

Startsman sworn in as Mayor of Terrace Park

By Katy Wood

The Council meeting on August 10 began with the first complaint about Terrace Park's new Building Inspector. Resident Randy Phillips (603 Marietta) approached Council to discuss the appropriate "turn-around time" for acquiring a building permit.

Phillips began the process by submitting an application on July 5, but has yet to receive a permit to enclose his screened porch and to build a small fence. Phillips complained that Building Official William Fiedler failed to initiate contact with Phillips after paperwork was submitted. Twice, Phillips was the one to pursue contact with Fiedler after an extended period of time. Phillips also expressed frustration that he was being required to submit a site plan for such a small project.

Fiedler's response, that he could not proceed without the site plan, was supported by Planning and Zoning Chair, Dan Keefe. "With our new system," said Keefe, "Villagers are going to have to get site plans to insure that construction is done according to code." Fiedler added, in response to Phillips' questions, that the zoning code is often different for an enclosed room than for [the original] screened porch.

Phillips was reminded that Fiedler was still learning Terrace Park's zoning codes, and that his response time would naturally be slower due to the "learning curve." After the meeting, however, Keefe explained that the time taken for Phillips' project was in line with what residents should expect under the new system.

Stephen Holmes resolved the discussion by suggesting that Phillips request a mortgage survey to circumvent paying for a new one, and that Fiedler resolve the matter as expeditiously as possible.

The meeting ended with Dan Startsman, formerly President Pro Tem and Councilman for ten years, sworn in as Mayor. Earlier in the meeting, Mayor Jennifer Comfort resigned as she had announced in June.

Fittingly, much of the rest of the meeting addressed Startsman's public works issues. Village engineer George Kipp reported and expressed disappointment with contractors from Schumacher-Dugan, who are in charge of street repairs on Fieldstone. The work began much later and has taken much longer than was promised.

Kipp also reported a "set-back" with the water main replacement. A discovery of discrepancies in the water line records necessitated digging on each street where water mains were to be replaced to check their size. Although this has slowed down the process, mains indicated as four inch in the records, but found actually to be six inch, will not have to be replaced. This will likely save money for the Village.

Kipp reported that bids should be ready for next month's Council meeting, and the work should be completed by the end of the year.

Other issues discussed by Council included the following:

- Another letter from a resident concerned about careless driving in the Village and danger to people using the walk/bike path on Elm resulted in prom-

"Lemonade stands ev'rywhere..."

By Gillian Littlehale

The how-hot-was-it summer of 1999 brought out plenty of elementary school entrepreneurs, as paper cups of lemonade and other treats were sold on every corner (or so it seemed!) of the Village. As one of the venture capitalists behind the Denison Lane franchise, I saw very little return on my investment by way of profits. I did get to enjoy vicariously, from the cool of my window, the efforts of the salespeople. Knowing my children were using their math and public speaking skills in such a worthy way was very satisfying. Having them out of the house was even better. I will be sad to rinse the grass clippings and drowned ants out of the thermos for the last time but very glad once more to have control over the household cookie supply. Did anyone else's kids eat all the cookies before they sold them? That is *not* the way to enhance shareholder value.

ises to do further research on the viability of installing "rumble strips" or wood post and cable barriers along some parts of the path

- A resolution was passed to allow changes in the budget, including the purchase of a dump truck and bed and hydraulic system to replace the one currently used by the maintenance department
- A 5-K race will be held on Sunday during the Labor Day weekend pending arrangements with the police department. Steve Conway is organizing the event



Photo: Wendy Woodruff

On Wrenwood, tandem sales teams demonstrated the spirit of cooperation. Brendan and Wesley Woodruff, at left, sold brownies, while Maryam Rezayat, Sarah Swart and Andie Jackson worked the lemonade and popcorn concession.



Photo: Amy Dillman

Marion Lane's stand was staffed by Luke White, Sarah Dillman, Sean Stirsman, David Dillman and Nick Stirsman and patronized by Allison Maggard under this shady tree.

Volunteer referee resigns

By Katy Wood

Tom Gould has resigned his position as Terrace Park's juvenile court referee.

Although he cited family time issues as the official reason for his departure, he explained that other issues, many parents' willingness to ease the consequences of their children's unlawful behavior and the inconsistent referral process to his court, have increased his frustration with the job.

Gould used a recent incident to exemplify his concerns.

A case of juvenile vandalism involving \$2,000 worth of damage was not charged in the Hamilton County or the Terrace Park juvenile referee's court. Rather, the case was handled by the police department, with the three juveniles, two ten-year-olds and a six-year-old, confessing to the police and offering to make restitution.

Chief Bacon explained that he never considered charging the children because they are so young. "We questioned them on a hunch," said Bacon. "They came in, confessed and were made accountable. Their parents had to make restitution, and they offered to do community service." Chief Bacon has often involved himself with kids and their

parents in a similar way with no complaints. "This police department believes that it takes a Village to raise a child," said Bacon. "We do not want our children to go through the judicial process until we have exhausted other possibilities first."

In this case, however, one of the victims approached Chief Bacon and asked that the juveniles be charged, but was told that the case had been dealt with and no evidence had been gathered. "If it were my kid, I would want him to come before the juvenile judge," said the victim. "And I should be able to file charges if I want to instead of it being handled [outside of the court system] and with a check written by the parents. You know," he added, "if they get into trouble later, there will be no record of this offense. It will be handled like a first offense, and they'll get their hands slapped again."

Gould agrees. "This is exactly the kind of case that should have been assigned [to the juvenile referee]," said Gould. "The extent of the damage done justified the experience of coming to the courtroom with their parents. It would have been a great service to those kids."

Gould added that he had heard of other cases from friends or neighbors that he feels should have come

to his court, but that were not ever referred. Furthermore, his own records allegedly reflect that a disproportionate number of juveniles that were referred to his court were from neighboring communities rather than from Terrace Park. Gould became uncomfortable with this pattern. In his view, it reflected unfairness. Bacon maintains that the address of the child would never influence the resolution of a case.

