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Vic Billingsley first mail carrier to retire from Terrace Park

By Cyndy Finnigan

Vic Billingsley, the tall, lean Terrace Park mail carrier has a long stride equal to about two steps for most people. It has carried him six miles a day, five days a week through drenching rain, drifting snow and sweltering summer days for 32 years in the Village; but it's time to call it quits. "My age and length of service add up to over 80; retirement time in a postal worker's life," he says. His last day is slated for April 27. "It sure has been a nice, quiet place for me to work," Vic continues. "Effie Miller, who was Postmaster in 1969, called the Batavia office where I was then working and said there was a vacancy in Terrace Park. I came over and here I stayed."

Vic has seen a multitude of changes since he began: "There used to be just two mail carriers instead of three," he says, "and we used to deliver mail Sundays before Christmas. I remember the trains coming through and shaking all the dividers as we sorted the mail." Vic reminisces about people and places that used to be here but now are gone. "You meet a lot of people in joy and sorrow." One of the joyful moments was when he met the future Mrs. Billingsley. Betsey was working as a dental assistant for Dr. Pschesang on Western Avenue. "I dropped off the mail there and we started talking." Years later they have five grandchildren and operate a Bed and Breakfast in Ripley. "She does most of it but I help on

my days off. I'll be helping more now." Vic also plans to fish and travel. "I'd love to go back to Hawaii," he muses wistfully, "they should only sell one-way tickets to Hawaii."

Vic would like to thank everyone in the Village. "I'll miss the people and visiting for a moment with them on their front porches." We'll miss Vic. He has been an extra set of eyes for parents trying to locate kids and dogs, and kept a watch on empty houses; becoming an integral and vital part of the community for all these years.

Vic sorts mail at the Terrace Park Post Office.

Photo: Cyndy Finnigan

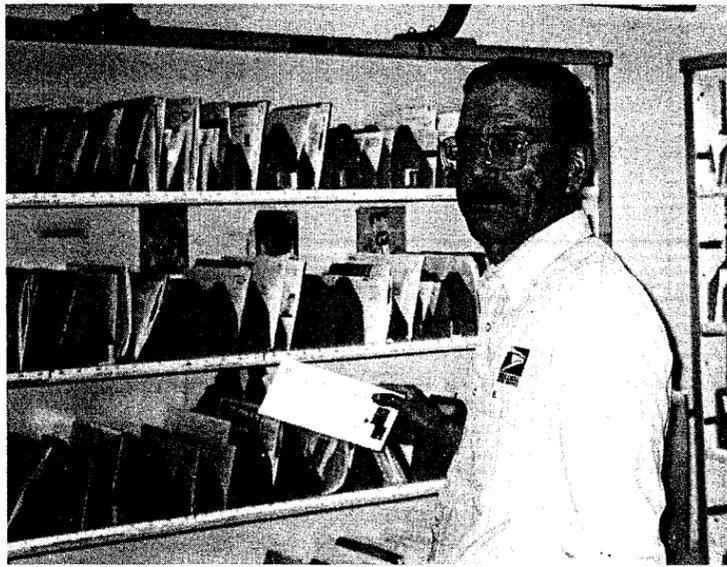


Photo: Jenny Whitaker

Looking Back in Terrace Park

By Cyndy Finnigan

Fifteen years ago, in Spring of 1986, the following articles and information appeared in the Village Views when Ellis Rawnsley was editor:

Members of the volunteer fire departments from Terrace Park and Milford burned three buildings on the Terrace Park Lumber Co. property to clear the way for planned construction of 12 homes on the tract. (now Denison Lane)

Village Republicans turned out to vote for James A. Rhodes for governor; he received six times as many votes as Democratic candidate Richard Celeste.

