

The Claiborne Clarion

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

Our second annual Christmas Pot Luck and Carole sing event was attended by approximately fifty people, one of which was Santa Claus himself! Once again this year the food and fellowship was unbeatable. What a nice tradition we've established for ourselves.

The following is the reading Dan Higgins did at the close of the evening's events:

"The Work of Christmas"

by

Howard Thurman

When the song of the angel is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among us,
To make music in the heart.

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know that you would be willing to participate.

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Congratulations to Caitlin Higgins, granddaughter of Jean and Dan, who was recently accepted at Washington College, Chestertown. Caitlin will begin her studies in the fall of 2009 and has received a scholarship. She is interested in teaching at the secondary level in public schools.

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A very reliable Claibornite has reported the sighting of a Woolly Bear Caterpillar in town last week, who was headed south. The critter in question was almost completely black, a most unusual coloring. The fact that he/she was heading south indicates that we are in for a cold winter. How's that for a weather forecast? Do you think the Old Farmer's Almanac is that accurate?

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TRASH DETAIL

Abby Cureton has informed me that she will no longer be able to head-up the trash pick-up program since she will be including Saturday mornings in her piano teaching schedule.

Here's her advertisement for the volunteer position:

"Looking for a way to get outside more? Do you love your Claiborne neighbors? Do you hate

THE BARTER CORNER

Last month I asked for help with my outdoor lights and Emma Rose came to my rescue. We had a great time putting them up on what turned out to be the coldest day of the year, but, we got the job done! Thanks Emma Rose.

If you have any jobs to barter please let me know and I'll list them in this monthly section of the Clarion. It really works and is a win-win situation. With your help this will become a regular column.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 2nd Nancy Clark
January 10th Barbara Haddaway
A belated Happy 90th Birthday to Jim Rhine Sr. On December 29th

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STORY TELLERS NEEDED

If you're interested in being a storyteller please let me know before January 15th. I need to select a date in February and get approval from Rev. Moore to use the Church for our first event. A panel of four to six "tellers" will be needed to present their tales to the rest of us interested in the history of Claiborne. Call me 745-6987 or stop by the house to let me

litter? Be the adopt-a-highway organizer! If interested, call Abby 410-924-9894 for more information."

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Kirke informs me that he still needs volunteers for the Village Center Master Planning process. If you're interested please call or email him.

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Due to illness, the next meeting of the Claiborne Association will take place at Molly's home at 6:30PM on Sunday, January 11th instead of as originally planned.

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From Sunday's Star Democrat: "The Giant in Easton will be participating in the food chain's program offering free antibiotics this winter. Between Jan 2 and March 21 folks with a generic antibiotic prescription can get their medication, up to a 14 day supply, for free. Nine antibiotics are offered in the program."

For more information go to:

www.giantfood.com/antibiotics.

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This from an email friend:

$$1 \times 8 + 1 = 9$$

$$12 \times 8 + 2 = 98$$

$$123 \times 8 + 3 = 987$$

$$1234 \times 8 + 4 = 9876$$

$$12345 \times 8 + 5 = 98765$$

$$123456 \times 8 + 6 = 987654$$

$$1234567 \times 8 + 7 = 9876543$$

$$12345678 \times 8 + 8 = 98765432$$

$$123456789 \times 8 + 9 = 987654321$$