



## Happy Holidays



### “Oh Christmas Tree, oh Christmas Tree”

Little did Jim Porter realize in 1981, when he decorated a pine tree in his front yard, that he was beginning a holiday ritual.

Jim and his wife, Sue, had recently purchased his parents' home at the corner of Wooster Pike and Wagon Road Lane. The property was filled with memories, including boxes of holiday lights Jim's father had used to outline the house, and a stand of mature pines that had once been Porter family Christmas trees.



This particular year, Jim used the lights to decorate one of the trees he'd helped plant years before. And to delight his daughters - four-year-old Julie and 11-month-old Katie - he crowned the tree with a four-foot star he'd crafted from dowel rods.

The Christmas tree, which towered above utility lines and the family's two-story home, immediately caught the attention of motorists as they passed through Terrace Park.

"People we didn't even know came to our door to say thanks," Jim says. "Then we started getting Christmas cards with nice notes about the tree. Someone even jokingly sent us a couple of dollars for electricity."

So by popular demand, Jim decorated the tree again the following year, carefully creating scalloped edges along the boughs. If people were paying that much attention to the tree, it needed to be just right, even if it meant readjusting lights after dark.

Every holiday season, Jim bought more lights to accommodate the growing tree, and neighbors and friends dropped by to help, or gasp, as he climbed the tree with his hand-made decorating tool - a pole with a hook on the end.

In 1990, the Porter family moved next door to what's now known as Orchard Hill Lane. But the tradition continued.

"Talk about pressure," Jim recalls. "Katie, who was nine by that time, told me the only thing she regretted about the move was leaving our Christmas tree behind."

A new pine was christened and once again Jim spent a couple of days each December creating his giant-sized holiday greeting.

One recent year, preoccupied by other demands on his time, Jim decided it was time to stop.

As Christmas Day drew near,

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Left: Audrey Helmrich (left) and Chloe Wasdell (right) sit on Santa's lap. Above: The new Christmas tree lights up the Green for residents enjoying the festivities.

## Santa came to town

By Cyndy Finnigan

Beneath a twinkling, frosty sky, jolly old St. Nick rode into the Village Green on a fire engine Sunday night, December 3. Enconced in the gazebo and surrounded by his trusty elves, Santa admired the newly planted Christmas tree and enjoyed the sweet strains of music provided by Consie Berghausen and her Carolers and Al Nelson, Jack Gambetta and fellow musicians. He hoisted tiny tots with 'their eyes all aglow' to his lap and heard their pleas for new toys because, after all, they had been pretty good and a year is a long time. Santa listened attentively but was careful to note that Play Station 2 was in

short supply this year and his elves had to work very hard making all the other toys. His tale of weary elves must have made a special impression on a little girl who stood patiently in front of him, staring. "And what do you want for Christmas?" he asked her. Looking at Santa she spoke quietly:

"Whatever you want to bring me Santa." Happy Holidays.



Photos: Ellie Pohlman

Christmas carolers, left - right: Linda Swenson, Consie Berghausen and daughter Chloe, Wendy Peterkin and Kathy Schubert sing traditional holiday favorites at the tree lighting ceremony on December 3rd at the Village Green.

## Mastering the highest wires of volunteer service

By Camilla Warrick

The easiest place to find Emily White is in her garden, at the corner of Myrtle & Home St.

That's if you keep normal hours.

There, you might see her building a winter gardener out of recycled tools and an old metal watering can, or creating concrete stepping stones, or pulling weeds, or mulching flowers and vegetables she started from seed in her basement.

But if you keep stranger hours, you may find her pursuing another passion - volunteerism. Emily often rises at 4 a.m. and goes to her home office to tend to the responsibilities that come with saying "yes" to non-profit initiatives.

Her latest and probably most challenging "yes" was agreeing to lead the 25-member board of Joy Outdoor Education Center in Clarksville, Ohio. For two years she will serve as president, helping guide this internationally known school for experiential learning. Although its mission is a little different, Joy is up there with Outward Bound and National Outdoor Leadership School



Emily White on the deck at Joy processing a team activity.

(NOLS) in offering programs that build trust, enhance teamwork and activate individual potential.

Joy's board oversees an annual budget of \$1.6 million, year-round programming, 24 full-time and 25 part-time employees and a half-million-dollar endowment.

"My big goal is to get through

every day without feeling splintered," she confessed. "It's a balancing act."