Villagers prepared for Memorial Day with the PTA sponsored Memorial Day Parade (Rita Picton was PTA president) and Recreation Commission sponsored mini-marathon and games which included potato-sack and wheelbarrow races along with a 50 yard dash and a tug-of-war contest. These events were followed by a bring-your-own-lunch picnic and softball games for teens and adults. The Terrace Park Pops featured pop tunes and Jerome Kern's medleys in the evening on

the Village Green.

The Garden Club suffered a low blow with record low temperatures damaging about 1,000 plants which had to be thrown out. Refunds were offered to residents.

Village Council planned to hold public hearings on development of the old railroad right-of-way and on relocation of U.S. 50. Defeated once, the idea of relocating U. S. 50 across the Little Miami River was being revived because of Milford plans for a new industrial park bordering on I-275. A state bike and hiking trail on the old railroad right-of-way was being extended to Milford and Terrace Park was asked to reconsider its former opposition to use through the Village.

Nearly 40 Terrace Park youngsters took part in a spring children's show of the Terrace Park Players called "The Magic Mirror." It was written and directed by Pat Lipka.

The Village hired its first woman police officer: Scheilah Gibson of Amelia.

Rules were tightened for juveniles and dogs due to littering and vandalism getting out of hand, according to Police Chief Ron Pottorf.

In the past when juveniles were found out late on Village streets they were taken home. In the future the more frequent course, according to Pottorf, would be to take them to the Community House and call their parents. Mayor Les Overway ordered a police crackdown on dogs running at large.

Engineering studies were sought for the Community House as to the stability of the building and safety of the electrical system. The building was erected as a Baptist church in 1890; the Village purchased it in 1922.

Census Report

Census reports 2000, featured in the March 17 edition of the Cincinnati Enquirer, revealed the following demographics in Terrace Park: Population 2,273; change from 1990 was 6.6%. 98% of the population is white; .2% African American, .8% Asian, .6% Native American. The number of residents under age 18 was listed as 810; a 27.2% change from 1990.

Don't go Jo!

By Jenny Whitaker

After twenty-five years of working for the Mariemont School District, Terrace Park secretary, Jo Trilety, is retiring. Two years at Mariemont Middle School, twenty-three at Terrace Park, five principals, and a technological revolution later, Jo has decided she needs a break. She's ready for some time off to "catch up, clean, travel, and work on my silk flower arranging," she says. Over the years, in addition to managing all the duties required of a school secretary, she has held the unofficial title of "school nurse." She has handled everything from pa-

per cuts to broken arms with the same calm efficiency she demonstrates in dealing with tardy children and an antiquated intercom system. The biggest change she has seen in the quarter century she has worked here is the advent of the computer age. "We used to do everything by hand - mimeographs and blue ditto sheets - no faxes, copy machines or computers," she remarks. Asked whether the kids have changed over the years, she laughs and says "No. Kids are still kids!" We'll miss you, Jo. We hope you enjoy your well earned retirement.

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont to Sponsor Memorial Day Essay Contest

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont is sponsoring an essay contest for Terrace Park Elementary School sixth grade students. The intent is to heighten students' understanding of the meaning of Memorial Day. Students will work with teachers and classmates to develop an understanding of the history of Memorial Day and its significance to our country. To assist with the development of the essays, some World War II veterans will speak to the classes to provide background information on World War II.

The best three essays chosen at Terrace Park Elementary School will be submitted to the

Kiwanis Club. The writer of the winning essay of the three will be awarded a commemorative plaque and be invited to read the essay at the Memorial Day ceremony at the Village Green. Jerry Sasson, Principal of Terrace Park Elementary, says, "The contest corresponds very well with our study of citizenship." Similar essay contests will be held in other elementary schools in the Mariemont School District.

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont encourages all parents of sixth graders at Terrace Park Elementary to help their children understand that Memorial Day has more meaning than watching or marching in a parade and going to the pool opening.