"But I don't have a personal beef with Chief Bacon," said Gould. "I think he cares about kids." Gould acknowledged that he never shared his concerns with Bacon or Council. Gould went on to describe communities who do not have local juvenile referees, but utilize a mayor or police chief "who act as a mentor, a getter [sic] of restitution, quarterbacking the whole effort, without a judge being involved. This system can also work well," said Gould.

But he also emphasized the advantages of having a local juvenile judge for relatively minor first offenses. As court administrator for Hamilton County, Gould is well aware that the sort of juvenile crime generally committed in Terrace Park is given little notice in a county

LABOR DAY PARADE

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On Monday, September 6, 1999 the annual Terrace Park Labor Day Parade will start at 10 a.m. from behind the Terrace Park Elementary School. Children are welcome to decorate their bikes and ride in the parade; residents are encouraged to organize their street or block or friends to build a float or decorate a moving vehicle of their choice for this community event. We will assemble behind the school at 9:30 a.m. Be creative! Be imaginative! Participate in the tradition! Show your community spirit! Questions? **Call the Parade Marshall, Laurie Heffner, @ 576-6320.**

Labor Day 5K Race

On Sunday, September 5 runners of all ages are invited to test their abilities in several different races in Terrace Park. Races include a 5K Walk/Run, a one-mile run for kids under 13 and 60-yard dashes for boys and girls aged 8-13. The 5K starts at 9 a.m. at the log cabin. The kids' events take place following the 5K. Registration for all participants is at 8:30 a.m. at the log cabin. Volunteers are needed to assist. Please call **Steve Conway @ 248-4177** with any questions.

Terrace Park Labor Day Garage Sale

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Your June issue of *Village Views* listed no juvenile crime. However in June our motor home was vandalized by Village children (11 years and under). The children involved were apprehended by the TP Police.

Knowing TP had a juvenile referee, we decided to press charges locally in the hope that these children would learn that actions have consequences. Chief Bacon, Mayor Comfort and Acting Mayor Startzman refused to support our choice of action. Chief Bacon told us our only option was to press charges in the Hamilton County Juvenile Court. Lacking local support and receiving a perceived threatening phone call from an attorney we decided to drop the matter.

One parent paid the \$1200 repair costs, after we agreed not to press charges and we signed a release. However, we wonder what message has been sent to the children and to all Terrace Park residents.

Fred and Dottie Vickers
807 Myrtle

August 4, 1999

Dear *Village Views*:

I live just West of the curve on Elm Avenue and time after time have observed automobiles driving on the bike path, which is particularly dangerous at both of the curves. Many cars continue to short cut the curves by driving on the path. This has been a concern of mine for over a year for the safety of the children who use the path.

On Monday, August 2, I had just started to take my 16-month-old grandson for a walk in his stroller. When I was within about 100 feet of the center of the Elm Avenue curve, at the top of the hill, a woman driver cut the corner with her right wheels on the grass. She also was exceeding the speed limit. Since I was heading East I saw her coming and was able to move over. Thank God.

I have to say that Village Council has waffled around on this bike path issue without coming to a satisfactory, safe solution for over a year. The bumpers should not have been removed until a safe alternative was determined to separate the traffic from the bike path. I understand that we still do not have an enforceable ordinance because all of the required readings have not been made at Council. This current ordinance should prohibit not only parking on the bike path, but also no driving on the bike path. I believe the ordinance should specifically state "no driving" on the path if it does not already do so.

It is absolutely imperative that either collapsible pylons or some kind of rumble strips that will alert drivers to the fact that they are on the "bike path", should be placed at both of the curves on Elm Ave. If this is not done, drivers will continue to drive on the path.

Please, parents, for the safety of your children and everyone who uses the bike path, give this issue top priority and mention this to Council. Don't wait until there is a serious accident.

Thank You,
Gordon Lumley
914 Elm Avenue

August 9, 1999

Letter to the Editor:

On Saturday, July 17 my daughter was invited to and attended a sleepover for all the kids who were in her third grade class this past school year. I hear it is known as the Third Grade Sleepover. I understand this is a traditional event hosted and supervised by the Terrace Park Police Department. I had to drive up to the Log Cabin to drop off a forgotten item and was impressed with the interaction the officers were initiating with the kids. There was a water balloon game in progress, with Chief Bacon and a few of the other officers leading the charge. The kids, as well as the officers, were screaming and laughing the whole time.

My thoughts quickly turned to the unique nature of this gathering. It looked as though it was truly great fun for everyone involved. I am sure it was a challenge for the officers to oversee the nearly 30 kids in attendance. I know it would be a real challenge for any group of us parents. Most importantly, it seemed as though there was a real effort on the part of our police officers to relate with the kids in a positive way. My guess is they were, and are, constantly trying to build a relationship with the young people in our Village that will last through their young adulthood. This is probably not a common occurrence in other neighborhoods. We should feel fortunate to live in an area that is well protected by our police force. We should also remember the efforts they make in establishing and encouraging such helpful contact with the young people in Terrace Park.

Paul Pendery
430 Elm

From the Board

Gerri Kennedy is the latest resident to join the *Village Views* Board of Trustees. She comes to the Board after nearly four years serving as business manager, a key staff position that she will continue. Through her efforts, *Village Views* has improved and expanded its relations with advertisers and is able to operate each month without a shortfall. Solvency has also been achieved through donations from residents. Gerri is appreciative of the support the community has shown *Village Views* and looks forward to her work on the Board.

Terrace Park is one of the few communities in the area to have a non-profit, monthly newspaper. Gerri became interested in *Village Views* shortly after moving here, to her home on Wrenwood, in 1994. Formerly she lived on a farm in Boone County where she raised horses. Gerri joins Suanne Luhn, Board president; Camilla Warrick; and Cyndy Finnigan.

Former board member/president Sinjin Bain moved to California, and Tom Gould's one-year appointment to the Board expired in the spring.

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The Sept. deadline for *Village Views* is **Sept. 13**, the second Monday of the month. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. on Monday Sept. 13, 1999. **All advertisements** go to Gerri Kennedy at 152 Wrenwood. **All articles** go to Gillian Littlehale at 2 Denison Lane.

LEAVING THE VILLAGE?

Subscriptions are available for only \$18.50 per year. To subscribe call **Gerri Kennedy @ 831-2388**.