In addition to her work for Joy, Emily is managing son Luke's soccer team, serving on the nominating committee at Indian Hill Church and has just completed a fundraiser for Seven Hills' Middle School. That should be enough to fill her every



Henry White crosses on the high ropes course at Camp Joy.

waking hour, but Emily is happily pulled in another direction - to art. Whether it's quilt-making, painting murals in her home or baking a huge batch of granola, she will stay up late to fill this need.

"For some reason, creativity is such a calling," she said. "I tell my kids, when your head is in your heart, you will be happy."

How does she do it all? Strong coffee helps, she said. So does candy, which she indulges in while reading Harry Potter, when she finally gets to bed.

In addition to Luke, a 5th grader at Terrace Park Elementary, the White family includes husband/father John; daughter Tuckie, an 8th grader at Seven Hills; Henry, a 6th grader at Terrace Park Elementary, and Nellie, a 9-year-old yellow Lab.

Village Views caught up with Emily and asked her to explain what Joy is and why she's gotten so involved.

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No council and police stats this issue due to holiday deadline. They will appear in January's paper.

Monday curbside Village brush recycling will include Christmas trees (ornamentation removed) post holidays.

**Letters to the Editor**

Dear Editor:

I want to express my deep appreciation to the people who responded to my call for help when I found Jack early in the morning on November 25. They were our neighbors Dick and Jennifer Manoukian, our daughter Barbara, police officer Tim Chin, TP EMS personnel Linette Bollinger, Carolyn Frey, Bruce Long, Clare Williams, Connie Wilson and Steve Wilson. I am grateful to these people for their kind and professional aid.

Jack celebrated his 80th birthday on Tuesday, November 14. We have lived in Terrace Park for 48 years.

Sincerely,  
Joyce VanWye  
106 Wagon Road Lane

To the Editor:

Who let that dog out?

There is a large male black Labrador that seems to have the run of the village. He sports a bright green collar from which hangs a silvery I.D. tag. The problem with this well-dressed and apparently 'owned,' beautiful creature is that no one can get close enough to him to see what that tag says and where he belongs. I do know that he does NOT belong wandering the streets, defying the odds with passing cars, trucks and Metro buses. I do know that he belongs in his own yard or home. I do know that my own dog, a tall black female Labrador has been mistaken as the 'dog at large' and even leashed from my own yard and returned to our front door, assuming that she was the slick creature seen just minutes earlier on a nearby street. Eyewitnesses to the scene can place my dog in her own yard playing fetch at the time of the crime. And anyway, she's a female and wears a snazzy, multicolored color, and has a distinguishing black mark on her tongue. So, if this handsome K-9 is yours or your neighbors', please take care to assure him a safe place at home. Having personally witnessed the death of a previous pet who was struck by a truck in a freak accident, I always cringe when I see someone's trusty friend and loyal companion wandering about without looking both ways before crossing the street.

Robin Pendery  
430 Elm Ave

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**Meet the Bartons**

Village Views wants to help readers meet all our new neighbors. To that end we've asked the Newcomers Club for help in circulating questionnaires. If you have a new neighbor, please call Cyndy Finnigan, 831-5121, or Camilla Warrick, 248-4158, so that we can link old with new and new with newer.

Name: Sean and Deborah Barton and children, Collin, 5; Connor, 3; and Skyler, 1.

Address: 614 Home St.  
Former residence: Tampa, Fla.

What brought you to this area? We're former Cincinnatians who moved to Florida, then came back.

What sort of occupations are you involved in? Sean is in telecom-

munications; he works for Intermedia Communications Inc. Deborah is the keeper of the hearth. What attracted you to Terrace Park? The school, the community and the Brown family (Kurt and Carrie and their kids).

Where are your children in school? Collin is a kindergartner at Terrace Park Elementary and Connor attends Kangarugh Kids.

Hobbies: Family activities.

Any friends already living here? The Browns, the Coates (Todd and Julie) and all the fantastic friends we have made since we arrived.



Photo: Camilla Warrick

From l-r: The Barton Family, Deborah (mom), Collin, Skyler, Sean (dad), and (sleepy) Connor.

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a card from a family arrived with a note mentioning the tree, how much they'd always enjoyed the lights, and that this was an especially difficult holiday season for them; their grandson was dying of cancer.