Coming to a mailbox near you

You may soon be the lucky recipient of a brief questionnaire from the Village Views and our new correspondent, Sherry Holcomb. Sherry will be asking a few questions in order to profile TP residents in a new column called "Know Your Neighbor." Long time and new residents will be featured at random on a voluntary basis. Please help us all get better acquainted by promptly responding to the questionnaire.

Due to the early deadline for the April issue of *Village Views* there will not be a council report or a police beat. The May issue will cover both the April and May council meeting as well as the police stats.

Terrace Park to Honor the Greatest Generation

In this 60th anniversary year of the beginning of World War II, Terrace Park will honor members of the "Greatest Generation" who are veterans of that war. On May 28, veterans are invited to march in the Memorial Day Parade and be honored by Terrace Park residents.

Congressman Rob Portman is donating a Congressional Building flag from Washington, D. C. The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont will con-

tribute a floral wreath to be laid in memory at the Memorial Day commemoration. The winning essay from the Mariemont Kiwanis essay contest will be read by its writer at the ceremony.

All World War II veterans are invited to participate in the parade and program. **Call Bob Halley, 831-0970, or Ray Normile, 831-2804, for more information.**

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Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

One beautiful Saturday afternoon two years ago, my husband, Kurt, and I were driving down Wooster Pike. Something made us turn the car down Elm Avenue into a neighborhood we had never known existed — Terrace Park. After literally 5 minutes of driving in this community we turned to each other and smiled with a mutual thought: We HAVE to live here someday.

We noticed the families on the soccer field, the (unlocked) bikes along the bike rack, the sense of community as neighbors chatted in yards, and the lack of hills. The latter part may seem trivial to most, but to us it is essential. Kurt is quadriplegic due to an accident 13 years ago, and he uses a power wheelchair.



Kurt and Caroline Kuwatch and baby Emma

He proclaimed: "Sweetie, I would actually be able to take our kids for a walk by MYSELF! I could take them to the park or UDF without help because there are sidewalks and no hills!" It is amazing that something so mundane to one person can mean independence to another.

As we continued our exciting drive we fell in love with another aspect: We can walk our children to school! It doesn't get much better than that. Little did we know the obstacles that we would face.

One and a half years later (and with me eight months pregnant) our dream became a reality when we purchased a beautiful ranch on Lexington Circle. We were beaming with pride as we drove family and friends through our new neighborhood. They all noticed the same thing; Kurt will be able to do so much with our children in this neighborhood. (Our present house is on a busy street without sidewalks.) When we told others where we had purchased a house, they could not say enough great things about the school district.

We were ecstatic, blessed with a beautiful new baby girl and a lovely home in a great community. As fate would have it, three months later we met a group of concerned neighbors who casually informed us that the school is not wheelchair accessible. Our hearts sank because Kurt immediately went from the high of impending independence to the low of impending inaccessibility.

He looked at me in disbelief as he thought about not being able to see our daughter in a ballet recital or a basketball game; about having to drop her off at the door to school and never seeing her artwork in the classroom at an open house; about never feeling that he had a "hands-on" part in her education. We were again crushed when we learned that we could not attend community activities such as a pancake supper and the pumpkin festival because they are held in the inaccessible gymnasium.

After the initial disappointment, it took only a moment for us to realize that changes had to be made and that we need to be a part of those changes, not only for ourselves but also for everyone else to be active members of this community.

Not only does it allow our TP residents with disabilities to participate, but it also makes life for everyone easier. For instance, how great for us with babies in strollers to be able to roll right into the gym to pick out a pumpkin or for grandparents with canes or walkers not to have to climb stairs to cheer on their star player?

I do not write this for sympathy because we do not want that. I write this to bring this to everyone's attention and to ask for support, whether it be vocal or silent. We are not "rebel rousers," as Kurt puts it, who want to cause an upheaval in our new town. We are just a young family who wants to be able to fully participate in ALL the wonderful aspects that make Terrace Park an outstanding community. Our hope is that none of you need to deal with inaccessibility issues in your lives. For some of us, however, we deal with it on a daily basis. Making these changes are not a choice, it is a necessity.