Dear Friends:

Many of you who have lived in Terrace Park may have had the good fortune of seeing the crowd pleasing team of "Bill the Mailman" and "Roxy the Black Spinning Dog" perform at the corner of Elm and Stanton. They most recently moved their show to 815 Elm. If you were fortunate enough to see it, you saw how Bill would begin honking his horn as he approached our property. If Roxy were outside, she would start barking and run toward the street. She would continue barking until Bill would pull up, stop, and call Roxy up to the mail truck. Bill would give her a loving pat and a scratch. He'd deliver the mail, then hop back in his truck with Roxy wagging her tail excitedly. Bill would say, "OK Rox, ready?" Roxy would then begin barking again, and Bill would begin honking his horn again. At that point, the excitement overtook Roxy, and she would begin running in circles in anticipation of the race that was about to ensue. Bill would drive off (within the Village's speed limit, of course, Chief Bacon!) and Roxy would stay astride, barking in pursuit until she got to the neighbor's property line, or thereabouts. Bill once told me he had people ask him, "...if he could get that dog to run in circles?"

We had to make the sad decision recently to have Roxy put to sleep after a valiant fight with cancer. We just wanted to take the time to thank all those folks who stopped when we lived at 800 Elm and commented on what a good dog Roxy was. People were amazed that we didn't have an invisible fence (not that Roxy NEVER wandered). She showed up on our porch when we lived below Ault Park when she was just a puppy, so we don't know what breed she was. The way she was so good at learning commands and learning where her boundaries were lead us to believe she was mostly Border Collie.

She continued her pursuit of Bill, as well as the UPS truck, motorcycles and any other low-toned, loud vehicle when we moved to Miami Avenue. Again we just want to thank folks for being so nice to Roxy. A local entertainer has passed on, but we have great memories of her.

Sincerely,
The Olson Family
815 Miami Avenue

To the Editor:

Last year I did not give much thought to the bumpers being removed from the curve on Elm Avenue to the Swim Club. My children and I sometimes walk and ride our bikes on that section, but we would never be involved in such an accident. Some of my neighbors and friends confronted the issue at Village meetings, but not much came of it. Why should I bother to get involved? Who would listen to us—my friends and neighbors went unheard. I felt it was just another crisis waiting to happen, and then it would be put in its proper perspective.

While taking my child to Mariemont Junior High School in the morning this past school year, my attention was brought to the crossing guards at Mariemont Elementary School. I thought, "why don't we have crossing guards on Wooster Pike and Western Avenue or even flashing lights warning of the cross walk?" After 3 p.m. there is often excessive speeding on Wooster Pike. Many times I have nearly been struck pulling out of Wrenwood. Again, why should I bother to get involved, as I felt it was just another crisis waiting to happen, and then it would be put in its proper perspective? Besides, my children and I do not use that cross walk, and who would listen? Safety concerns on the curve of Elm Avenue had gone unheard.

Then in the spring of 1999, I was given a warning for not coming to a complete technical stop at a stop sign. I did not count to three, however I did look for cars and pedestrians. Neighbors in this area had complained that people were not coming to a complete stop and wanted that area patrolled. Then, time was taken to figure out how much time would be spent stopping at all the Village stop signs in an article in *Village Views*. My thoughts on this are two: "the squeaky wheel gets the oil" and "technical legalities" are more important than "safety."

My understanding is that bumpers were originally put on the Elm Avenue curve after an accident did happen. When taking my children to school in the morning going up the curve, I have noticed many times cars crossing that white line going down the hill and around the curve, many times after I had just passed a child approaching that curve. There is NO WAY a driver who is over that white line could see a child coming, as the car went around the bend, and have time to correct oversteering. Has anyone ever thought of putting the walkway on the other side of the street? Vehicles tend to turn more to the left, and then the children on the right would be protected. Driving down the curve, I fear for a child who may have crossed the white line into the street. Often there is speeding and tailgating on that section of Elm.

This curve is where legalities will not stop a ton of metal from crushing a child. There are solutions other than a white line on the side of the road. Hopefully, it will just be squeaky wheels and not a fatal accident that will call attention to this potential danger. Here it is more a matter of administering safety than mere legal technicalities.

Sincerely,
Kathy Swart
148 Wrenwood

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Flag flies for Sasha and Stuart

By Noel Julnes-Dehner



Yellow for wheat fields, blue for the sky—why is the bi-colored Ukrainian flag flying gaily in front of Mickey Davis's house on Stanton?

On July 31, 1999 her son Stuart married Alexandra "Sasha" Tsybmal of Kiev, Ukraine at the Davis residence. Judge James Patrick Kenney officiated. (TP childhood resident Carol Patton, married to another TP childhood resident, helped with the Bonbonnerie cake.)

Stuart recounted his trip to Ukraine to meet Sasha's family and explore the city in which she grew up. It was strange "to see the statue of Lenin and the hammer and sickle, the golden domed churches. The young people are westernized, well dressed. Many of the older people wear their WWII medals."

Sasha added, "I wanted to show him the most beautiful places," a tour

which included a cruise on the Dnieper River and of historic Kiev.

First impressions of Cincinnati? "High humidity!" Sasha exclaimed. "I've never felt anything like this! And the humidity makes the sky a different color." Stars are also not in the same location as in Kiev. "Also, Americans are very friendly and calm and they dress more casually."

Stuart is a computer consultant, currently pursuing advanced training in computer support technology. Sasha has two degrees, one in systems engineering and the other in economics. She has worked for DHL and plans to find a people-oriented job similar to the one she held with Ukrainian International Airlines. Their future plans include trips to New York City, Washington D.C. and California.

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Village Calendar 1999

AUGUST

25 Mariemont School District first day of school for students

SEPTEMBER

4 Labor Day Garage Sale, Log Cabin, 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For information call **Grace Holmes @ 831-4181**

5 Labor Day 5K run/walk. Participants register at Log Cabin at 8:30 a.m. Race begins at 9 a.m., followed by a one-mile run for kids under 13 and dashes for 8 to 13-year olds. For information call **Steve Conway @ 248-4177**

6 Labor Day Festivities. Parade begins at 10 a.m. Participants meet behind TPES at 9:30 a.m. Festival on the Village Green is from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

7 Terrace Park Garden Club meeting, Community Building, noon

7 Mariemont Kiwanis meeting, every Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the MJHS cafeteria. New members welcome!