Jim scurried to the basement for the lights and completed his decorating in time to light the tree

Christmas Eve.

This year, Jim's goal is to have the tree decorated in time to welcome Katie home from college, and Julie and her husband, Erick Koehler, home from Atlanta. Thirteen-year-old Carrie, who can't remember a Christmas without "the tree," promises to help.



Jim Porter

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**TPRC welcomes new President and Board member**

By Pat Wirthlin

John White is a fellow who is absolutely passionate about Drackett Field. He is the new President of Terrace Park Recreation Commission, Inc. (TPRC), whose members are the wheels on which Terrace Park sports roll. Mr. White replaces outgoing President Larry Williams. TPRC also welcomed two new Board members: Jeff Jackson for Softball (replacing Tammy Fisher) and Jeff Carman for Grounds (replacing new President John White). The other Board members are Rick Mileham (Vice-President), Paula Albrecht (Secretary), Andy Mauk (Treasurer), Matt Nickum (Baseball), Steve Peterson (Lacrosse), Rich Beyersdorfer (Soccer), Paul Smith (Basketball), John Srofe (Labor Day), and Lynda Mackey (Summer Fun).

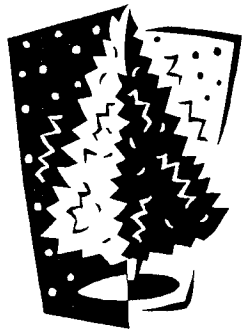
Each Board member serves a three-year term. TPRC members elect the replacements. The replacement is often someone who has coached or refereed, and who is familiar with Terrace Park sports. The Commission meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas. The meetings are open to the public.

TPRC receives funds from recreational sports fees and the Labor Day festival and garage sale. The Commission uses these funds to purchase equipment, pay umpires, care for Drackett Field, and other sports expenses. Mr. White states that the Mariemont school district owns the Stanton Avenue Fields and that TPRC has no authority over those fields.

The Commission discusses a range of issues at its meetings. TPRC handles team rosters and scheduling (arranging for 20 basketball teams to practice weekly on one court is no easy task). The Commission is always looking for ways to find new fields and to maintain and upgrade the current fields. Parking is an issue when the swim club is open because cars tend to park in the emergency lane. And, dogs create problems and unsanitary conditions when they run free on the fields.

When asked what his outlook was for TPRC, Mr. White's answer was two-fold: 1) to ensure that all Terrace Park children have the opportunity to play on a recreational team and that the activities be good, wholesome fun; and 2) to continue to upgrade Drackett Field.

**We Lit Up Our New Tree to Welcome the Holidays in Style!**



**Thanks to everyone who made the 2000 Terrace Park Tree Lighting a special family evening.**

- Steve & Debbie Fletcher of Fletcher Homes
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- Terrace Park Garden Club
- Amazing Davey Tree
- Kindervelt 76, Holly McCormack & Julie Morgan
- 5th Grade Girl Scout Troop 1634
- Consie Berghausen & TP Choir
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- Betsy Ecker, Beth Srofe, Julie Morgan (again),
- Tim Harth, Robin Pendery, Randy Haller, Glenn Lindahl, Drew Troller & Family

And, of course, a huge thank you to SANTA CLAUS himself and his delightful elves !

Thanks to all who joined in the fun. See you Dec. 2001!

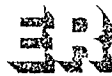
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8:00\* p.m. Choir of Men and Boys  
11:00 p.m. Messiah Choir

**December 25, Christmas Day**  
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**When did you become acquainted with Joy Outdoor Learning Center?**

A good friend, Wym Portman invited me to a fall outing referred to as 'Harvest Festival'. Prior to that I had known bits & pieces about 'Camp Joy'. While at the Harvest Festival, I saw & experienced the current facility in Clarksville.

Shortly after that I was asked to be on the board. I had lunch with Wym to learn more about the organization. I actually said no, due to an already heavy volunteer load, coupled with the activity of my children who were 3, 4, & 5 at the time. A year later, the invitation returned & I jumped.

**When did you realize that it was a fit?**

Good question Camilla. I was really excited & impressed with Joy Outdoor Education Center immediately. Located on 315 acres, I connected with the physical setting as well as the educational/experiential approach to education. I'll never forget my first visit at their Harvest Festival. We participated in Pioneer crafts, drank cider which we pressed right on the spot, ascended the 50 ft. alpine climbing tower, hiked, explored the farm. On the property is a well-stocked root cellar, built into a hillside. It was stocked w/ canned goods, which had been grown organically, harvested & canned on site. I thought that was so cool; a perfect example of taking processes from start to finish. That's just how they do things; Joy may take the harder path but they take the right path. It is the real thing.

