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PERSONAL NEWS ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF CABIN JOHN

* Gregory Wyatt, born August 11, is the new son of Citizens Association President Taffy Kingscott and her husband John.

* Former Citizens Association President Maureen Willoughby and husband David Murphy have a new daughter, Mariah, born in early July.

* Andy Clark was married in Flagstaff, Arizona, in the spring. In addition to his family, a five-man contingent from Cabin John flew out to celebrate with him--Wayne Cissell, John Hughes, James Hahn, Alan Ludwig, and David Seale. These six have been friends since first grade.

* George Biron, who recently moved with his wife Terri to Denver, is seriously ill.

* Judie and Fred Mopsik recently has their house painted in colors that their research discovered were a traditional combination for Victorian homes.

UP AND DOWN

MacARTHUR BOULEVARD...

...Repairs to the Glen Echo Park parking lot, ravaged by storms in May and June, are barely moving due to lack of funds in the National Park Service's budget. Congr. Connie Morrell is seeking to include funds in next year's appropriations legislation. It is expected that the creek will be left open, with a

TIME FOR CRABS AND CHICKEN: ANNUAL COMMUNITY FEAST TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 9 AT SEVEN LOCKS PARK

The end of summer must be in sight, because right around the corner is the biggest event of the year for the Cabin John community: the annual crab and chicken feast which will be held this year on Saturday, September 9, from 2 to 6 p.m., at Seven Locks Park (next to Palisades Pool).

This community party, which raises funds to support various local activities such as free distribution of The Village News, traditionally draws hundreds of citizens and family groups for an afternoon of good food and fun.

Ticket-sellers will soon be calling on or telephoning their neighbors to encourage advance purchase (at a lower price than at the event itself) of Feast tickets. Advance prices are \$5 for a crab or chicken dinner with home-cooked vegetables (some Cabin Johners swear that the vegetables alone are worth the price), or \$6 for a crab-lover's special of six spicy crabs.

Usually there is musical entertainment too, but this year, according to Bob Greenberg, coordinator of the feast along with Maureen Willoughby, no groups or musicians are yet signed up to perform.

pedestrian bridge spanning it. Meanwhile, the damage to the lot means that the popular Big Apple Circus will not be able to visit Glen Echo this year.

...With a \$300,000 grant from the State of Maryland, prospects for refurbishing the Spanish Ballroom at the

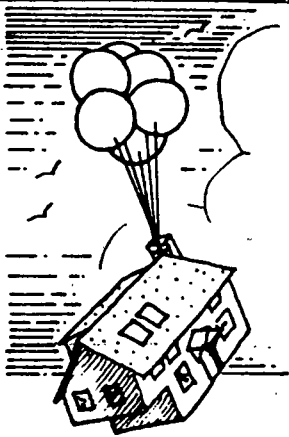
Anybody who would like to volunteer to provide some music is urged to call Greenberg at 229-5888.

In addition to music, kids games are a popular feature of the event. Games for various ages are planned, so this is truly an all-family party.

If a ticketseller doesn't reach you, you can call 229-7412 for advance tickets. And if you'd really like to get into the fun of the event, why not volunteer for one of the many easy jobs involved in putting on the feast--everything from cooking the chicken to setting up the chairs. Bob Greenberg at 229-5888 is the person to call.

P.S. Soft drinks will be on sale, and a sale of homemade baked goods is another popular attraction. And even if there's a bit of rain, don't hesitate to come; there's plenty of shelter in the park.

Park look brighter. But matching private funds must be raised, says Cabin John's Diane Leatherman, director of the Glen Echo Park Foundation. The Foundation is "selling" square feet on the dance floor; for more information, call Diane at 320-2330.



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CABIN JOHN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

1988-1989

After many years of faithful service, Clare Amoruso has stepped down as Treasurer of the Cabin John Citizens Association and has been replaced by John Crook. The Village News wants to express its appreciation to Clare for the wonderful way she has kept the Association's finances in order. Below is her last annual report.

Income

Membership dues	\$ 1,289.00
Interest on Checking Account	144.81
1988 Crab Feast Proceeds	3,330.84
Sales of Cabin John T-Shirts	581.00
Donations	32.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 5,377.65


Expenditures

1988 Crab Feast Expenses	\$ 1,251.14
Distribution of Crab Feast Proceeds	
Cabin John/Brookmont 3 & 4 Year Old School	750.00
Cabin John Village News	500.00
Purchase of Cabin John T-Shirts	888.60
Monthly Contributions to C.J. Village News (10 months @ \$100/month)	1,000.00
Cabin John Methodist Church (use of Church Hall for CJCA meetings)	180.00
Cabin John Christmas Party	248.64
Insurance for Free Swim at Palisades	310.00
Printing	30.00
Postal Box Rental	39.00
Donation to Greater Bethesda/Chevy Chase Coalition	25.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,222.38

Net Income from 9/1/88 through 6/30/89	\$ 155.27
Assets on hand as of 9/1/88	\$1,887.53
Assets on hand as of 6/30/89	<u>\$2,042.80</u>

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HIGH'S AT GLEN ECHO: CABIN JOHN'S GATHERING PLACE

By Barbara Martin and Diane Lee

Any Sunday morning from 6:30 on, Cabin Johners (and many others) find their way to High's in the Glen Echo Shopping Center. Your two reporters stationed themselves on the pavement outside this store from 6:45 to 8:00 to find out what people are doing out so early on a Sunday morning. The following replies were garnered:

Robert Witt: Lives in the apartments. "I'm an early riser. I have to get up at 5:30 every weekday, and my body just wakes up on weekends too." After getting his coffee, Mr. Witt sat in his Flower Gallery truck and leisurely read the Sunday paper.