12 Mariemont Kiwanis Arts & Crafts Fair, featuring 88 exhibitors, Mariemont Strand median, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

13 Terrace Park Chapter of AARP monthly meeting, noon, catered lunch, St. Thomas Church. For reservations call **Betty Smith @ 831-5434**

13 Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7 p.m.

13 Village Views deadline for articles, photos and camera-ready ads, 9:00 p.m.

14 Terrace Park Newcomers general meeting. All newcomers and "old timers" welcome! At the home of Sally Gaburo, 440 Elm, 7:30 p.m.

14 AARP Tour—The Mysteries of Egypt, museum exhibit and movie at the Omnimax. Cost is \$25. Bus will depart from St. Thomas at 10:45 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. Call **Geneva Braun @ 247-0677** for reservations

15 Terrace Park Kindervelt meeting at the home of Mindy Wagner 105 Marian 7:00 p.m. social, 7:30 p.m. meeting. Anyone interested in joining should contact **Lou Ann Mauk 831-4655**

21 Mariemont Board of Education meeting MJHS cafeteria 7:15 p.m. Public welcome

Please submit calendar information to **Jenny Whitaker @ 248-9268** at your earliest convenience.

How much water is enough?

By Jim Fox, Indian Hill Water Works

We have recently experienced much hotter, drier weather than usual for this time of year. The Indian Hill Water Works would like to offer some helpful information. The tendency is to over water our lawns and landscaping. Grass is naturally dormant during the hot summer months and usually recovers easily when the cooler, wetter weather returns in the fall. Experts agree that if you do water your grass, one inch of "precipitation" per week is adequate. An easy way to gauge lawn

watering is to take a small empty tuna can and set it on the lawn before turning on the sprinkler. When the can fills up, the lawn has received the equivalent of one inch of rainfall. Even brand new sod should only need one inch of rainfall or sprinkling every other day. Lawn mowers should be set at their highest settings, or approximately four inches from the ground, to allow grass to provide its own shade for the roots. Conservation of water usage can help to protect our most valuable resource.

Operation Playground Update

We have received, to date, over \$15,000, which brings us to the 1999-2000 school year with less than \$3,000 to raise! Many thanks to all who have participated with such generosity. We are planning to acknowledge the many contributors after our goal of \$18,000 has been reached. So, please don't wait—donate today! Please send all donations to **Alison Connor @ 723 Floral Avenue**, made out to "Operation Playground."

We have received many requests from Village children to help in our fundraising efforts, and we hope that you will support their efforts during the upcoming school year. We are planning an early spring installment of the new play structure pending the completion of our fundraising efforts. We look forward to next summer, when the new playground is swinging with children and the parents are enjoying a cold (but watery) lemonade from a stand nearby.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

CCDS Honor Student

In the end of the year honors list for 1998-99, the name of Cincinnati Country Day School student Ben Schneider of Terrace Park was omitted inadvertently. The son of Kathy and Tom Schneider, Ben will be in seventh grade this fall.

ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR SCHEDULED

The 13th annual Arts & Crafts Fair, sponsored by the Mariemont Kiwanis Club, is scheduled for Sunday, September 12, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Exhibitors from over 100 miles away and shoppers from all over the tri-state come together to enjoy the beauty of the heart of Mariemont. Four awards will be presented to the best exhibits, two each to the Best of Fair in Arts and in Crafts. Kiwanis members are selling raffle tickets, \$1 each or six for \$5. Prizes are \$200, \$100 and \$50 in cash. This year's fine opportunity to view and purchase artwork and crafts is led by Al Nelson and assisted by Matt Nickum, both of Terrace Park. The 1999 Fair is dedicated to the memory of the late Herb Barnes, who was General Chairman for many years.

Anyone with questions about the Fair should contact **Al Nelson @ 831-9229** or **Matt Nickum @ 561-2292**. Inquiries about membership in Kiwanis should be directed to **President Art Arend @ 271-6255** or **Club Secretary Rob Porter @ 793-1751**.

Lawn Bowling Anyone?

In celebration of its 90th year, the Cincinnati Lawn Bowling Club (CLBC) is inviting anyone interested to take part in the pleasures of lawn bowling. This is an ancient and venerated game based on the Roman game of bocce. Lawn bowling is ideal for those who think games should be fun. Strength, mindless brutality and sweat are not the basis for lawn bowling.

The game is one of skill and finesse, requiring basic eye/hand coordination and the ability to visualize the strategic placement of each bowl juxtaposed against both present and future conditions. Coolness under competitive fire along with guile is a plus! Lawn bowling is a game for the 21st Century—social and civilized—ideally suited for individuals, families, social and sports clubs. The minimum age for participation is 12.

Located at the Little Miami Golf & Recreation Center on Newtown Road, the CLBC Bowling green is one of the most beautiful in the US, maintained in excellent condition by the Hamilton County Park District. The season is May through October. Weather permitting, times are Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday 2-5 p.m. and Saturday 1-4 p.m. Extended times are scheduled during the long summer evenings on Tuesday and Thursday.

Members of the CLBC will offer instruction in the fundamentals of the game, demonstrating unfailing politeness and words of encouragement. Bowls will be furnished. Individual and family memberships are available, as well as daily fees. Please plan to join us during the remainder of the season, or keep us in mind next spring. **Call 561-5650** for more information.

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12 Baskets MD update!

12 Baskets Ministry is a project to rescue leftover prescriptions and medical supplies from the trash and send them overseas. Our first collection in June (6 lbs. of medicines) was sent to Cross Links a Christian organization in the US that distributes to countries where the medicine is most needed. In July our collection was divided between 6 lbs. of medicines sent directly to a clinic in Haiti and a very large box of medical supplies to Matthew 25, a local organization that sends supplies to Honduras and El Salvador.

We want to thank everyone who has responded to this mission. The next collection is scheduled for October 2, from 9 a.m.-noon in the undercroft of St. Thomas. Tell your friends and purge your medicine cabinets! Hospitals and doctors in Third World countries need medicine and supplies to alleviate suffering. Any questions? **Call Bunny Proctor @ 831-3421**.