As excited as I was by the facility & programming, I was equally intimidated by the credentials of the board members. It is an awesome group of talented, energetic, & bright trustees. Fortunately for me, it is also a very down-to-earth, warm and welcoming group of over-achievers. In 1994, I joined the board & have never looked back. I have however, learned an enormous amount from our fearless leader & Executive Director (Lee Reading) and from the staff and trustees. My involvement has been a win-win.

**How has the organization changed/grown during your association with it?**

The facility itself has grown tremendously. In 1996 we embarked on a Capital Campaign to raise \$1,600,000. With this we were able

to build a swimming facility, add more classrooms for Student Leadership, build the Procter & Gamble Learning Center (indoor climbing facility for inclement weather), the Scripps Creative Arts Building, and an Administration Center. We continue to update existing facilities; often this includes making cabins & dining facilities wheelchair accessible. Currently we are building a new guest cabin & building more on-site staff housing.

In terms of staffing we have deepened our middle management bench strength by hiring associate program directors. This allows us to handle a high growth business while also addressing the issue of succession planning of staff.

Utilization has grown throughout all divisions. We've launched Day Camp for the neighboring community & public at large, built up weekend retreats & specialty camps; all this helps spread utilization across 12 months of the year. Financially, we have continued to grow our revenue. Since creation of an Endowment Fund in 1996, it has grown to \$542,000 and we are debt free.

**What educational opportunities does it offer?** JOEC is the recognized leader in our region in providing sustained, integrated experiential learning to help children families & organizations grow & succeed.

Outdoor School Program includes Outdoor Education, Student Leadership, Parent & Child Retreats, as well as Faculty Development Programs.

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- Camp Joy (residential outdoor recreation to hundreds of disadvantaged children)
- Specialty Camps (partner organizations such as children living with cancer, arthritis, diabetes, bereavement, & diversity issues.)
- Day Camp (traditional summer camp provided for families living within close proximity to the Center)
- Venture Out serves corporate clients, governmental & other non-profit agencies. VO provides custom-tailored learning designed to enhance organizational performance, team-based skills & leadership development.
- Retreats & Conferences serve youth groups, educational institutions & religious organizations.

**What are your dreams for it?**

I'd personally like to figure out a way to keep our Executive Direc-

tor forever and, to expose everyone to Joy's process of learning. I believe so strongly in the effectiveness of Experiential Learning so of course I want everyone to experience it.

As Confucius said... "I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."

**Are other Terrace Park residents involved?**

Tim Mackey has been involved with Joy as a trustee for more years than I. He has played a vital role in the Summer Camp Program. Mark Daly, a recent T.P. deserter, has been a trustee since 1994 and has been involved in Strategic Planning. Mark Petty has just recently joined the board and brings lots of strength & financial guidance to the team.

**Are more volunteers (donors) needed?**

Yes, yes, and yes. Right now we are gearing up for our Annual Fund, which provides monies for disadvantaged children to attend summer camp. A donation to Summer Camp makes a huge difference in any child's life. As far as man/woman power, we often have scouting groups or even school groups join us for special projects like trail blazing. There are plenty of fun opportunities.

**How would someone get involved?**

Give me a call & we can talk!!!!!!

**Proud to be an EMT**



**EMT Steve Wilson ready for a squad run.**

By Cyndy Finnigan

Steve Wilson has assumed a number of volunteer roles in his years here in Terrace Park: coaching baseball, basketball and soccer, serving as Softball Commissioner and probably, the most gratifying,

an EMT with the Lifesquad for the past nine years. "It's an extremely satisfying feeling to serve the community in this way," he says. "There is no doubt in your mind you are helping people when you run as an EMT. The volunteers are the backbone of this community—they serve in the government, as coaches, in the schools, as scout leaders, in EMS services and in countless other ways. Where would we be without our volunteers?"

Steve feels that serving with EMS has also upped his confidence: "You learn not to panic in an emergency but to stay calm and keep your head." Steve adds that it helps him structure his free time better; he's more organized. "The training is thorough and involved but not difficult. You just have to get started. Plus," he concludes with enthusiasm "we have great parties!"



