

The Claiborne Clarion

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

We had another successful and fun Pot Luck dinner at the village hall last weekend. Saturday evening 51 people gathered at the church for a pot luck and ice cream social. The Weather was cool and dry and the ice cream, peaches and blueberries were delicious. Thanks to everyone who attended and brought the food. Sarah Sayre and Judy Harrald provided the treats.

The July "Attractions" magazine has an extensive article about Claiborne and our Village Hall. Barbara Reisert arranged for Amy Blades Steward to meet with several people and write the article. In it she explains the history of Claiborne and the events surrounding the planning and purchase of the church.

This article also explains the funding campaign the Claiborne Association Board has started in order to raise the funds to restore the bell tower and replace the roof on the main church structure which was initially announced at the May 1st dedication celebration, The board is seeking \$25,000 in new donations for the project. So far, \$6,000 has been received or pledged. The Board plans to reserve its current treasury balance of \$12,000 for other repairs and contingencies. Please consider making a donation to restore the bell tower and replace the roof.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Bruce Dove | July 2 |
| Uncle Sam | July 4 |
| Chris Noyes | July 14 |
| Stella Kabler | July 25 |
| Jim Rhine Sr. | July 29 |

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During the past school year DeDe Ritner and her dog, Clay, have been a much welcomed team in the second grade classroom at St Michaels Elementary School. The children read to Clay each week and have bonded with both him and DeDe and on the last day of school in June they were presented with letters from the children, telling them how much their attendance and friendship was appreciated. So much so that the children want to know if DeDe and Clay will follow them to third grade this fall.

Good job DeDe and Clay, those kids will remember the two of you always!

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A BIG thank you goes out to Amy Steward who donated about sixty books to the Hokey Pokey library. After seeing and learning about our community hall she was moved to bring us three

large boxes of books. Amy is the young lady that wrote the article about Claiborne in Attractions Magazine.

Kids, there's lots of good summer reading in the children's section thanks to Miss Amy!

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Sarah and Phil have purchased the land that the memory garden sits on. Ralph decided he no longer needed the extra property. So, our memory garden will be lovingly transported, piece by piece, season by season, to the grounds of the Community Hall. * * *

If you have any book selves that you are no longer using, we could use them at the Community Hall. Just drop them off when you get your mail, or if you need help moving them please call Kirke or myself and we will find helpers.

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This from Dan Higgins:

A man is stopped by the police around 1 AM and is asked where he is going in such a hurry at this time of night.

The man replied, "I am going to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body."

The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies, "That would be my wife."

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I understand that the community garden, located out in the 'burbs at Molly's home, is growing like crazy.

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Don't know about you, but I miss seeing both Martha and Jim's smiling faces when picking up my mail.

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If you want to add or subtract your name and number to the "Give-A-Neighbor-A-Ride" list, please let me know. Andy, if you are in need of a ride, just let me know that too. **Barbara** 6987

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Plein Air painters will be back in town this month. They are always such nice folks and do such lovely work.

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Get out your spray cans and swatters
because July 23rd is
National Mosquito Day!

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Marylanders Plant Trees is once again offering a \$25 coupon toward the purchase of a tree worth \$50 or more.

Their website is: www.trees.maryland.gov

Why not go online, check out the details, check the list of recommended trees and print out a coupon so you too can become a “sort of” master/mistress gardener?

Your lawn, the squirrels and the birds will love you for it!

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Speaking of squirrels, has anyone seen the pure white squirrel that lived here in the village for so many years? I’ve seen some decedents, but I guess the little guy is history.

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