Village resident elected

Susan Ferrell Troller of Terrace Park has been elected President-Elect of the 1999-2000 Board of Directors of the Junior League of Cincinnati. The following year she will continue as President of this volunteer organization. Sue has just finished a two-year term as Projects Vice-President. Previously Sue has held JLC leadership positions as Project Development Chair and has been a delegate to the State Public Affairs Committee in Columbus. An attorney by profession, Sue still finds time to volunteer her time for other community organizations such as the Family Nurturing Center of Kentucky, the Terrace Park PTA and the Armstrong Chapel Children's Council. She also served several years as a Board member of *Village Views*. Sue, her husband, Dave, and their children, Katie, Drew and Robby live on Amherst.

Washburn calls words for Spelling Bee



Literacy volunteers Lew and Jo Ann Washburn

Fifteen teams of super spellers from Clermont and Brown County agencies and businesses competed in the 8th annual "Spell Down" of the Clermont/Brown County Literacy Task Force. The event was generously hosted by Eastgate Biggs Place Mall on June 22. Channel 9 personality Steve Overbeck was emcee.

In his fifth year as "word-compiler and pronouncer", Lew Washburn, of Terrace Park, put the 3-person teams through seventeen rounds of jitters. US Precision Lens took first place, correctly spelling "mademoiselle" after second place Chatfield

College went down, and claimed the top spot with "metatarsus." Mill Street Manor provided the first place team members with gift certificates. Team entry fees of \$250 help provide needed resources for reading tutors and learners in Clermont and Brown Counties.

Through the years Lew and his wife, Jo Ann, have been literacy tutors, Board members and general volunteers in Clermont County. For information on tutor training, free dyslexia screening, dyslexia classes and English as a Second Language classes, **call the Literacy Council in Batavia @ 732-6683**.

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Flag flies for Sasha and Stuart

By Noel Julnes-Dehner



Yellow for wheat fields, blue for the sky—why is the bi-colored Ukrainian flag flying gaily in front of Mickey Davis's house on Stanton?

On July 31, 1999 her son Stuart married Alexandra "Sasha" Tsymbal of Kiev, Ukraine at the Davis residence. Judge James Patrick Kenney officiated. (TP childhood resident Carol Patton, married to another TP childhood resident, helped with the Bonbonnerie cake.)

Stuart recounted his trip to Ukraine to meet Sasha's family and explore the city in which she grew up. It was strange "to see the statue of Lenin and the hammer and sickle, the golden domed churches. The young people are westernized, well dressed. Many of the older people wear their WWII medals."

Sasha added, "I wanted to show him the most beautiful places," a tour

which included a cruise on the Dnieper River and of historic Kiev.

First impressions of Cincinnati? "High humidity!" Sasha exclaimed. "I've never felt anything like this! And the humidity makes the sky a different color." Stars are also not in the same location as in Kiev. "Also, Americans are very friendly and calm and they dress more casually."

Stuart is a computer consultant, currently pursuing advanced training in computer support technology. Sasha has two degrees, one in systems engineering and the other in economics. She has worked for DHL and plans to find a people-oriented job similar to the one she held with Ukrainian International Airlines. Their future plans include trips to New York City, Washington D.C. and California.

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Village Calendar 1999

AUGUST

25 Mariemont School District first day of school for students

SEPTEMBER

4 Labor Day Garage Sale, Log Cabin, 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For information call **Grace Holmes @ 831-4181**

5 Labor Day 5K run/walk. Participants register at Log Cabin at 8:30 a.m. Race begins at 9 a.m., followed by a one-mile run for kids under 13 and dashes for 8 to 13-year olds. For information call **Steve Conway @ 248-4177**

6 Labor Day Festivities. Parade begins at 10 a.m. Participants meet behind TPES at 9:30 a.m. Festival on the Village Green is from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

7 Terrace Park Garden Club meeting, Community Building, noon

7 Mariemont Kiwanis meeting, every Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the MJHS cafeteria. New members welcome!

12 Mariemont Kiwanis Arts & Crafts Fair, featuring 88 exhibitors, Mariemont Strand median, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

13 Terrace Park Chapter of AARP monthly meeting, noon, catered lunch, St. Thomas Church. For reservations call **Betty Smith @ 831-5434**

13 Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7 p.m.

13 Village Views deadline for articles, photos and camera-ready ads, 9:00 p.m.

14 Terrace Park Newcomers general meeting. All newcomers and "old timers" welcome! At the home of Sally Gaburo, 440 Elm, 7:30 p.m.

14 AARP Tour—The Mysteries of Egypt, museum exhibit and movie at the Omnimax. Cost is \$25. Bus will depart from St. Thomas at 10:45 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. Call **Geneva Braun @ 247-0677** for reservations

15 Terrace Park Kindervelt meeting at the home of Mindy Wagner 105 Marian 7:00 p.m. social, 7:30 p.m. meeting. Anyone interested in joining should contact **Lou Ann Mauk 831-4655**

21 Mariemont Board of Education meeting MJHS cafeteria 7:15 p.m. Public welcome

Please submit calendar information to **Jenny Whitaker @ 248-9268** at your earliest convenience.

How much water is enough?

By Jim Fox, Indian Hill Water Works

We have recently experienced much hotter, drier weather than usual for this time of year. The Indian Hill Water Works would like to offer some helpful information. The tendency is to over water our lawns and landscaping. Grass is naturally dormant during the hot summer months and usually recovers easily when the cooler, wetter weather returns in the fall. Experts agree that if you do water your grass, one inch of "precipitation" per week is adequate. An easy way to gauge lawn

watering is to take a small empty tuna can and set it on the lawn before turning on the sprinkler. When the can fills up, the lawn has received the equivalent of one inch of rainfall. Even brand new sod should only need one inch of rainfall or sprinkling every other day. Lawn mowers should be set at their highest settings, or approximately four inches from the ground, to allow grass to provide its own shade for the roots. Conservation of water usage can help to protect our most valuable resource.