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# Neighbor to Neighbor

## Cincinnati Dulcimer Society workshop hits all the right notes

by Jo Ann Washburn, Terrace Park resident and CDS member

'The good times rolled' at the Terrace Park Community Building October 23. New Orleans' Master Mountain Dulcimer, Paul Andry, taught Mardi Gras rhythms to the Cincinnati Dulcimer Society. Andry conducted workshops on Cajun, ragtime and blues strumming for the CDS members and area dulcimer players. A catered dinner was followed by members' performances.

The Community Building has been the venue for the past eight mini-festivals of the Cincinnati Dulcimer Society. Each fall and spring, CDS invites a nationally prominent mountain dulcimer artist to Terrace Park to teach and entertain. Next spring's mini-festival will be held Saturday, April 21, 2000. Duo Steve Seifert and David

Schnauffer will teach and perform.

The Cincinnati Dulcimer Society was formed in 1979 to present and preserve this musical instrument of Appalachia. Volunteer members of the Society perform up to seventy times each year at libraries, schools, retirement and nursing homes, churches and festivals. The public is invited to enjoy a free 'open jam' the second Sunday of each month [with the exception of December and May] from 3-4:30 p.m. at Woodland Mound County Park. For information contact Lew or Jo Ann Washburn at 831-4472.

**New Orleans' Master Mountain Dulcimer, Paul Andry with CDS Music Director, Madge Moore**



## American Heritage Girls show true spirit

by Doug Cherry, Habitat Volunteer

Congratulations and a big thank you to the Terrace Park American Heritage Girls. These third graders baked 150 cookies from scratch to provide snacks at the November 19 dedication of three houses recently completed by the Eastside Coalition of Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity. The cookies and hot cocoa were a real treat on that cold Sunday. The girls also passed out programs to the crowd. Troop leaders Sally Gaburo, Linda Neal and Nancy Santi were delighted at the opportunity for the

girls to demonstrate "hands on service to the community."

St. Thomas Episcopal Church was presented with a special recognition honor by Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity for their outreach commitment of volunteers and monetary support at their annual dinner meeting November 12. Habitat for Humanity, a Christian Ecumenical group, depends on sponsor commitment such as this to continue the work of providing affordable housing for those in need. Building plans for the year 2001 are now underway.

## Choir of Men and Boys presents Lessons and Carols

The St. Thomas Choir of Men and Boys presents its fifth annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Terrace Park.

The service will feature holiday musical favorites, including traditional English carols, alternating with readings from King James Bible that trace

the prophecy and birth of Christ.

The Choir of Men and Boys is the only ensemble of its kind in the Cincinnati area. It is made up of 18 boys and 12 men, and has presented Evensongs and special concerts throughout the city.

The service is open to the public without charge. For more information call 831-2052.

## Kindervelt benefits from shopping weekend at Ted's Toys & Trains

Local Kindervelt #76 teamed up with Ted's Toys & Trains in Terrace Park to raise \$176 for Children's Hospital. Local shoppers simply made their purchases at Ted's, a family-owned store with games, puzzles, trains and toys, and 10% of all their purchases on November 3 and 4 was donated to Kindervelt. Kindervelt is a non-profit organization that raises funds for Children's Hospital. Juliann Gardner of Ted's Toys & Trains, worked with Kindervelt's chair Louann Mauk, both of Terrace Park.

In the year 2001, Ted's Toys & Trains will continue its partnership with Kindervelt #76. Store Owner Ted Gardner announced that those interested in helping the Kindervelt cause can do so year round at his store — and truly buy a gift that keeps on giving. Shoppers may ask for a 'Frequent Buyer' card, which normally tracks purchases and awards a credit towards future purchases. Patrons may ask Ted to make a donation of cash in the amount of their accumulated savings rather than redeem it for in-store use. "Kindervelt is a worthy organization that helps the most important customers — children," comments Ted Gardner. "I'm happy to make a yearlong commitment to this group in 2001."