Mike Causey: "I walk my dog near here, then as a reward I come in for juice and coffee."

Charlie Yuster: "I come here every day for coffee and to talk to people. The folks at High's are friendly."

Frank Carpenter: Lives in the Gardens, is a fireman at Cabin John station on Falls Road. "I'm on my way to a firefighters' class. I stopped by to get coffee. My wife doesn't like coffee so there's no sense making a whole pot."

Carl Stambler: "I grew up in this area and left when I joined the Navy in 1975. I'm visiting now. The store has changed a lot -- for the better."

Walter Dence: "I'm getting the Sunday paper. I used to get it at Good and Quick but now they open too late."

Buck Shoemaker: "I come here for coffee seven days a week. I'm just too lazy to make it at home."

Cynthia Rikard, Metro bus driver: "This is the end of the line and I have five minutes before I leave. I live in Temple Hills, so I have to get up at 4:30 and leave home at 5:15 to get to work at 6. This is the first chance I have to get a cup of coffee."

Mike Seebold, Glen Echo: "This place is the gathering spot for early birds. I've been to mass at Little Flower, come here for coffee, and I'm off to play golf. All this before 8 o'clock."

Sharon Leizear: "I'm here for coffee and my son Richard is getting chocolate milk. I work here too. Just can't stay away."

David Loveland, Glen Echo: "We need milk. If it weren't for that, I'd be home reading the paper."

Pat Lee: "I'm here to retrieve my wife."

High's is truly a neighborhood community hub, especially for early risers. Although the other stores open at more conventional hours, High's is ready for business at 5 a.m. seven days a week (and stays open until midnight).

Tim Marble is the manager. He lives in Boonesboro, 63 miles from Glen Echo, and makes the trip in one hour and 10 minutes, twice a day. Tim's is a High's family. Originally his dad managed a High's in Wheaton. In 1968 he was asked to take over the Glen Echo store which was losing money and having a high turnover in help. "My dad drove around the area and saw that there was no competition. He knew that this store should and could be a good operation. So he got it remodeled, cleaned up, and well stocked. Then he staffed it with his family. My mother June, my sister Jean, my brother Jack, and I--we were it."

Tim was 15 then and he has worked in the store ever since. When his father died in 1981, Tim became the official manager. "When our family first took over, the store was doing poorly. Now we're doing six times the business we started with." Milk and ice cream are the big money makers, and the video section--with no closer competition than Bethesda--is doing well too."

The store has even brought romance. When Sarah Hughes' niece Susie came from West Virginia to live with her aunt in Cabin John Gardens, Sarah brought her to High's to apply for a job. She got the job and Tim, too. Since that time, not only Susie and Tim, but his mother and sister have moved to Boonesboro, and the whole family is still working, fulltime or parttime, at the store. Several years ago, brother Jack opened Good Guys Pizza next door.

Although the giant corporation, Southland, now owns the High's chain, the Marbles' enterprise retains its country store atmosphere. "The customers like it that way and so do we. I know three-fourths of the people who come in here, by face if not by name. This community suits me. It may not be quite as slow-paced as Boonesboro, but it's nothing like D.C. We have no plans to leave here, ever."

The same sense of contentment and loyalty that the Marble family demonstrates is echoed

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CLASSIFIED

(Classified ads should be sent to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818. Next deadline: 10 a.m., Saturday, September 16. The rate is 50¢ per line (figure 7 words per line). Please send check, payable to "Village News," with ad.)

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ENJOY FALL AT DEWEY BEACH. Ocean block beach house. Sleeps 10. AC, heat, washer, drier, TV. Families only; no pets. Weekly: Sept \$700, Oct \$500. Barbara and Reed Martin, 229-3482.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CABIN JOHN...

...The Cabin John/Brookmont 3-and-4 Year Old School has several openings for the school year beginning next month. The school is located in the Brookmont Baptist Church.

The program is Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children must be three years old by September 1. For information, call either Marge Pulley at 229-8691 or Emily Townsend at 229-8230.

...Residents of Tomlinson Court and Tomlinson Terrace will hold a joint garage/yard sale on Saturday, September 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

...Have you wondered what was going on at the small building next to the tennis courts by the Union Arch bridge? It's the old gashouse for the famed (but long since disappeared Cabin John Hotel) and it has recently been designated an historic site. So now the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission is restoring it to its original state. But will it just sit empty or can it be used for some civic purpose? The Commission is pondering this question. Anyone with suggestions is invited to call park historian Mike Dwyer at 840-5848.

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by Tony Reefer, who has been working at High's and Good Guys for over four years. Tony arrives from Wheaton each day at 4:30 to make the coffee and get everything ready for the 5:00 opening. "I've had other job offers, but I don't want to work anywhere else. I like the people I work with, I like the customers, I like the community. This store suits me."

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ATTENTION CABIN JOHNERS!

The Village News would like to print more news of important events in the lives of the people of Cabin John. And the best person to tell us about what's happening with you and your family is you. It's easy: just fill in the form below with news of births, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, honors, etc., etc., and drop it in the mail so that it reaches P.O. Box 164 each month by 10 a.m. on the Saturday closest to the 15th of the month.

To the Editor: Here's news for the next issue of The Village News:

Submitted by: _____ Phone _____

(Please mail to The Village News, P.O. Box 164, Cabin John, MD 20818.)

CLASSIFIED (continued)

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