

# Cabin John Village News

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## APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 12 - "Horae Canonicae" - 8 p.m.  
Westmoreland Congregational Church
- 13 - Goldmine Hike - 2 p.m.  
Great Falls, Md.
- 14 - Sunrise Service - 7:30 a.m.  
Cabin John United Methodist Church
- 19 - The National Park Idea - 7:30 pm  
Great Falls, Md.
- 20 - Bear Island Hike - 9 a.m.  
Great Falls, Md.
- 21 - Cabin John Open House - 3-6 p.m.  
Cabin John Recreation Center
- 25 - Count Basie - 8 p.m.  
Walt Whitman H.S.
- 25 - Four-year-old Class Meeting  
Clara Barton - 7:30 p.m.
- 27 - Old Man River Walk (children)  
10 a.m. call 299-3613
- 27 - Justice Douglas Walk - 9 a.m.  
Great Falls Tavern

Dear Cabin John,

I urge you to fill out the questionnaire that will be coming to each home in April if you have any concern about public schooling in Cabin John. The issue of whether to close Clara Barton has not been decided as I wrote last month; the questionnaire will undoubtedly have some effect on the final solution.

If the community majority decides they wish to keep Clara Barton open there are ways to make the idea more attractive to Montgomery County Public Schools. One way might be to sit as a community and suggest and accept economy measures in operating the school, for instance, a part-time principal. Another suggestion is to attract people from outside the community to our school much as North Chevy Chase has done. A "model school" can not be something that a neighborhood imposes on a faculty; it is rather a mutual agreement between concerned parties on a particular philosophy of education. A third method of keeping Clara Barton open as a neighborhood school would be to share the overhead with another county department and house some other service as well as elementary education in the building. None of these ideas has received official blessing but all are possibilities if Cabin John really wants to try and keep Clara Barton School open.

If it should come to pass that the questionnaire clearly indicates that most people or even many people, believe our children would be better off at another school, that school would most likely (once again, it's not yet official) be Bannockburn. I am enclosing as account I wrote after visiting Bannockburn School - not a sales talk/ but an attempt to help everyone make the most educated decision possible.

I was invited to visit Bannockburn School on a Monday afternoon when the Board of Community Representatives was meeting, as it does every other week. The three elected community representatives are the modern counterpart of trustees. These three and the outgoing and incoming PTA presidents plus the principal make up the board along with a changing group of teachers who come and go with their free time. The purpose of this board is to serve as community ombudsmen-- a vehicle for communication, trouble-shooting and planning.

Bannockburn will be a small school itself next year by Montgomery County's definition of 300. The children and faculty are divided into three teams for primary, intermediate and upper ages. All teams do some traveling within the school--with pupils moving from teacher to teacher so that each teacher can concentrate on his/her forte. This, of course, has modifications--for instance, less traveling in the afternoon for the younger children as they begin to tire.

After the board meeting I had a tour of the physical plant which was brightly decorated with the students' effort, written and created. The atmosphere was steeped in encouragement and encouragement usually bears fruit.

The results of the questionnaire will be published in the May Issue of the news. If anyone out there is willing to canvas his/her neighborhood, please call me.

Diane Kellogg  
229-8163

### \* CABIN JOHN OPEN HOUSE \*

\* SUNDAY APRIL 21ST \*

\* 3 TO 6 PM \*

\* CABIN JOHN RECREATION CENTER \*

\* REFRESHEMNTS, BRING KIDS, LEARN \*

\* ABOUT CABIN JOHN \*

\* (Your home baked goodies will be \*

\* welcome if you want to bring \*

\* some.) \*

### \* FOUR YEAR OLD CLASS PARENTS \*

\* MEETING SET \*

Parents of children who will be eligible to enter the 4-year old class at Clara Barton next year are asked to attend a meeting at the school on April 25 at 7:30 p.m. This is a very important meeting, as parent officers and members of the board will be elected, registration for next year's class will take place, and information on the program will be given. Children of parents who attend this meeting will be priority placements as long as they live in Cabin John. If you are unable, however, to attend the meeting, call me, 229-3397 to have your name entered.

WESTMORELAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A special Good Friday service will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland Congregational Church. Rev. Loring Chase will narrate the "Horae Canonicae", W. H. Auden's Good Friday poetry in a musical setting arranged by Roger Ames, composer in residence at the Westmoreland Congregational Church. The poetry will be accompanied by professional dancing and will be interspersed with Gregorian Chants. Also a collage of crucifixion scenes of great art will be projected on a weather balloon.