## Bridge to the Past

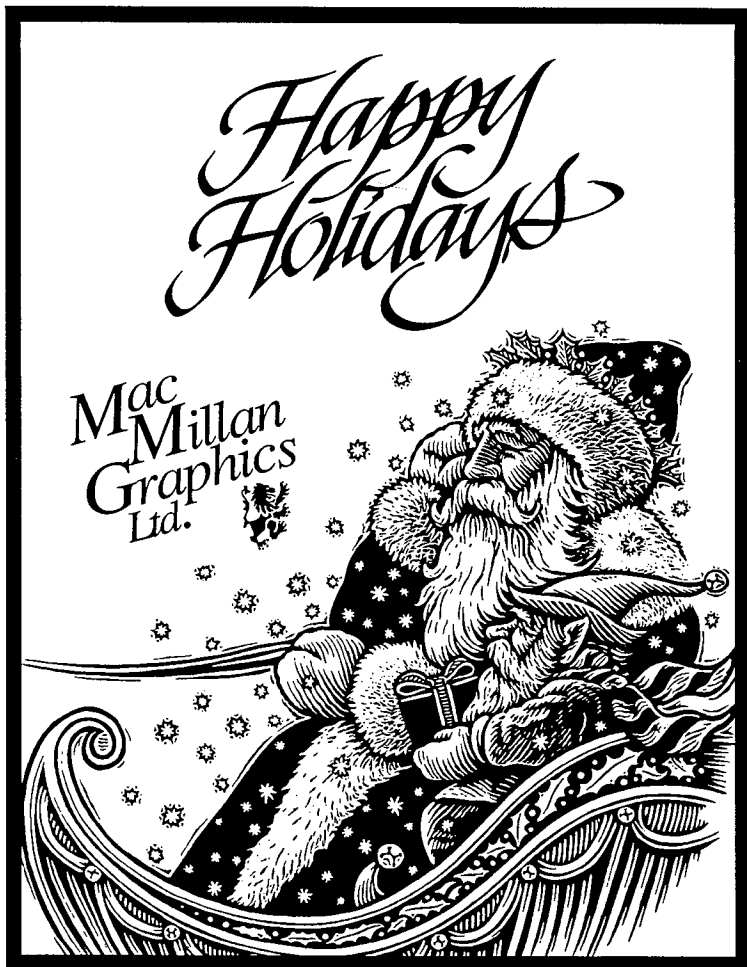
Milford marks its history in a new book titled Bridge to the Past: a History of Milford, Ohio. It spans the mill town's early days and includes more than 350 illustrations. Hardback editions [\$48.00] or soft cover [\$32.00] books are available at Promont House Museum at 906 Main in Milford and in certain Milford shops. Call 831-4704 for more information.

## Stepping Stones

Start your holiday season off right by helping others in the community. Stepping Stones Center in Indian Hill has immediate need of volunteers: Early Intervention Pre-school needs volunteers to help with circle time, swimming, reading and gym. Adult Day Programming needs people to help adults study for GED, go for a walk, do a work project and provide companionship. Stepping Stones Center is a non-profit United Way Agency that provides opportunities for children and adults of all ages with disabilities. Call 831-4660 extension 26 for information.

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In 1907, the Wilmington, Delaware, post office sold the first Christmas Seals. The proceeds were used to fight tuberculosis.

## Sailplane

By Ruth B. Rauth

The tow plane releases and we circle.  
Below us, the Little Miami is a green snake meandering around farms, villages and suburbs overgrown.  
White churches with slim steeples reach for us as we soar.  
Willows along the bank are like the braids of Indian maidens, freed from tribe and time.  
Whirlpools reflect their eyes, dark with remembering.  
  
At the huge sycamore, forks divide, one branching east, the other west, like those who settled this country.  
We carved our initials on its trunk long ago,  
made our pact with destiny.  
We know our places of birth, fields golden with grain and burial mounds of Hopewell and Adena.

But hours aloft depend upon reading the wind that lifts our wings, listening to the spirits of eagle and thunderbird.  
They whisper where to soar and glide, remind us when it is time to seek our nest, to rest again on the land where we were born.  
Restless humans need machines and thermals to fly,  
for our destiny is to search for the sacred and the ordinary, finding each in the other and both in the endless sky.

This poem was published in *Best of 2000*, the annual anthology of the Ohio Poetry Association. Ruth is a retired journalist whose poems have been published in many periodicals. Her second book of poetry, *Reflections of Mind and Place*, features photos by her husband, Jim. It is a fundraising project for environmental education and can be purchased at Cincinnati Nature Center. She has lived in Terrace Park since 1964 and raised her grown sons, Steven, Dale and Keith Binkley here, first on Stanton and then on Western avenues. She and her husband now live along the Little Miami on Wanoka Woods, finding inspiration in its ever-changing moods.