Operation Playground Update

We have received, to date, over \$15,000, which brings us to the 1999-2000 school year with less than \$3,000 to raise! Many thanks to all who have participated with such generosity. We are planning to acknowledge the many contributors after our goal of \$18,000 has been reached. So, please don't wait—donate today! Please send all donations to **Alison Connor @ 723 Floral Avenue**, made out to "Operation Playground."

We have received many requests from Village children to help in our fundraising efforts, and we hope that you will support their efforts during the upcoming school year. We are planning an early spring installment of the new play structure pending the completion of our fundraising efforts. We look forward to next summer, when the new playground is swinging with children and the parents are enjoying a cold (but watery) lemonade from a stand nearby.

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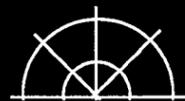
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Police Reports	June/July	July/Aug	YTD
Help Runs	19	15	109
Mutual Aid Runs	26	11	115
Alarm Drops	09	09	51
Property Found Unsecured	11	06	47
Animal Complaints (new category)	01	00	01 (as of 8-99)
Domestic Disputes or Violence	02	02	10
Accident Reports	03	02	20
Traffic Arrests or Citations	74	58	359
Other Traffic (warnings, etc.)	22	17	141
Other Arrests (including outstanding warrants)	16	12	94
Investigations (not otherwise covered)	22	14	128

Juvenile Report

A Terrace Park juvenile was arrested for trafficking LSD and charged with a felony in Hamilton County Juvenile Court. Fairfax police made the arrest with Terrace Park police involved in the investigation.

Noted

Terrace Park police are now carrying T.P. Citizen Complaint Forms with them as they patrol the village. Residents are invited to stop police to request a form in order to register a non-criminal complaint of any kind (e.g., pothole, tree down, etc.). Complaints will be channeled appropriately by the police department.

July Council Highlights

As there was not a reporter available to cover the July Council meeting, the following highlights were taken from the minutes:

- After announcing that five residents had indicated interest in filling Dan Startzman's Council seat, to be vacated when he assumes the Mayor's position in August, Steve Holmes stated that Council needed to form a committee to interview the candidates and make a recommendation. Council must do so within 30 days once the seat becomes vacant. Julie Rugh volunteered to head the committee
- Council concurred that they would not make a donation to the playground committee. It was agreed by at least three members of Council that the School Board should contribute to this effort
- Resident Katie Mitchell (101 Wagon Road Lane), from the

committee formed to study possible changes to Wooster Pike, reported that a senior engineering class at UC has offered to diagram a median down Wooster Pike as a senior project. (Discussion by Council members acknowledged the need for a traffic study by the Ohio Department of Transportation and for the state's permission before changes could be made to Wooster Pike. Julie Rugh added that the state has canceled plans to widen Wooster Pike)

- Diane Treftz (217 Given Road) expressed concern about the proposed storage barn being considered at the PNC Center. She was informed the plans for the building have yet to come before the Planning and Zoning Commission
- Several residents asked for improvement of Wooster Pike sidewalks. Dan Startzman acknowledged the need for such

repair. He proposed Council study the area and plan for Wooster Pike repair next year, while proceeding with plans already made for sidewalk repair this year

- Resident Steve Conway (105 Michigan) proposed organizing a Labor Day 5K race to raise money for new playground equipment for the Village. It was suggested that Mr. Conway contact the Recreation Commission regarding working within their plans for Labor Day week-end
- Chief Bacon reported that Lt. Hayhow graduated from the Police Education Leadership College (PELC) in the top five of his class of 30. This course, sponsored by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and the Law Enforcement Foundation, involves three months of research combined with three weeks of classes
- John Finnigan initiated a discussion about cutting back overgrowth from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) trail, as many residents use the path for walking. Those in opposition questioned using Village funds to maintain state property and doing anything that would make it more accessible as a bike path. Finnigan made a motion that the work be done, but the motion died for lack of a second
- Council passed a tree ordinance providing for the levying of an assessment of .5 mils, the same as last year

Some more Buzz from Buz

By Buz Ecker

While you are reading this, I am on a canoe trip in Canada for two weeks. I will be portaging a 100-pound canoe over miles and miles. I will also be paddling from dawn to dusk each day. Actually, if Dave Tobergte can get a floatplane to rescue me from this nonsense, I'm sure I'd be a lot better off!

Recently my distinguished friend Taylor Heilbronner came back to Terrace Park after his freshman year at Denison University. While at Denison he became a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. I was also a Beta at Denison (class of '74). Anyway, he was considering joining Sigma Chi, which is a great fraternity, but he finally chose Beta. Here are the telltale differences between the Beta and Sigma Chi members in maturity, as observed in Terrace Park.

- When a Sigma Chi goes to his son's baseball game at Drackett, he is dressed for the board meeting at the country club to follow. The Beta will be there with un-

matched socks, untied shoes and very bad breath

- The Sigma Chi will work on his career at a large corporation, while the Beta will be self-employed because no one will hire him
- The Sigma Chi will go to marriage encounter groups and read all the latest literature to better his relationship. The Beta will go shoot hoops with his buddies and hope his three-point shot is there. His marriage can wait!
- The Sigma Chi will take his kids to UDF for ice cream. The Beta will also take his kids to UDF for ice cream—but will drool over the babe in tight shorts waiting in line
- The Sigma Chi will go to church faithfully every Sunday. The Beta will also—but normally will forget one of his children

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Volunteer continued from page 1

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Bacon said he always supported the idea of having a local juvenile referee, but he insists that the police department must have some discretion in terms of making referrals to the judicial system, especially where very young juveniles are concerned. He feels strongly that under the circumstances of this case, the resolution was a good one. An absolutely consistent referral process would be too rigid in his view.

"Council just needs to decide what [they] want for Terrace Park. Maybe in the context of having to hire a magistrate to hear adult cases [see p. 7 this issue], a new system could be worked out for hearing juvenile cases. Or," said Gould, "maybe Chief Bacon should continue to do the job."

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Kathy Swart helps the children tag their dripping, tie-dyed creations before they go home.



Popsicles hit the spot after working hard on beaded necklaces and kickball.