CABIN JOHN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There will be a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday at 7:30 a.m. at the Cabin John United Methodist Church. The last Sunday in April a Hymn Sing will be held, preceded by coffee and dessert.

COUNT BASIE AT WHITMAN

Walt Whitman High School Music Boosters will present Count Basie's Band in concert on April 25 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4.00 and the money will go for band and orchestra uniforms. This band has been rated superior in county and state festivals.

Tickets may be purchased at Campbell Music Stores, Drums Unlimited Ellsworth Studio in Bethesda, Variety Records at Montgomery Mall or at the door. For further information and ticket sales call 320-5900.

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

- Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
- Or are you just contented, that your name is on the list?
- Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock,
- Or do you stay at home to criticize and knock?
- Do you take an active part to help the work along?
- Or are you satisfied to only just belong?
- Do you ever go visit a member who is sick?
- Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the clique?
- Think this over, member you know right from wrong.
- Are you an active member or do you just belong?

By Mrs. Bonnie Tanner  
Contributed by Mrs. C. R. Smith

FAMILY LIVING SKILLS COURSE

Karma House, Inc. (of the Maryland Department of Health) will offer a course in family living skills in May at Clara Barton. This eight-week course is a preventative measure concerning children changing from elementary school to junior high school where pressures to join into problem behavior are strong. If you are interested in obtaining more information call: Gale Marx, Family Awareness, Karma House, Inc. 530-8265.

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regard to the suggestion of installing lights at the Union Arch to regulate one way traffic so pedestrians can have a lane to themselves. That has got to be the most asinine suggestion that has come along in quite a while! Traffic congestion resulting from such a plan would be monumental. Attempting to funnel traffic into one lane when the roadway itself is being improved to accomodate more traffic is ridiculous. Bikers should not receive special consideration because they use roadways, as well as cars, and cross the bridge with the same ease as well as right of way. There is insufficient pedestrian traffic on this bridge to warrant such drastic action. We can not accomodate a hand full of people and perform such a disservice to so many others. I sincerely wish the Citizens Association would stop trying to regulate this community's growth with a hand full of citizens that have unrealistic ideas for Cabin John!

Gary and Brenda Simmons

RECIPE FILE

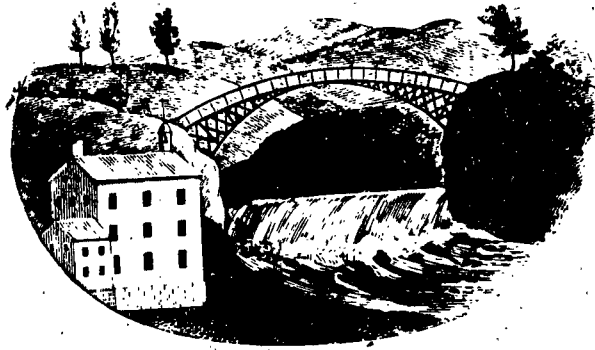
Blueberry Cake	Betsy Haas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/4 c. margerine</li> <li>1 c. sugar</li> <li>1 egg</li> <li>1 tsp vanilla</li> <li>1/2 tsp. salt</li> <li>1 c. milk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 T. baking powder</li> <li>2 c. flour + 1/2 c. flour on blueberries</li> <li>2 c. blueberries (fresh are best)</li> </ul>

Cream butter, sugar, add egg and vanilla. Add milk and flour (mixed with other dry ingredients) alternately. Lightly mix in floured berries. Bake at 350 for at least 1/2 hour - until it springs back when touched in the middle.

# Acqueduct Declared Historic Site

While many Washington landmarks have been removed, rezoned, or replaced, the Washington Aqueduct still continues to carry out its original function; and has been recently named a National Historic Site by the Department of the Interior.

Built between 1853-1863 to supply the water needs of the District's population, it is still intact today, still the main source of water, and still in overall good condition. Designed by Montgomery Cunningham Meigs, who engineered fortifications from Philadelphia to Fort Wayne, the Delaware Breakwater and ultimately, the dome and wings of the Capitol, he counted the Acqueduct as his favorite project.



In it he produced a 12 mile underground masonry conduit, the old Cabin John Bridge (which remained the longest masonry arch in the world until 1903), and the Rock Creek Bridge, whose arched cast iron conduit supported the structure.

