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#### Note the Dates:

January 8 – 7PM Claiborne Association Board Meeting - All are welcome to attend.

January 9 – 6:30 PM Claiborne Movie Night Starts with Soup!

Join us for soup, bread, and dessert at 6:30 or at 7 for the film.

January 18 – 7PM River Keeper to talk about Eastern Shore Rivers Water Quality

### **January Birthdays**

- 2 Barbara Haddaway
- 17- Judy Cockey
- 21 -Koa Cureton
- 23- Ciara Lednum
- 27- Barbara McCaughey

### **The Claiborne Holiday Potluck**



Fun was had by all – Scrumptious food, tasty beverages, and exquisite desserts!

The Claiborne Hall was festively decorated, the women beautiful, the men handsome, the music inspirational, and the conversation brilliant.



#### **Christmas at the Hall**





#### A New Year's Poem

"A hearty cheer to one and all, if celebrating at the hall, we wish you all the very best, for this New Year and all the rest, and if you choose to ring the bell, the year will start out very well... and if you don't it won't, so ring it..." by Will and Lida

#### So Brian Boos rang the bell!



Best Wishes for a Happy and Peaceful 2019

#### River Keeper to Speak about Eastern Shore Rivers Water Quality

Please join friends and neighbors at the Village Hall Friday evening, **January 18 from 7:00 PM** 'till 8:30 PM for another in the series of programs on the environment, climate change and how we can better care for our water resources in Claiborne. Our featured speaker will be Elle Bassett, Miles-Wye Riverkeeper of ShoreRivers, who will give an update on the water quality of the Eastern Shore Rivers, focusing on the Miles River and Eastern Bay tributaries. Elle will give us a better understanding of what influences water quality and what actions we can take to improve and protect local waterways (ShoreRivers is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and restoration of Eastern Shore waterways). Coffee and cookies will be provided. Feel free to bring additional refreshments. *(This event was originally scheduled for December)* 

## Personalized Bricks

Nearly five years ago when we replaced the Hall's front sidewalk, we invited people to purchase personalized bricks to recognize ancestors, memorialize themselves or remind people of unique aspects of the community, e.g., "The Fireflies of Claiborne". Jess Murphy's crew installed 81 personalized bricks as the replacement sidewalk was put down. The money raised from personalized bricks paid for the new sidewalk.

Soon after the sidewalk was installed people began asking to buy more bricks. At that time, we were planning to build a second sidewalk, to the Annex, so we offered another opportunity. We received orders and money for 18 bricks.

Unfortunately, the planned sidewalk to the Annex was postponed as we focused on renovating the Annex. Recently the Board was reminded about the purchased but not ordered bricks and has decided to resolve the issue. The new bricks will be placed in the existing sidewalk without touching other personalized bricks.

We will also take orders for additional bricks between now and April 1<sup>st</sup>. The price for bricks is \$50 each. They may be personalized with one, two or three lines of up to 18 letters per line. They will be installed in the blank spaces deliberately left in the existing sidewalk or, if necessary, in a small extension.

You can pick up an application at the Hall or email Kirke Harper and he will send you an application. His email address is: <u>kirke.harper@gmail.com</u>.

## **Guest Editors Needed**

The Clarion needs guest editors for 2019. If you are interested, please contact Pat Flory at 443-472-6800 or <a href="mailto:patflory@gmail.com">patflory@gmail.com</a>