Photos: Amy Dillman

I'd go to Michigan for the summer, but it's too much fun right here

By Pat Wirthlin

Terrace Park Swim Club had a fashion show this summer as part of Ladies Day. I was in the show, along with Holly Bortz, Holly Long, Sally Gaburo, Leanna Paz and others. I am blocking out my memory of Karen Groppe looking under rocks and shrubbery for what she called "volunteers" for this grand experiment. Rather, I prefer to think of myself as one of the chosen few. Well, we girls just tore the place up with our fashion savvy. Soho (in Hyde Park) provided some cute outfits. I can't wait to start looking for a job, so I can put this fashion model stuff right at the top of my resume.

I ran into Eddie Cotes at the Village Green on Memorial Day. I know Eddie from way back. All I have to say about Eddie is that he is about the most athletic person you will ever meet. He is the god of sports. Only the wind can run faster than Eddie Cotes. Eddie and his wife, Birdie, are new to the Village. Eddie grew up in Mariemont, Birdie (a super jock herself), in Indian Hill. They have two children, Kelly (4) and Kasey (2).

Eddie and his family live on Amherst, next door to Ted and Julie Northrop, which is a treat in itself. I think of Ted Northrop every time I hear the name Charlie Cooke. Charlie is the soccer guru who coaches clinics at the Sports Mall.

My sons took one of his clinics. Charlie is fantastic with the children and world-renowned, but he does not compare to Ted Northrop. Mr. Northrop was my wonderful first soccer coach. His philosophy was "atta' girl," and "kick with your toe if it makes the ball go farther," and "ok, everyone gets an lcee from the King Kwik." He taught us girls a lot about sportsmanship, tenacity and compassion.

If you haven't met the Knables, you just have to. Phoebe and Doug are two of the world's nicest people. They moved here less than a year ago with their two children, Will (2) and Eliza (10 months). They live right across from the baseball field on Elm. Phoebe grew up in Terrace Park as Phoebe Miller (the red head). She is a bundle of sunshine, who just makes you smile. I don't know how she does all that she does and still talk so much. I saw her in Kroger ... she was running in to get diapers ... on her way from a family picnic ... just worked an afternoon nursing shift ... still has to feed the baby ... on her way to another party ... and she managed to talk with me for a half hour at the exit. Doug is just as nice. He is a CPA/Tax Manager, which means he is really smart.

I hope Doug can meet this other really smart fellow named Tom Gould. At the Swim Club, Tom is always trying to sneak into the big pool. I keep telling him to get back to the baby pool area, where he belongs. Tom has an exceptional 15-year-old daughter, Julie. I read somewhere that Julie carried a 4.0 grade point average at Mariemont High School. Tom insists her grades are good because she won't let him help her with homework. Tom will say things like this to try to fool you, but I have sources outside of Terrace Park that tell me that he is nothing short of a genius. I really like Tom's wife, Jenny. She has to have a good sense of humor to cope with what I am about to tell you. Tom and Jenny moved to Terrace Park five years ago, just in time to have *four more children*. They are never going to be able to leave the baby pool, ever. Tom and Jenny win the prize. I don't know what the prize is, but they win it.

I am having a lot of fun with my musings, so the same rules apply: if you do not want to read about yourself in *Village Views*, you had better tell me!

[Editor's note: Pat Wirthlin grew up in Terrace Park and has recently moved back with her husband and children. She is especially interested in writing more about new residents in the Village. She can be reached @248-0405.]

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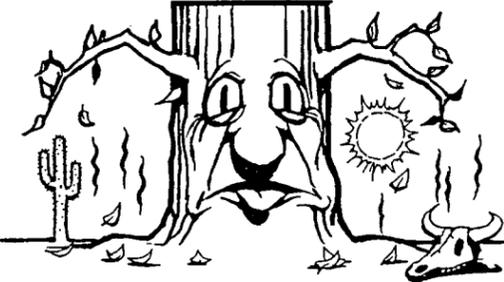
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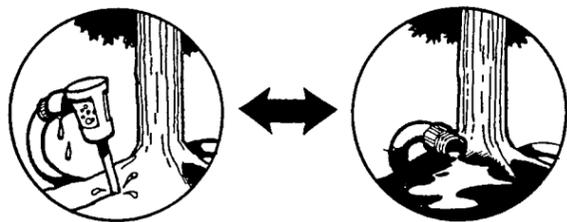
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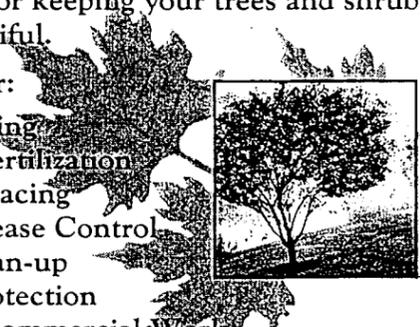
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TP Newcomers is welcome to ANY ideas, suggestions and comments. We would especially like to thank those who contributed endless hours of their time to help establish and maintain this unique opportunity that we have to get to know our neighbors. We encourage you to re-join and share your past ideas and successes with us. If you have any questions, please call **Sally Gaburo @ 831-6573** or **Leanna Paz @ 965-0846.**

Our first general meeting will be held on September 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sally Gaburo, 440 Elm Avenue. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

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Council seeks magistrates for monthly court session

By Katy Wood

As covered in the daily media, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals recently did away with mayors presiding over local, or mayor's, courts. Mayors, as well as council members who are now also precluded from serving in this capacity, are considered to have a conflict of interest when applying fines which would add to the coffers of their town or village. Terrace Park is now faced with finding a magistrate to preside over our monthly court.

Volunteers Robert Lowery and Flach Douglas served as magistrates in July and August, and Council wants to hire two or three residents to fulfill this responsibility full time. There is training required, however, and the next training is in January. (Ready candidates were not able to take advantage of training scheduled at short notice on August 13).

Council may be required to hire non-local magistrates at a rate of \$150 to \$200 per court in the meantime.

