normal!



Village Hall News...

On the Sharing of Bounties

The folks who tend to the tidiness of the Hall would like to encourage Claiborne's spirit of generosity but with some rules! In this season of garden bounty, please feel free to bring in any of your surpluses and put them on the big meeting. For anything else that you'd like to share, please take a picture and post it at the hall, along with your contact information.

Although we've had book, magazine exchanges and food drives in the past, for the time being we ask that you find other options for donations. The Easton library will be collecting books for an August sale -- drop off on Thursday Aug. 26; sale on Friday Aug 27. Groceries are gratefully received at the St. Michaels Community Center.

Patti's Orchard

Even in this dry, dry season, the first stage plantings in Patti's Orchard are thriving thanks to the hose-dragging efforts of many neighbors.

Dear waterers: the figs, the elderberries, the persimmons, and the pawpaws thank you! (And remember to pick up an extra pocketful of pawpaws in a couple of years!)

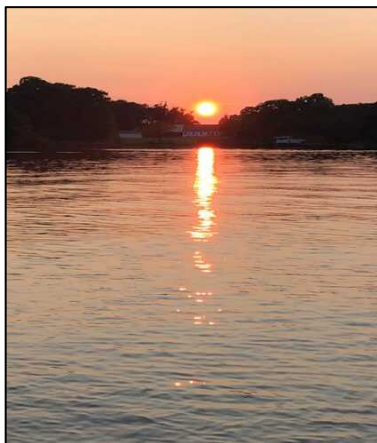
We will wait until Fall when the ground is less cement-like before our next round of planting.

Full Moon Paddle in Tilghman Creek



Yogi Mike Keene sent an invitation into the cyber world: join him for “a full moon paddle tonight, Friday, at 7:30pm from Tilghman Creek Landing...come totally self-supported with headlamp, water, snack, life jacket, whistle and kayak/SUP.” And several of us did. Lucky us! The sunset was glorious, the moon magnificent, and the evening paddle magical. Thank you, Mike! – *Jennifer Shea*

“Putting IN for a paddle boarding guy is simple. He can get on his board from any dock or arrangement near the water. So when I called for meeting at the Tilghman Creek Landing I did not take in consideration that most people would be bringing kayaks. To load into a kayak, you either need a beach or a floating dock. Thankfully Janet and Mike Friedberg we were able to use the floating dock near their house to load the other kayaks. It was a delight to be on the water with the rising full moon and hearing nature up close, as we could hear every fish that jumped and every forest creature on Tilghman point.” - *Michael Keene*





Come out and cheer on the dedicated men and women who are paddling for the Bay! – by Abby West

When: Saturday, August 28, approximately 1:00 - 3:00

Where: At the landing

What: Cheering on paddlers for the Oyster Recovery Project - and making this stop in their 215 mile journey, a memorable one!

On September 26, 2020, Chris Hopkinson became the 1st person to stand up paddle board the entire length of the Chesapeake Bay. He did it over 9 days in order to raise money for Oyster Recovery Partnership.

Chris decided very soon after that he needed to keep the Bay Paddle going and grow it. More people should experience the same journey and more needs to be done to protect our national treasure. That's the mission of the Bay Paddle.

Riverkeepers, educators and veterans are just a few of the groups who are paddling to raise money for the Oyster Recovery Partnership. Come to the landing and say "hi", "thank you" or "great paddling" as paddlers come off the water for the day. These men and women will be staying overnight in the area and then launching from Claiborne the following morning to their next destination, Taylor's Island.

For more information: baypaddle.org