



The Claiborne Clarion

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June Birthdays

Tom Babb -----June 2
Landon Walker -----June 12
Pat Flory -----June 16
Dustin Fellingner -----June 22



Renny Johnson's drawing of
the Sweater Set from last
year's concert

So very many things to look forward to!

Work Day at the Hall

Tuesday, June 9, from 8:30 a.m. until round about lunchtime. Project Foreman Jake Flory says this is the day to remove the old cedar shakes on the annex and to begin reframing and sheathing the kitchen wing. All hands are welcome.

Potluck and Concert

Friday, June 19, will be a three-event evening:

5:30 – ukulele workshop for those who have one and want some instruction. There may be an extra uke or two, so come if you want to give it a try.

6:30 – a potluck for all of us. Leave your boeuf bourguignon and mac-and-cheese at home; this time we'll be concentrating on finger foods and desserts so as to keep the furniture-moving to a minimum. As always, bring your own beverage.

7:30: The Sweater Set, who performed for us in February of 2014, and remain quite possibly the favorite act in the history of the Claiborne Concert Series, return. They have won the Washington Area Music Awards prize for Best Contemporary Folk Duo for four years in a row. They sing in extraordinary harmony and play nearly everything – guitar, banjo, accordion, percussion, glockenspiel and the occasional kazoo and mouth trumpet. Cub reviewer Anna Kabler interviewed them last year for the Clarion and called them "astonishing" and reported that their songs made her "sad and happy at the same time." What more could you want?

\$15 is the suggested donation, but pay what you feel comfortable with, and remember that children are always free.



Patti's Party

Saturday, June 27, we will celebrate Patti Cruickshank-Schott and the part of her life that she lived among us. A light supper will be provided, made by those who loved her, and then we will share what we want to remember about Patti. and there may be singing, which would have made her very happy indeed. Please come at 6:00.

....and while you have your calendar out, save these dates, too:

Friday, July 3

Chris Noyes Voice Students Recital & Community Sing

Saturday, July 4

our favorite **red, white & blue** holiday parade,
followed by ice cream sundaes for everyone.

Saturday, August 29

Full Moon Claiborne Picnic! Details to follow.....

May's Most Merry Moment

Niclolo Whimsey, a duo with enough talents that it seemed a whole circus had come to town, performed for us. They juggled, taught us tricks, and made us laugh. This is what it looked like:



photos by Busy Graham

Moving Up and Moving On

Claiborne boasts many graduates this season. We congratulate :

Koa Cureton, who is now fully 4 years old, has graduated from St. Luke's Preschool. Well done, Koa!

Anna Kabler, Edward Schaefer, and Charlie Hall will graduate from Tilghman Elementary School , and are headed to St. Michaels Middle School for sixth grade.

Brand new neighbors, Dee and Andrew Townsley, are settling into the Frock's white-picket-fence house on the corner of Rich Neck and Claiborne Roads. Dee's daughter Hannah celebrated her 18th birthday and graduated from St. Michaels H.S., making for a double celebration. She will be moving on to Towson University.

And not all our graduates are students. Chris Noyes will be graduating from her job as a music teacher in the Talbot County public schools. For 20 years she has taught in schools all over the county, working with preschoolers through high school students; from the Twinkle-Twinkle kids to the high school musical theater stars-to-be. Welcome to the next part of your life, Chris! Hope we will see more of you around town.

Planning ahead? Here are next month's birthdays:

Renny Johnson ----- July 8
Chris Noyes ----- July 14
Brian Boos ----- July 20
Carol Kabler ----- July 21
Becky Otter ----- July 21
Kathy Bosin ----- July 21
Stella Kabler ----- July 25
Pete Gregorio ----- July 27

Meet our new flower bed tenders, Ella and Tyler Murphy



The Claiborne Association Board has entered into a contract with Ella and Tyler to tend to the new plantings around the sign as well as the doorway flower pots. They are doing a fine job of watering and weeding, and we heartily recommend their services and applaud their entrepreneurship. See their poster in the hall for contact information.

Living and Aging in Claiborne & The Village Concept

by Pat Flory

Under the leadership of Patti and Kirke, a group of Claibornites began the discussion on how to create an environment that would provide all of us the ability to stay in our community as we age. Our goal was to explore ways to expand our current options and to develop a series of initiatives that build on things we already do for each other. Click on this link to review the Claiborne concept in detail <http://claibornemd.org/foreverYoung.php>

At the same time, a group of Talbot County citizens was exploring a similar concept for all of Talbot County and introduced their work at a public meeting in November, which Patti and I attended. From this initial meeting, the Exploratory Committee for Helping Citizens Age in Place in Talbot County was formed. It is made up of a coalition of community service organizations, elder care providers, experts on aging and concerned citizens, who have joined forces to explore introducing the national "Village Concept" to Talbot County. I am a member of this group.

A village, in this context, is defined as a network of neighbors helping neighbors by providing support services and the social and educational programs needed to help older adults stay in their homes and remain active in their communities for as long as possible. Many of the services offered are the same as those identified as necessary at our Claiborne meetings --- such as transportation, socialization, help with small repairs, and a person who is always available by telephone to help find information and services.

The first step, of course, is to find out what the needs are right now. To answer this question, the committee is reaching out to citizens and village leaders, asking them to participate in a community focus group to determine if the Village Concept can help fill any senior care service gaps that may exist in Talbot County. This focus group includes discussions and a survey that will help the committee gather information on existing elder-care services, determine the demand for these services, evaluate cost factors, and identify local volunteers who may be interested in helping to provide services to Talbot County's older adults.

The committee has already held six community meetings -- two in St. Michaels, two in Easton, and two in Cordova -- to gather information and feedback. Two additional meetings will be held in Trappe on Wednesday, June 10, from 2 to 3:30 PM and 6:30- 8 PM (location to be announced). There may be an additional meeting in St. Michaels on June 29.

The more voices that are heard, and the more questions that are asked, the better the results will be. So if you'd like to attend any of these meetings please contact me at Patflory@gmail.com

Remember when the Hall
looked like this?



