

The Claiborne Clarion

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Priceless!!

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

KIRKE SAVES CHRISTMAS

Be sure to mark your calendar and save the date – Sunday, December 20th. That's when we, the citizens of Claiborne, will gather together for our Third Annual Pot-Luck and Song Fest. The time is 5 to 7 PM and the activities will center around our "downtown" area, you know, that's by the Post Office. This year's event is being called the "Claiborne Winter Progressive Pot Luck Dinner". Appetizers at Pet and Mary Gregorio's, main dishes at Jim Richardson and Martha Hamlyn's Desserts at Barbara Reisert's and drinks, well they'll be everywhere!

Please leave your porch lights on if you want our band of semi-wonderful singers to serenade you and your family.

A poster with all the details will be located in the Post Office giving further information. So, let's make this a joyous season by being together and celebrating.

No Grinch is gonna steal our Christmas, by golly!

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FYI

There will be 2, count them, two full moons this month, one on the 2nd and the other one on 31st. Isn't that referred to as a Blue Moon?

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Trash Pick-Up Report

I noticed a lonely, dedicated citizen, Jim Richardson doing an excellent job of trash removal this past Sunday afternoon. The new system of trash removal is up and running and working beautifully. * * *

IN VINO VERITAS

by Ed Schaefer

Domaine Ehrhart Pinot Auxerrois \$13

In the family since 1725, this 21-hectare vineyard produces certified organic wines, a tradition started by Eugene Ehrhart two generations ago. The Pinot-Auxerrois grape is considered the finest clone of Pinot Blanc because it is naturally low yielding and smaller size berries which increase the skin to juice ration. This wine is a terrific Alsace wine value

Domaine Sainte Eugenie La Reserve \$16

Domaine Sainte Eugenie is positioned within the district of Fontfroide, the sweet spot of Corbieres, with an 800 year history viticulture. The estate is located within the foothills of the Pyrenees along the Mediterranean coast. Clay and chalk soils dominate here. The dry weather, sunny and warm climate combine to create an optimal growing environment.

All the wine here is made from entirely free-run juice. It is a blend of about 40% Syrah and 30% each old-vine Carignan (65+ years old) and Grenache (25-46 year old vines).

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I recently spoke with Molly Bond and she has agreed to write a serialized history about Claiborne. Look for it to

Begin in January. There are so many wonderful stories about our little Village and they need to be written and read. Molly, thanks for sharing with all of us!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tim Guinness	13th
Norm Haddaway	26th
Jim Rhine Sr.	29th

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SCHOOL NEWS FROM CIARA LEDNUM

Hey, it's Ciara and I'm just emailing to tell you some of the things that are going on at school this month. Okay, on the 12th the Band will present it's Winter Holiday Concert and on the 12th and 13th there will be a Winter Wonderland at the school with different activities and really fun things to do. Then on the 15th there will be a Winter Choir Concert, then, starting on the 21st and lasting through January 1st we will be on Christmas Vacation! We go back to school on January 2nd.

This year I'm involved in "DI", Destination Imagination. It's an after school program and has different fun challenges. We do different things like making things or building things on the spot. It's all about creativity and thinking outside the box. It allows us to see things differently and encourages us to think in different ways.

This is my second year being involved in the All Shore Choir. I have to learn a solo and an accopello (sp?) , then sing in front of judges, plus we have to sing different notes on the spot! That's all I have for this month.

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VILLAGE CENTER NEWS

Kirke attended a workshop on Village Master Planning on December 5th that was presented by the Talbot County Planning Staff. Information from the six village plans currently being prepared was used to demonstrate the similarities and difference in the approaches taken by those villages. Earlier this year, Royal Oak was asked by the Talbot County Planning Commission to present a portion of its draft plan, on the characteristics village residents would like to preserve, as part of the review of a zoning change request. The TCPC will use village plans to guide its decisions in considering future development in the villages and surrounding areas.

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FAREWELL TO OUR FRIEND

On Wednesday, November 18th we lost one of our own, Marion "Hunky" Lednum. A hard working man, Hunky was born on Tilghman Island July 31, 1926. I'm told that there wasn't anything he couldn't fix. He was a waterman and was always ready to help folks in need. He is survived by four daughters, a son, one brother, 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grand children, many nieces and nephews and may friends. You will be missed, dear friend.

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