Beginning at Great Falls, Maryland, near Lock 20 on the C & O Canal, the

Acqueduct stretches for 12 miles downriver to the Georgetown Reservoir. Since the 19th century, the Acqueduct has been lengthened and expanded to provide for increased needs; but although the outward appearance has changed, it still includes: a dam across the Potomac at Great Falls to divert water to the Maryland

side; intake works on the shore including the original sandstone control gatehouse; tunnels totalling 5,392 ft. in length; six bridges; numerous brick air vents; pump stations at Dalecarlia and Georgetown and the conduit itself.

The 12-mile long conduit was one of the first great successes for the Army Corps of Engineers in public works construction. Built of brick, stone, and mortar, the circular tube is 9 inches in diameter, and is often considered structurally better than a parallel one built of concrete and installed in 1920. A road constructed parallel to the conduit to facilitate inspections and repairs became known as Old Conduit Road, and today is MacArthur Blvd.

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## NEARBY TENT CAMPING AND TRAILER FACILITIES

Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, From Georgetown to Seneca, Md., to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia: 184 miles of beautiful scenery. Camping is restricted to designated areas only. Tent camping is available at "hiker-biker" campsites approximately every 5 miles along the section from Seneca to Cumberland, Md. Campsites are available on a first-come first-served basis, have water, toilets, picnic tables and fire grills. Drive in tent and trailer sites at McCoys Ferry, 15 Mile Creek, and Spring Gap have only primitive facilities. There are no hookups for trailers. Walk-in tent camping areas. Phone (202) 557-8990 or 299-3613.

New Germany, Grantsville, Md. In Western Md., 175 miles from Washington, 5 miles south of Rt. 40, 1 mile east of Grantsville. 30 improved campsites. Group camping. Fireplaces, picnic tables, concession, play area, hiking, swimming, fishing, boating, interpretive program. Phone (301) 895-5453.

Catoctin Mountain Park, Thurmont, Md. Operated by the National Park Service. Located 65 miles north of Washington. Main entrance is from Md. Rt. 77, three miles west of Thurmont, on U.S. 15 between Frederick and Gettysburg, Pa. Owens Creek Campground open mid-April through October for family camping. Modern restrooms, tables and fireplaces. Five day limit. Trailers over 22 feet in length are not permitted. Fifty sites for tents, camping trailers and small travel trailers. No reservations. Nominal fee. A primitive tent-camping area for organizations is available on a reservation basis. Phone (301) 271-7447.

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE EVENTS

Every Sunday the Lockkeeper's Lot Walk starts at 2:00 p.m. The ranger describes the life of a lockkeeper as he takes you through the ruins of a lockhouse.

April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. there will be another Gold Mine Hike. On April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. there will be a special slike program called "The National Park Idea". The Bear Island Hike will be at 9:00 a.m. on April 20. A Wildflower Walk will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Children twelve years old and under are invited to participate in the Old Man River Walk April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. (reservations only).

You are invited to take part in the final leg of the hike which will commemorate Justice Douglas' walk of Twenty years ago. Meet the hikers at Great Falls Tavern at 9:00 a.m. April 27<sup>th</sup> and walk with them to Georgetown. This is sponsored by the Canal Association.

For information and reservations for any of these events call 299-3613.

## MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION NOW POSSIBLE

If you desire, you may obtain a postcard application form for voter registration from any Montgomery County library (main desk), or from any of the following locations: Office of Supervisors of Elections, 64 Courthouse Square, Rockville Mall, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; or on Thursday evenings, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at any of the following shopping center supplemental registrations: White Oak Shopping Center - Sears stores; Wheaton Plaza - Woodward and Lothrop, south entrance; Montgomery Mall - upper level; Silver Spring - The Hecht Company; Village Mall, Montgomery Village, Gaithersburg.

WANT ADS

Wanted to buy: Used stroller for tottler, old-fashion coat tree, bed side stand or small table, and tall dresser 36 ins. or less. Call 229-1982, quote price.

Babysitter wanted: My home 11a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Start two days/week; 5 days in future. Boys 5 and 8 years. Call Wanda, 229-5029.

Professional artist wants to rent one large room with good light and heat. Call Mrs. Glassman: 882-2790.

Note: As we have received requests for information on rooms to rent and homes to rent or buy in Cabin John, next month, we will run ads for those who want to lease or sell in Cabin John for free. Advertise in the Village News first.

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(INCLUDES ROCKVILLE DUMP)  
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