We have not moved into our house yet because we are renovating it so Kurt can have a "hands-on" part of raising our children inside our home as well. We welcome any comments or questions anyone may have regarding our efforts. Thank you so much for your support.

Caroline Kuwatch

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. **Please limit length to 350 words.** Letters over 350 words will be published as submitted subject to space availability. All signed letters will be printed as submitted; however, minor editing for grammatical and typographical errors may be necessary. Content will not be edited. Any questions should be directed to the editor. See below.

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May Deadline :
The May deadline for *Village Views* is **May 14**, the second Monday of the month. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. on Monday May 14, 2001. **All advertisements** go to Gerri Kennedy at 152 Wrenwood. **All articles** go to Cyndy Finnigan 128 Winding Brook Lane.

Village Views welcomes readers to submit their ideas for articles: promotions, awards, school activities, engagements, weddings, births... things you think people would like to know and read about.

LEAVING THE VILLAGE?
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To the Editor,

I wanted to respond to Mr. William Weakley who had a letter in the March issue of *Village Views*. He spoke about the fact that many residents of Terrace Park live like citizens of less idyllic communities. I would like to comment on his confusion about this matter on a point by point basis with regard to his letter.

Mr. Weakley commented on residents that buy homes and cut down large trees as well as members of council voting to cut down trees. Let me say that I was all for the big beautiful shade tree until two years ago when a very healthy looking 90 foot tall tree fell over in our yard taking with it both my two week old Volvo wagon and my husband's car. We had 30 thousand dollars worth of damage to the cars alone. If it had fallen the other way it would have taken the side off our home and potentially killed my children sleeping on that end of the house. I learned a great deal about the life span of trees after that ordeal. After 50 to 75 years many trees root systems can no longer support the tree and they slowly begin to die. Just because a tree looks fine does not mean that the entire inside is not infested with termites. When we bought our home in Terrace Park, the first thing I did was have a tree inspection of the huge tree growing along the street line in front of our house. It was starting to die and you better believe that I was very happy to let the Village of Terrace Park take it down.

A comment was made about mothers lining up to pick up their children from school on days when it isn't even raining. This is the 21st Century and to think that we are immune from bad things happening to our children is not realistic. I have heard that a little Terrace Park girl was picked up by a car driving through town and molested back in the late 1970's and even this school year a district-wide letter came home warning parents about a man that was exposing himself to little girls in Mariemont on their way home from school. The letter advised parents in Terrace Park as well as Mariemont that this was a very present threat to our children. I have tremendous respect for parents that know where their children are every minute of the day no matter where they live. This is not a gated community where a security guard checks every car driving through town.

I was surprised to read that he thinks that St. Thomas Episcopal Church should be a Village only sanctuary. First and foremost it is an Episcopalian church. It should be a worshipping place for Episcopalians, no matter where they live, not just a convenient place for local Terrace Park Christians to go. The nearest Episcopalian church is the Indian Hill Church. They only offer the Episcopalian service every other week. I thought Christianity was about being welcoming and inclusive.

Mr. Weakley also was surprised that residents leave on porch and flood lights at night because our community is so safe. Two weeks ago I parked my brand new car out in front of my house. I came out in the morning to find that my car as well as my neighbors had been blasted with dozens of eggs. After two trips through the car wash we finally had to get out the scrub bucket and hand wash and pick the dried eggs off with our fingernails so the paint wouldn't be ruined. When I told the police about this, they said that pranks of this nature are rampant and that the UDF has been advised to not sell eggs to any children. Not only will I always be parking in my garage from now on but I will also be leaving on my porch lights.

I absolutely agree with Mr. Weakley that Terrace Park is a wonderful community. It offers lovely tree lined streets and a small community school and friendly neighbors. However, anyone can drive in off of Wooster Pike, even bad people. We cannot be so arrogant as to think that we should limit our Church and what it offers to only persons that live within the confines of the Village even though they may not actually be Episcopalian. If we want to do that then perhaps we should have a nondenominational community church like Mariemont.

