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## **Note the Dates:**

March 7, 14, 21, 28

Monday Ladies Night at the  
Claiborne Village Hall  
5PM

March 13

Association Board Meeting  
7 p.m. at the Hall  
*All are welcome*

March 7 – Soup and Movie  
Night

6:30 PM - Soup  
7: 00 PM - Movie

March 14, 21, 28

6:45 PM - Cartoons  
7: 00 PM - Movie

## **March Birthdays**

9 - Ted Jones  
9 - Suzanne Todd  
12 - Kevin Garber  
13 - Mike Kabler  
14 - Rebecca C. Mullins  
14 - Penny Rhine  
15 - Baba Groom  
21 - Bea Wharton

## **What you can see in the night sky over Claiborne!**

Amateur astronomer Marty Bollinger captured this photo of the Horsehead Nebula on January 13 with his telescope.

The Horsehead Nebula is 1,500 light years away and is just below the first star (Alnitak) in Orion's Belt. There is a dark nebula in the shape of a horse's head that is backlit by a bright nebula. The really bright star toward the left is Alnitak.

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## **Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush –**

Doug Larson

It's hard to believe that spring is less than a month away. I know March weather can deliver a few surprises, but I'm hopeful that warmer, sunnier days are not far off.

So, as I was thinking about the coming of spring, it reminded me of the completion of renovations at the Hall. Really? "Hold on," you say. What do these two things have in common?

You might think I need a session on Sigmund's couch, but several possibilities come to mind. One commonality is that they are both things to look forward to, and they are both within reach. Another is that just like the hardest part of winter has passed and signs of spring are beginning to show, we've passed the hardest part of the renovation and signs of nearing the end are in sight; i.e. interior painting and trim work instead of siding and framing.

Now, I don't know about you, but the coming of spring also reminds me that there is lots to do. It's the same with the Hall. While great progress has been made over the winter (thanks to all the volunteer workers) there's still lots to

## **In Memoriam**

from Mike & Jeanne  
Kuperberg



It is with a heavy heart that the Kuperberg's share the passing of Grace "Grandma" Savaria. Grace left us on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and to be reunited with the love of her life, George Savaria, Jr.

As some of you know, Grace had recently moved to Homestead Manor in Denton after spending 6 years with Mike and Jeanne. While this was not an easy transition, Grace grew to love her caregivers at Homestead and seemed to be content.

Grace thoroughly enjoyed her extended "families" both in Bethesda and Claiborne and spoke often of her "place on the shore". Our family is grateful for all of support we have received, both human and four legged. Grace was a lover of all animals small and large. She was an avid bird watcher and had a love of butterflies. It is our plan to memorialize Grace by planting a butterfly garden

do before the Hall is finished. So, to get us to the end, phases of renovation will include finishing the trim, more interior painting, installing cabinets and fixtures, completing the plumbing, installing appliances, refinishing the floor, building a deck on the back, and a ramp and parking place for accessibility. I'm sure there's a thing or two that I left off, but that's the bulk of it.

With that I'm ready for a session on that couch. Or maybe just a wish that there's more time than I think to get things done before spring really arrives.

***Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"*** – Robin Williams

Rob Todd

President, Claiborne Association

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## **Traffic Calming**

Kirke Harper met with Mike Mertaugh, the County's Traffic Engineer and Warren Edwards, the Roads Superintendent, on Feb 3 to discuss ideas for calming traffic in and around Claiborne.

The County will install a 40-mph sign near Cockey Road and possibly a sign indicating reduced speed or new traffic pattern. They will install a 25-mph reminder sign on Claiborne Landing road. The 50-mph sign leaving Claiborne will remain.

We discussed what we as a community can do to calm traffic:

1. We can plant street trees along Claiborne Road to create a sense of arrival;
2. We can create a gateway feeling by installing a Welcome sign with landscaping opposite the Verizon switch box.
3. We can request use of the County's traffic speed tracker at any time.

As part of the discussion they asked us to give them feedback on three questions:

1. Would we like the stop sign now in front of Jim and Martha's house at the corner of Claiborne Road and Landing Road moved across the street to the corner beside Barbara and Norman's house? That would force traffic leaving the Wharf to stop at the blind corner.
2. Would we like to have them install rumble strips on Landing Road to slow down boat traffic?
3. Would we like to see rumble strips leading into Claiborne? Yellow paint striping could be added at the rumble strips.

We talked about these changes at the picnic last August and people there favored street trees and a welcome sign, but no rumble strips leading into the village. Is that still the case?

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with bird feeders for all to enjoy at Homestead Manor.

Grace will be interned at Arlington Cemetery later this summer, so that she may rest in peace with George.

Once again, the family is so very grateful for everyone's kind words and thoughts.

### **Guest Editors Needed**

The Clarion needs guest editors for 2018. If you are interested, please contact Pat Flory at [patflory@gmail.com](mailto:patflory@gmail.com) or 443-472-6800.

### **What's Going on at the Village Hall**

Drywall and Trim



### **"Isabelle's Tavern" by Pete Gregorio**

You can drive to the end of the Garden State Parkway,  
roll over the old Tappan Zee.  
Take the first exit after the tollgate;  
coming back it will be free.  
Take a right onto Broadway, a left onto Main Street.  
Park half the way down the hill.  
You can try in your heart to get back to your memories;  
that doesn't mean that you will.  
There's a little café sits about halfway  
in between Boston and home.  
If you're tired of the wheel it will give you a meal,  
a bathroom, a beer and a phone.

But Isabelle's gone from Isabelle's Tavern;  
they've taken the Good Earth away.  
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It's a little more lit than you remember,  
but then you're a little bit less.  
They've worked on the venue and improved the menu;  
they've straightened up some of the mess.  
They've got them a wine list. It looks like a fine list,  
but it's more than you're willing to pay.

Isabelle's gone from Isabelle's Tavern;  
they've taken the Good Earth away.  
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That middle-aged waitress that you remember with ember and ash in her hair's  
been replaced by a student because it's more prudent and the college boys  
don't seem to care.

But you think of your daughter when she changes your order and so you give  
her some slack when the coffee is cold and the salad is old,  
and anyway you ain't comin' back.

'Cause Isabelle's gone from Isabelle's Tavern;  
they've taken the Good Earth away.  
Ain't it just like the past to run away fast  
Just when you need it to stay.

Yes Isabelle's gone from Isabelle's Tavern;  
They've taken the Good Earth away.  
cheerful chat.

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