

# The Claiborne Clarion

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Priceless!!  
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The purpose of this newsletter is to acquaint and inform Claiborne residents.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Elva Gerlach	“ 99”	March 1
Ted Jones		March 9
Suzanne Todd		March 9
Mike Kabler		March 13
Penny Rhine		March 14
Bea Wroton		March 21
Michael Haddaway		March 29

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## Quotes of the Month!

by: Sloan Dove

**A successful life is one that is lived through understanding and pursuing one's own path, not chasing after the dreams of others.**

**-Chin Ning Chu-**

**Q. How did the Irish Jig get started?**

**A. Too much to drink and not enough restrooms!**

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**Another new feature:**

**The Poetry Corner**

**This was submitted by Pete Gregorio.**

## Outwitted

by

**Edwin Markham (1852-1940)**

**He drew a circle that shut me out-**

**Heretic. Rebel. a thing to flout**

**But Love and I had the wit to win;**

**We drew a circle that took him in!**

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**If you have a favorite poem that you would like to share, please email it to me**

**[Claiborne@atlanticbb.net](mailto:Claiborne@atlanticbb.net) and I'll put it in the Clarion.**

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**Okay boys and girls, Spring is really on its way! The vernal equinox will be on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:14 AM, and as we know the 21<sup>st</sup> is officially the first day of spring. Has anyone tried the egg trick (you know, balancing it on end) to see if it really works?**

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**Village Hall Roof  
Replacement Update**

The Board is busy making preparations for the roof replacement. Using the early 1920's photograph that now stands above the postal boxes as a guide; the Board is planning to remove the vertical cedar shingles to open the bell tower before the roofers replace the roof. If you have an earlier photo or one that shows more detail, please share it with us. We have over \$28,000 in hand and another \$7,000 in pledges toward the roof project. We have until St. Patrick's Day to receive donations to match Katie and Dick Snowdon's \$5,000 challenge to complete the entire roof. If you haven't made a donation, this would be a great time to contribute.

So far we have;

Contacted 10 potential roofers who are interested in bidding;

Written specifications that will ensure comparable bids;

Notified Bay Hundred Foundation of our intention to modify the exterior of the building by opening the bell tower;

Developed a plan for cleaning animal debris out of the bell tower, installing a waterproof membrane and installing trim boards to edge the new roof; and

Assessed the steps involved in repairing the soffits and trim boards where the new roof will meet the overhangs.

The next steps include receiving a preliminary estimate for the cost of metal roof so we have a base of comparison, setting some dates and asking for formal submission of bids and organizing work crews to do the work in the bell tower and to remove the chimney on the old kitchen.

If you have questions please contact a Board member – Kirke Harper, Judy Harrald, Molly Bond, Barbara Reisert, Jake Flory, Jim Richardson, Jess Murphy.

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## **OOOPS!**

Abby's emailed me last month and I forgot to include her message, so here it is:

"A big thanks to all of those members of our Adopt-A-Highway team! Thank you for keeping Claiborne beautiful!

Maderes, Hamlyn, Scotts, Gregorios, Sewells, Harralds, Harpers and Klunk.

If anyone is interested in joining the litter team, please email Abby at:

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

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National Potato Chip day is March 14<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to get yourself a big bag at either Grauls or Acme and munch out!

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And next month another more familiar holiday, Arbor Day, will be on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and our Main Street could use some new trees since the old oaks are getting rather long in the tooth, or should I say root?

Seedlings, hardwoods and conifers are available from the DNR at the John S. Ayton State Forest Tree Nursery near Preston. For information about prices and what species are available call 1-800-873-3763 or visit the website <http://dnr.md.gov/forests/nursery>.

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Don't forget about our website and slideshow: [ClaiborneMd.org](http://ClaiborneMd.org). Be sure to submit your Claiborne photos to Pete at: [gregoriogallery@gmail.com](mailto:gregoriogallery@gmail.com).

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If you know someone in Claiborne that is not receiving the Clarion please let me know and I'll add them to my mailing list. [Claiborne@atlanticbb.net](mailto:Claiborne@atlanticbb.net)

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SAINT  
PATRICK'S  
DAY!