

The Claiborne Clarion

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

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#### CHURCH UPDATE

Congratulations to the Claiborne community. Our purchase of the Claiborne United Methodist Church property was completed on November 14th. The community will now be able to restore and maintain this historic property for future generations.

We held our first event as owners of the old church on Saturday, October 16. A yard sale of donated items cleared nearly \$700 for repairs and other costs.

Last week a landscaping crew cleaned up the property. Julie Lowe's company performed the work, made possible by a contribution from Libby Moose. Additional work is being planned and will be completed by volunteers, Alice and Bill Sewell.

The next immediate steps are roof repair and interior clean up. We hope to have this phase completed by the end of November. Will Murdoch is coordinating. We will be able to start using the building for community events soon after the interior clean up takes place.

Meanwhile we are beginning to plan the restoration and improvements. Jim and Martha have initiated discussions with the USPS about moving the Post Office into the building.

We are getting ready to start capital fund raising for the restoration of the old church.

The Claiborne Association board is preparing to show to potential donors. The package will contain a mission statement, a list of repair and renovation estimates and a rendering of how the completed project will appear.

The next event you will be invited to attend will be a celebration of our purchase. It may be combined with an early holiday pot luck dinner.

Stay tuned for more information.

Thanks to the entire community for your support. Kirke

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Tom and DeDe welcomed their first great-grandchild on October 30th. Her name is Marjorie Grace.

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#### NEWS FROM NANCY:

Marie Deck is re-cooperating at her daughter Kim's home in suburban Virginia. She had surgery and is feeling better each new day. Marie, we, your friends and neighbors in Claiborne, all wish you a full and speedy recovery!

Jim Rhine Jr. passed away on Sunday October 30th in Pennsylvania. We send our sympathies to his dad, Mr. Rhine Sr. and his brother Rick as well as Jim's family. He was a dear man and, like his father, he too loved dogs.

Farewell friend.

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I could almost swear that the last time I drove past the little church it was smiling at me!  
It knows it's loved and needed!

Barbara

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### NEW NEIGHBORS

The good news is we have several new neighbors; the bad news is that I unfortunately don't know all of their names. I did meet a young man named Chris who lives in Dottie's house and he's an Eagles fan, just like me.

GO EAGLES!!

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### MILES POINT UPDATE

Good news for Miles Point Green!

The Commissioners of St Michaels reached agreement with Miles Point Property, LLC on a sale price of \$8.5 million for the 72 acres of Miles Point and the adjacent Huntman property!

And, the additional good news is that an anonymous donor has committed to a total of \$5 million to the project. Some details have yet to be worked out, but because of the generosity of the donor, chances re that ESLC will reach its fundraising goal.

At this point the project has generated gifts and pledges totaling approximately \$5.2 million. The town has 15 more days under the contract to decide whether to proceed and then two 30 day fundraising extensions to raise the balance of the funds.

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Whoever has been doing trash pick-up on the roadways has been doing a great job, Thanks!

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On Wednesday, December 1st from 1 to 4PM, the St Michaels Library will be presenting a Senior Resources Workshop with Pam O'Brien of Partners in Care, as the moderator. Presenters will be the following:

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Angel Food Network, MD Dept of Veterans Affairs, Neighborhood Service Center Mid-Shore Pro Bono Inc., Partners in Care, Talbot County Dept of Health, Talbot County Dept of Social Services, Talbot County Free Library, Talbot County Meals on Wheels and Talbot County Upper Shore Aging.

All library programs are free and open to the public. Call 410-745-6987 for more information.

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Speaking of libraries, our own little Hokey Pokey Library has lots of good "reads" available.

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Things I'm Thankful For

by:

Barbara

Food

Friends

Good health

A super little doggie

A roof over my head

A lovely place to live

Kind and caring neighbors  
Flowers that bloom in the spring  
And snow that falls in the winter.  
Why not put together your own list and read it to those assembled around your  
table on Thanksgiving day?

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Happy Turkey Day!