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# Oh you Beautiful Doll!

By Cyndy Finnigan

Jane Peterson of Terrace Park cradles a 16-inch doll that is dressed by her own design and it is lovely. A cascade of brown curls atop a delicate china face; her sweet pink and white dress is sewn up with ribbons and rosebuds. Jane's doll is one of 40 hand dressed dolls auctioned off December 5 at the Salvation Army Toy Shop Auxiliary 44th Annual Silver Tea held at Armstrong Chapel in Indian Hill. Proceeds will be used by the Salvation Army to purchase and dress dolls for distribution to children at Christmas time next year. This year 800 dolls were dressed by over 300 volunteers and will be given to parents at three Salvation Army Christmas Toy Shops. The dolls which were auctioned off were made by award-winning doll dressers. "I'm a member of the Doll Dresser's Hall of Fame in the Salvation Army," states Jane proudly. "They even gave me a plaque." Jane began her vol-

unteer efforts 20 years ago. She dresses about nine dolls a year; each one takes about six to eight hours to dress. "It was born out of a mother's frustration with only having a son; you can only do so much with a GI Joe," she laughs. The dolls at the auction came in a variety of styles and sizes and represented dolls through the decades: from 1910 Victorian dolls to Barbie wearing a hot pink formal dress representative of the year 2000. The event was free and open to the public.



Photos: Cyndy Finnigan

Above: Terrace Park resident Steve Early, 'auctioneer extraordinaire', presides over proceedings at Armstrong Chapel.

Top: Jane Peterson of Terrace Park holds her Victorian doll that she dressed for the Salvation Army Silver Tea and Doll Auction.

## Village Calendar 2000 -2001

<p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <p><b>18</b> Terrace Park Elementary K-3 holiday concert, TPE, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>19</b> Mariemont Board of Education meeting, MJHS cafeteria, 7:15 p.m. Public welcome.</p> <p><b>20</b> Mariemont Schools Christmas break begins. Classes resume January 2<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p><b>22</b> HAPPY HANUKKAH</p> <p><b>24</b> St. Thomas Church Christmas Eve services. 4:00, 8:00 and 11:00 p.m. Service Christmas Day is at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>25</b> MERRY CHRISTMAS!</p> <p><b>31</b> HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p>	<p><b>JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>2</b> School reopens for Mariemont School District.</p> <p><b>2</b> Terrace Park Elementary PTO meeting, cafeteria. 9:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>8</b> Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>9</b> Terrace Park Garden Club meeting, "Lost Treasures: The Return of the Terrace Park Road Show with Wes Cowan", Community Building, 12:00 noon.</p> <p><b>9</b> Terrace Park Council meeting, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>16</b> Mariemont Board of Education meeting, MJHS cafeteria, 7:15 p.m.</p>
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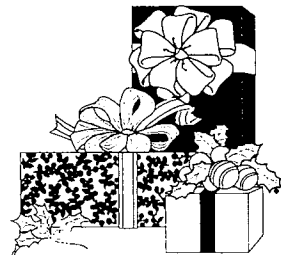


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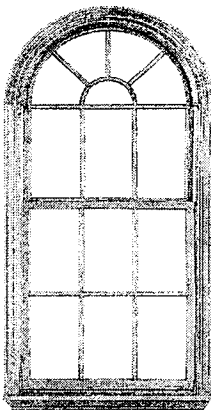


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# Home Tour

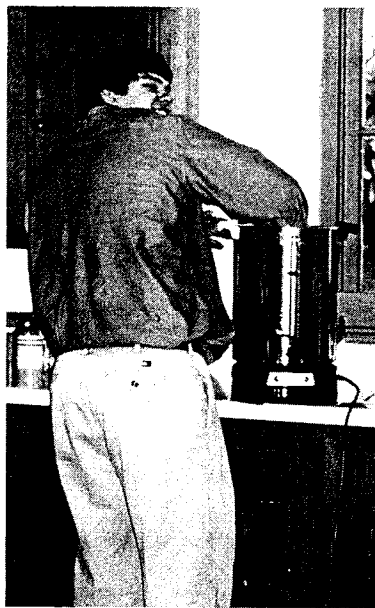
The Terrace Park Garden Club's Home Tour on December 3rd was a success thanks to ticket purchasers and countless volunteers. The Holiday Fair at the Community Building was the scene of bustling activity as local artists sold their wares, and punch, cookies and coffee were consumed. A few of the highlights...