Carrie VanDerzee
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Terrace Park newcomers

By Jeanne Fisher

The Henneberry family, of 107 Wagon Road Lane, moved to Terrace Park in Fall of 2000 from Pensacola, Florida. Jim is currently employed with International Paper, while Ellen is busy at home with their children, Claire, 9 and Keith, 8. Both children attend Terrace Park Elementary School, and while Claire enjoys her involvement with gymnastics, Keith is involved with basketball and soccer. Ellen states that they love the area, and chose Terrace Park for its excellent school and for its atmosphere as an established community. For leisure time, Jim likes bicycling, while Ellen is looking forward to gardening in the spring.

The Geoff and Renee Tetrault family moved to 716 Yale at the end of September of 2000 from Chicago. However, their house on Yale is currently for sale, because they

are moving to a house on Miami which has a view of the river. It is a two bedroom cottage, on which they are putting a very large addition. The renovations should be done in time to move into their new home in July. The Tetrault's have 2 children, Jaime, 11 and Jon, 9, who attend Terrace Park Elementary School. Jaime is a gymnast with Hyde Park Gymnastics and Jon is a lacrosse player. Geoff works for Convergys, while Renee owns her own photography business, Age of Innocence. The Tetraults fell in love with the area after they drove through the community in the summer, and saw the tree lined streets with children playing "everywhere."

Jeanne will be writing a regular Newcomers column; please call her at 965-9370 if you are new in the neighborhood!

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Village Calendar 2001

APRIL

12 Mariemont School District Spring Break begins. School reopens 4/23.

21 Cincinnati Dulcimer Society presents Gary Gallier, Mountain Dulcimer, workshops and evening concert, Community Building. For information contact **Fran at 891-7037**.

25 Parenting Matters Seminar, MHS auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

28 Mariemont Kiwanis Golf Tournament. Contact Peter Stites regarding this fund-raiser at 831-1944.

30 For anyone interested in forming a Terrace Park Historical Society, there will be a meeting at the Community Building, 7:30 p.m. **Call Carol Cole for information 831-6771**.

30 Terrace Park Garden Club Plant Sale orders due. **Call Jane Allen for information 831-3943**.

MAY

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

1 Terrace Park Garden Club luncheon and tour of the Peterloo Gardens, 12:00 noon. **Call Marilynne Chapman for information 248-4705**.

2 Terrace Park Elementary Open House, 7:00 p.m. Parents welcome to visit classrooms and view student art show in the cafeteria.

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

14 Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7:00 p.m.

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

18-20 "Art From the Park," an informal showcase of Terrace Park artists, Community Building. Opening reception Friday 5:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Call Peyton Petty 379-1284 for information**.

18-19 Terrace Park Garden Club Plant Sale, Village Green, Friday 2:30-6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. For pre-orders, contact any Garden Club member or **Jane Allen at 831-3943**.

26 Terrace Park Swim Club's opening party.

28 MEMORIAL DAY! Parade participants meet behind school at 9:30 a.m. Parade at 10:00 a.m. followed by festivities on the Village Green.

28 Mariemont Kiwanis Bike Helmet Sale, Village Green

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

Mariemont School Board and administration meet with School Access Committee

By Cyndy Finnigan

Mariemont School Board members and top administrators met with the School Access Committee—a grass-roots citizens group dedicated to promoting the school district's compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973—March 28 at Mariemont High School. The meeting was called by Superintendent Gerald Harris in response to the Committee's request for further discussion on bringing Mariemont School buildings into legal compliance with these laws.

At the School Board meeting March 20, Board members were given an estimate for retrofitting Mariemont Schools, prepared by SFA Architects, at a cost of \$2-3 million and which would include: elevators at each school, lifts, modified bathrooms and new signage.

