

# 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!

Ted Jones	9th
Mike Kabler	13th
Penny Rhine	13th
Bea Thompson	21st
Michael Hadaway	29th

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## From Dan Higgins:

One bright beautiful Sunday morning everyone in tiny Jonestown woke up early and went to the local church. Before the service started the townspeople sat in their pews and talked about their lives and their families.

Suddenly, at the altar, Satan appears! Everyone starts screaming and running for the exit, trampling over each other in their efforts to get away. Soon everyone is out of the church except one man who sits calmly in his pew. This confounds Satan. Satan walks up to the man and says, "Hey, don't you know who I am? The man replies, "Yep, sure do".

Satan asks, "Aren't you afraid of me?" The man replies, "Nope, sure ain't". Satan, perplexed says, "And why aren't you afraid of me?" The man replies, "Well, I've been married to your sister for the past twenty-five years."

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## Community Contra Dance

The final Community Contra Dance until next fall is on Saturday, March 27th from 7 to 9:15 p.m. at the Christ Church Parish Hall. Heidi Hammel, Bob Yarborough & Friends will be playing with Laura Brown calling.

See Judy Harrald if you have questions.

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## Welcome to our new neighbors

We want to welcome Jess Murphy, his wife, Danielle, and their children, Tyler and Ella. Jess, the son of Robert and Susan Murphy, grew up in Claiborne and has lived away for a number of years. They live in the Murphy house on Miracle House ("in the Grove", as Dan Higgins would say). They are already active in the community. Danielle is now the treasurer of the neighborhood water company and

Jess is interested in helping with the Claiborne Master Planning effort. \* \* \*

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**Commentary from Kirke:  
dated: 2-26-10**

It's not possible to accurately gauge the feelings here with another storm forecast for Friday. Desperation is in the air. The earlier snow is just now melting and people are actually celebrating the sight of grass and MUD. In contrast to the days before previous storms the stores were nearly empty yesterday. Someone suggested that people were home sharpening their knives in preparation for killing themselves. I personally don't think it's that bad. Whimpering, yes, a soft sob now and then, okay. By noon Friday the snow had not come and may not, but the wind is making people say and do strange things. It's time for spring.

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Mike Kabler gave a talk Wednesday night on the use of solar energy to generate electricity and hot water. Mike works for Aurora Energy in Columbia. Alternative energy was the topic on February 24th as Phillips Wharf Environmental Center kicked off its winter Wednesdays environmental discussions in Tilghman. Tim Fluharty, owner of Fluharty's Electric in Tilghman presented the options for wind power in Talbot County. On March 3, the topic will be recycling. At present, Tilghman and Bay Hundred residents have to transport their recyclables to St Michaels, the closest recycling station. Speakers and panelists will include Ray Clarke and Derick Brummel of Talbot County government, James Wood of Mid-Shore Recycling Program, and Ford Schuman of Infinity Recycling. This is an opportunity for Tilghman and Bay Hundred residents to find out first-hand what's involved in setting up a recycling center or arranging pickup for recyclables. This session starts at 7p.m. at "Two if By Sea Café", 5776 Tilghman Island Road.

For information about future Winter Wednesdays, contact Phillips Wharf Environmental Center at (410-886-9200). The center is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization based in the last surviving crab shanty on Knapps Narrows. Visit [www.pwec.org](http://www.pwec.org) for more information.

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This month has lots of holidays to celebrate. All of us, whether Irish or not, will celebrate our Irishness on St Patricks Day, the 17th, then on the 21st we'll all be

welcoming spring, and finally on the 22nd I'm sure you all will want to join me in celebrating

**“National Goof-Off Day!”**

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Without going online, do you know what a diddley bow is?  
I'll tell you next month!