Peyton Petty and Karen Ballinger put the finishing touches on the refreshment table at the Holiday Fair.



Katherine Whitehead, Dana Roberts and Susan Amis chat over a cup of coffee.



Key Club President, Carl Albrecht, lends a hand in the kitchen.



Right: Erin Rosson displays her handcrafted merchandise.



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# Terrace Park Sports

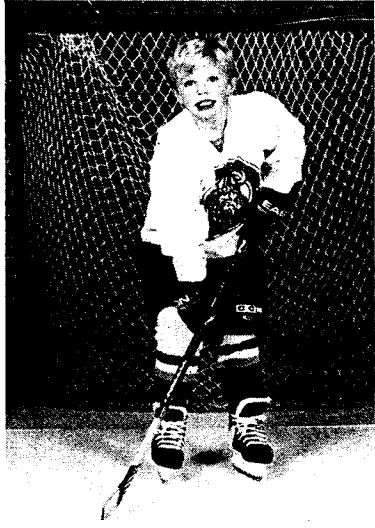
## On the ice

By Noel Julnes Dehner

Frost is in the air, and frost is always in the air for ice hockey fanatics. Seen recently around the rink were Colin Delano, Holly Julnes Dehner, Drake Perry, Wyatt Rogowski and Wes Woodruff.

Colin started hockey lessons in 1999 after watching a Mighty Ducks game. Trisha, his mother, reports that "he loves soccer and swimming but hockey is really it for him. He spends hours outside, practicing with his stick and puck." A forward, he likes to speed around on the ice and handle the puck. He is joining a team in the Northern Kentucky Ice Hockey League and "wants to give it 100% of his attention."

Holly discovered ice hockey through Terrace Park School gym teacher, Neil Turner. "When we played gym hockey, I was good at defending the goal. I got mad if the puck got by me. Mr. Turner suggested ice hockey." After learning to skate, she joined a Cincinnati Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) House team where she is the only girl, and plays forward. Already she is credited with an assist and a score-blocking defensive pass. Her team won their Thanksgiving tournament, and is in first place in their House season.



Wes Woodruff ready to play hockey!

Drake's enthusiasm for hockey since his kindergarten days is unmatched. Introduced to the sport by his father, also an ice hockey player, Drake has been tearing up the rink on a House team for years. He plays center and wing for the team. In 1995, his team was the runner up, and he was voted most energetic. Almost every year, his team has won first place, including a 1997 division championship win. In 1998, he was awarded the prestigious Lady Bing award for the Most Enthusiastic Player. According to Drake, "Hockey is great!"

Wyatt's career on ice came about because of a boring summer



Wyatt Rogowski demonstrates good form on the ice.

day. He started playing with a hockey stick that he had been given, and liked it. Next came hockey stick and roller skates, then hockey stick and ice. Four years later, he plays center on a CAHA House team. "I like that position because I skate all around the ice, playing defense and offense, and skate the breakaways." One of his most exciting memories was the day his team played the best team in the league. "The score



Holly Dehner playing in a Thanksgiving tournament at Cincinnati Gardens.

was 4-4, with ten seconds left. I shot the puck from the middle of the rink and scored! We won the division championship!"

Wes watched the "Mighty Duck" movies when he was four years old and knew then what he wanted to do. A seven year old, he already plays wing on a NKY travel team. "It's in his blood," his mother, Wendy, explains. "He turns everything in our house into a stick,

puck and goal. He loves practice, going to different states and playing, setting up goals and scoring." Highlights of Wes' game include playing in front of crowds during breaks in Mighty Ducks and Cyclones games, and a recent backhanded goal.

These players agree that there is nothing that compares to the excitement of racing with stick and puck on the ice.

## Powerful force defeated by herd of tinies

By Pat Wirthlin

Dennis and Holly Purcell put together a Second Grade Day-after-Thanksgiving father-son football game at Stanton Avenue fields. The

event left the dads (and one brave Sylvia Stirsman) plenty red-faced, washed-out, and generally bushed. The boys (or, should I say, those boys under the age of 10) could have played until Valentines Day.



Photo: Holly Purcell

Day after Thanksgiving father/son football game players are a powerful force!

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