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## Note the Date:

September 8:

Work Day at the Hall

8:30 a.m. is start time

September 8:

Association Board Meeting

7 PM at the Hall

one and all welcome

## ANOTHER CLAIBORNE PICNIC, ANOTHER GRAND SUCCESS

The day was hot, but turned fine with a lovely breeze. The setting was divine – river, lawn, tents, pool, putting green! The hosts were generous and thoughtful. The guests were well-behaved and light-hearted. The food was abundant and delicious. The children were wet and happy. What more could one ask of a Claiborne Picnic? Thank you, Dick and Katie Snowdon, for providing perfection!



HANGING ON MARY'S EVERY WORD.....

## September Birthdays

- 3 - Ralph Steinberger
- 13 - Tim McHugh
- 16 - Nancy Higgins
- 16 - Will Murdoch
- 23 - Adine Kelly
- 24 - Shirley Cockey



JAKE FLORY, DESERVING RECIPIENT OF THE COVETED CLAIBORNE CUP – 2015, TRIES TO LOOK DIGNIFIED

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>, the Claiborne Village Association borrowed a few minutes from the Annual Claiborne Picnic to hold a General Meeting. Members and friends gathered with rapt attention to hear from Jake Flory about the work that's being done at the Village Hall. (next work day Sept. 8, 8:30 a.m.)

Kirke Harper filled us in on news about the "9 on the 9's" radio communication network that is intended to help us communicate with one another in an emergency. If you would like more information about this, please contact Kirke ([kirke.harper@gmail.com](mailto:kirke.harper@gmail.com)) and come to the September 28 presentation at the Hall.

Nominees for the board of directors were announced and, after a dramatic pause to call for additional nominees, the slate was overwhelmingly approved. Mary Gregorio, Kirke Harper, Terry Babb, and Judy Harrald got the jobs with titles; Jess Murphy and Jake Flory will continue as members-at-large and welcome Rob Todd to this esteemed group! We will surely miss our friend and charter member of the Community Association, Molly Bond. Many thanks to the hardworking nominating committee: Bill Sewell, Will Murdoch and Renny Johnson.

Once the business was taken care of, the 2015 Claiborne Cup honoree was announced. Jake Flory has been building, designing, and shepherding the work at the Village Hall with passion and determination. He's been heard to say of the work crew: what a fantastic group of volunteers! He's also



Shirley Cockey always has a good time at a picnic!

## Planning ahead?

### Here are October's birthdays:

- 2 - Sarah Sayre
- 7 - Lexi Lednum
- 12 - Susanne Scott
- 16 - Ed Schaefer
- 23 - Mary Gregorio
- 31 - Aaron Walker
- 31 - Dawn Lednum

been heard to say something about herding cats or shoveling sweaters...but nevermind.

Judy Harrald and Terry Babb gracefully managed membership renewal, window sales and walkie-talkie promotion. If you have not yet renewed your membership or if you'd like to join as a new member, please send \$5 per adult to the Claiborne Village Assn., 10403 Claiborne Rd., Claiborne, MD 21624. If you committed to purchase an annex window, you can send a check to the above address or contact Judy Harrald ([jharrald@mac.com](mailto:jharrald@mac.com))

Just as a reminder: events at the Village Hall are open to the whole community. The idea is to create a place where community members can gather for anything from a social event to a place of respite in the event of an emergency. Happy September!

Mary

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, September 8 will be a Work Day at the Hall. Projects:

The masterful team of Will and Luke will be installing the new accessible door on the north side of the building, as well as 2 new windows.

All other willing hands will be removing the remaining cedar shakes, after which the back side of the building will be sheathed and Tyveked. If a sufficient crew is on hand, they will be reframing the kitchen/bath area and installing the new kitchen window.

The best news? Jake can't think of a single reason to send anyone crawling under the building.

On Monday, September 28 at 6:00 PM Bob Luff, Talbot County's RACES & ARES Radio Officer, will present a briefing at the Hall on using inexpensive Family Radio Service radios to establish a backup Village Emergency Radio Network. Bob, along with CERTs (Citizen Emergency Response Teams) and local Amateur Radio Operators have already partnered in starting such a network in Wittman. This network enables individual village people/ families to stay in touch during emergencies when electrical power, telephone, cell phone services may be disrupted. Talbot amateur radio operators can monitor and relay emergency calls to the County's Emergency Management Center (EOC) using their more powerful transmitters and the established RACES & ARES Emergency Over-the-Air Networks staffed at the EOC. As the Wittman trial is showing, it is possible



Lyn & Page Lansdale  
in the spirit

Neighbor Note:

We hear that Nancy Higgins is recovering from surgery, and we wish her well. If you'd like to write a note, you can use her box in the old postal unit at the Hall or put a stamp on it to: 10397 Claiborne Rd., St. Michaels MD 21663

for a village to quickly and inexpensively establish a Village Network that will support comforting and emergency situation communications that is completely independent from relying on power, telephone, or cell service. The partnership with the Amateur Radio community means reliable emergency communications to the 911/ EOC or beyond as necessary.

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## ATHEISM REVISITED, OR THE PARTY THAT WOULDN'T QUIT

BY CAROL KABLER

My state of euphoria after the late, great Centennial Party ended with a thud when I realized that my car smelled really bad. In Easton at the time, I decided to find an automotive supply store where I would buy a spray deodorant. AutoZone recommended Dog Wash for a professional cleaning job. On to Dog Wash, which, alas, had given up their special de-stinking equipment. What to do? A little more exploratory driving got me to Watkins Automotive.

"You must have something" said a plaintive voice – mine. Then, at my elbow, "Lady, follow me to my shop. I'll fix up your car."

I did. He did.

Up came the floorboard, out came the spare and the spare holder, and there were the remains of a squirrel or mouse nest. Vacuuming up the mess, hosing it down, drying it out, reassembling it all, and even properly inflating the spare. All this labor done in the hot sun while I sat grandly in a chair in the shade.

This wonderful young man worked for at least two hours to help a complete stranger.

Me: "David," (for that was his name), "I tend to be an atheist, but after today I'm not so sure. How to account for the fact that you were the guy standing beside me and that you would devote yourself to solving my, by now, really seriously stinky problem." A truly heart-warming experience.

Guess what? Not all the good people are in Claiborne.