

# The Claiborne Clarion

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

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**

Anna Kabler	February 13
Susan Cornish	February 14
Marie Deck	February 16
Dan Higgins	February 27
Curt Connelly	February 27

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## **IT'S A BOY!**

Koa West Cureton is the newest resident of Claiborne. Born on Friday, January 21st to Abby and Tim. Koa is loving all the attention that Mommy, Daddy, Kingston and Grandma Carla are bestowing on him. Welcome to our world, baby boy!

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## **FREE TO A GOOD HOME**

A Hewlett-Packard Ink Jet 722C printer, works well – no problems – but it is SLOW. Contact Paul Moorehead at: 745-3932 or [mrhd4Otter@atlanticbb.net](mailto:mrhd4Otter@atlanticbb.net)

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## **OUR MILES POINT “ANGEL”**

1998 – Midland Companies/Miles Point Property LLC introduced plans for 340+ homes, a hotel and 18,000 sq. ft. of retail space to the St Michaels Commissioners  
2006 – Town Commissioners approved Midland's Growth Allocation  
2007 – Midland/Miles Point unsuccessfully pursued annexation of the 17 acre Hunterman parcel, where 42 homes were to be located.  
2010 – With new Commissioner, Tad duPont, in the lead, Town officials formed a relentless, energetic force. There were fundraisers, parties, e-mails, pamphlet circulation, floats, more news coverage and meetings. Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, Bay Hundred Foundation and others joined the campaign.  
2011 – On January 7, St Michaels Commissioners voted to assign their option contract to a conservation buyer, Joan Murray (JD LLC), who one-week later purchased the entire 89 acre Miles Point Green property for a newly negotiated price of \$8M. On January 14, among 30 citizens, Ms. Murray, from DC rang the bell at St Mary's Square to celebrate the completed sale between Midland/Miles

Point and JDLLC. “What I really love about St Michaels is the people...and I will take care of the beautiful land,” she said. “Thank you all.”

ESLC will be working with Joan Murray to place a permanent conservation easement on the property. The \$704,000 of private funds raised for the project will go toward a public access area, with donor approval. For more info contact: [www.eslc.org](http://www.eslc.org).

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## OLD CHURCH PROJECT

by Kirke

We are in a quiet phase now, still actively seeking donations for renovations and improvements that will start when the weather permits. \$14,000 in donations have been received. For such a small community this is a great showing of how the people feel toward this project. Last week we were approached by a group wishing to present a musical event for folks around the County. We're not ready to invite people from outside the community yet, but soon.

We're gathering information to apply for a construction permit before we can begin work. Will has visited the County inspections staff to get their views and next week Kirke will speak with Planning and Zoning to get more info about how our project will be viewed by P&Z regarding variances we may need.

In January we responded to a lengthy inquiry from the IRS concerning our application for tax exempt status. Doris Blazek White and a member of her law firm assisted in preparing our answers to more than a dozen questions. We are confident the IRS will give us a ruling soon.

At its regular monthly meeting on February 13 the Board will begin deciding how to allocate our funds to the construction work needed to move the Post Office into the Church. They will also make plans for a February event, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, February 20. Please hold that date for a Post Valentines Day Event that may or may not include a pie judging contest. Any one who wants to attend the Board meeting is welcome. It will be held at Molly's house at 7PM.

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Did you know that February 18 is  
“Thumb Appreciation Day”?

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Our own Priscilla Morris will be guest speaker at the February 7th Brown Bag Lunch program at St Michaels library. She will discuss Frederick Douglass and the years, 1833 to 1836, that he spent in the Bay Hundred area.

All are welcome, so bring your lunch and enjoy coffee and sweets provided by the library.

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**HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY!!**