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Terrace Park Sports

Baseball teams cleanup

By Paul Pendery

Two baseball teams from the Terrace Park Recreation League made big news when they earned trips to the postseason Cincinnati Knothole Championship Tournament. Kim Baird's D-Major team (8- and 9-year-olds) and Mike Frey's C-Major team (11 year olds) both had tremendous years, capping their seasons with a run to the playoffs. For both teams, this was a very impressive accomplishment given the level of play and competition in their respective brackets. On July 12, just prior to tournament play, the people of Terrace Park were so excited a pep rally was held for both teams on the Village Green.

Mike Frey's C-Major team had finished regular season play with a solid 10-5 record before tournament play started. Frey, along with assistant coaches Rodger Davis and Kevin Fay, looked forward to tournament competition as their team had exhibited a "never say die" attitude all season long. They started off with an 8-5 win against Finnytown and followed that up with a big 3-0 victory over Deer Park before concluding tournament play with losses to Loveland and Indian Hill. The Terrace Park C-Major team ended their season with an excellent overall record of 12 wins against 7 defeats.

Kim Baird's D-Major team had posted a great regular season record, going 17 - 1 and finishing as district co-champions. Assisted by Rick Koehler and Breck Weigel, Baird's team stumbled in the first tournament game, losing to Loveland. The second game turned out to be most rewarding of the tournament, as they beat a tough Fairfax team by scoring 5 runs in the last inning. With a final loss to Deer Park, they finished an outstanding year with an 18-3 win and loss record. As Coach Baird reflected on the season, he said, "the boys really progressed throughout the year. The parents really worked with the kids and



Front Row (l-r): James Holcomb, Rodger Davis; Middle Row (l-r): Wyatt Rogowski, Luke Fay, Bradley Carman, Mitchell Frey; Back Row (l-r): Coach Mike Frey, Dan Austin, Shane Smith, Coach Kevin Fay, Coach Rodger Davis; Not Pictured: Jack Burchenal, Nick Crosswell, Grant Fletcher.



Front Row (l-r); Zach Sledzik, Alex Walker, Luke Schneider, Ryan Folan, Tim Finnigan Middle Row (l-r): Chris Porst, Matt Weigel, Eric Smith, Nick Sylvest, Max Koehler, Brian Baird, Jake Glaser; Back Row (l-r): Coaches Kim Baird, Breck Weigel, Rick Koehler.

were truly supportive. They were just a great group of kids and parents. Best of all, we achieved all of our goals we set before the season began. Not only to learn and

improve, but just have fun. And we certainly did that!"

Hearty congratulations to all these boys, their parents and coaches!

Lookouts looked hot in Oklahoma

By Gillian Littlehale

The Singler Lookouts, a select AABC baseball team made up of sixteen-year-olds from Greater Cincinnati, has had a tremendous season. After finishing first in the American Division of the Southwest Ohio League, winning the Erlanger Lions Memorial Day Tournament and the Hap Dumont post-season tournament, the Lookouts finished their season at the USSSA World Series in Oklahoma City from July 25 to August 1. The Lookouts played two games each

day during the summer's heat wave, with the daily temperatures averaging 102-107 degrees.

All the Lookouts performed far beyond the expectations of parents and coaches, pulling together from across the community. Pitching for the Lookouts was MHS junior Joe Singler of Terrace Park, who also played first base. Joe led the team this season with a .455 batting average; his on base percentage is .545. At the tournament, where the team finished up seventh out of 18, Joe had a two-run homer. The first

game of the tournament was uniquely memorable, as the Lookouts won 15-0 over the team from Littleton, Colorado. The Cincinnati contingent was very impressed by the exemplary sportsmanship and behavior of the parents and the players, who were students at Columbine High School.



Back row (l-r): Luke "World" White, Joey "The Bruiser" Mileham, Brian "Bust-a-Move" Baird, Sean "The Glove" Stirsman; Front row (l-r): Nick "The Mascot" Stirsman, Timmy "911" Finnigan.

Bulldogs chew up opposition

By Lon Stirsman

A determined group of Terrace Park 8- and 9-year-old basketball lovers participated in the 1999 "Hoops for Hope" 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on July 17 in downtown Cincinnati. The boys overcame some minor first game jitters to dominate the opposition. They walked away with their division championship, winning their four games with scores of 11-8, 16-1, 16-2 and 16-7. The boys showed their commitment to the cause by participating in the incredibly grueling Camp Bulldog, a ten-day training camp held immediately prior to the tournament at the Mileham Memorial Sports Complex on Wooster Pike. Their victory was all the more noteworthy due to the

loss of Timmy Finnigan, just two days before the event, when he was inadvertently knocked to the pavement during a frenzied practice. Coach Stirsman immediately applied a frozen popsicle to the injured arm, but this feeble attempt at first aid proved to be ineffective treating what turned out to be a hairline fracture of young Timmy's shooting arm. The team was able to acquire a last minute replacement, after the coach promised Kim and Laurie Baird that their son would not suffer a similar fate. The Bulldogs went on to thoroughly frustrate their opponents (not to mention their opponents' parents) with their unselfish play on offense and impressive man-to-man defensive scheme.

Ross to swim at Penn State

Terrace Park resident and recent Mariemont High School graduate Leah Ross has signed a National Letter of Intent to swim at Penn State University, where she has been awarded a swimming scholarship.

Leah graduated from Mariemont as Vice President of the Senior Class and a member of the National Honor Society.

As a high school swimmer, Leah won the Ohio High School 100

yd. Butterfly championship as a sophomore and placed second, third, and fifth her other three years. She was a high school team Co-captain, three time Mariemont team MVP, and two time Southern Ohio Swim League Female Swimmer of the Year. She was twice a first-team High School All America selection in the 100 yd. Butterfly.

Swimming for her club team, the Anderson Barracudas, Leah

qualified for the YMCA National Championships six times. This year she placed sixth in the 200 yard Butterfly, seventh in the 100 yard Butterfly, tenth in the 400 yard Individual Medley, and was a member of the 400 yard Medley Relay team which placed seventh as the Barracudas won the combined Men's and Women's National Championship. She has also competed nationally in USA Swimming at both Junior and Senior National levels, and was selected to participate in the USA Swimming Select Swimming Camp at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO.

Leah expects to continue swimming the Butterfly and Individual Medley events in Big Ten conference competition at Penn State, where she will major in education or communications. She is the daughter of Mike and Laurel Ross.



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