Terrace Park Elementary Principal Jerry Sasson, Special Education Director for Mariemont Schools, noted the district was serving greater numbers of students with special needs and doing a better job of it. Fewer stu-

dents were having to leave the district for their schooling. In the Mariemont School District 170 out of 1,800 students qualify for special services. (approximately 9.5%)

Superintendent Harris stated that he regarded the matter as a top priority and wished to move forward with it; calling for the formation of a task force with representatives from the community, School Board, administration and schools.

Terrace Park resident Emily White, spokesperson for the School Access Committee, says "the schools know they are not in compliance with the law in serving the needs of those with physical disabilities. We see this as a very positive step in reaching our goals and we want to emphasize a sense of urgency. We are exploring available funding sources on the local, state and federal levels." Levies have already been passed by the Board to finance the renovation of the high school and part of the junior high; leaving the three elementary schools and the remainder of work at the junior high to be done.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Friday, April 13, *Good Friday*
*12:00 p.m., *7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 14, *Great Easter Vigil*
*5:00 p.m. - First Communion of Easter

Sunday, April 15, *Easter Sunday*
7:30 a.m., *9:15 a.m. and *11:15 a.m.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Thursday, May 3
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St. Thomas invites you to stop by and pray for our nation.

MOTHERS' DAY EVENSING



and Reception
Sunday, May 13
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Neighbor to Neighbor

First annual Kiwanis golf scramble

Remember to make plans to play in the April 28 golf scramble at Indian Valley Golf Course on Newtown Rd. Cost is \$60 per player and includes greens fee, cart, lunch and great golfing company! Call **Jim Cartwright at 271-5677** with questions.

Kiwanis coordinates "Use your Head - Use a Helmet Day"

As part of the "Use Your Head - Use a Helmet Day," coordinated by local Kiwanis Clubs in partnership with Children's Hospital Medical Center, low cost quality helmets for biking, skating and skate-boarding, will be offered to neighborhoods throughout the Greater Cincinnati area this Spring.

These all-purpose safety helmets for all ages will be sold by the Mariemont Kiwanis (non-profit) for \$15 (no tax) at three locations:

- The Mariemont Kroger store** Saturday, May 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call Ken Hudson at 271-7477 or Bob Naugle at 272-0517 for details.
- The Hyde Park Kroger Store** Saturday, May 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call Paul Bergman at 272-3223 for details.
- The Terrace Park Village Green** on Monday, May, 28, during the Memorial Day Festivities. Call Al Nelson at 831-9220 for details.

To ensure proper fit, measure around the head with a tape measure starting just above the eyebrows. Bring this measurement with you. Cash, checks and money orders will be accepted, but not credit cards.

Remember, the life you save may be your own! Helmets on for safety!

Mariemont High School Invitational Track Meet

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont is sponsoring the Steve McKee Mariemont High School Invitational Track meet Wednesday and Thursday, May 2 and 3. Steve McKee, twin brother of Susie Vianello of Mariemont, was an outstanding Mariemont High School athlete. After graduating in 1967, he attended the University of Cincinnati where he died suddenly while practicing with the U.C. football team.

In past years the Mariemont Invitational has been one of the more prestigious track meets in Hamilton County. The Kiwanis and Mariemont High School are renewing the track meet to its former high profile. The track meet will consist of 28 boys' and girls' teams from 14 high schools in and around the Hamilton County area.

The track meet is open to all area residents so please come out and support the local teams. Trophies will be awarded to the top teams along with the most valuable award to the all-around male and female track star.

Any resident interested in helping with the track meet, May 2 and May 3 at 4:30 p.m. **please call Jeff Waterson, Mariemont High School Athletic Director, 272-7600.**

Summer Fun needs "2002" High School Seniors

Mariemont High School Seniors, who need community service hours for the 2001-02 school year can earn up to 40 hours while supervising elementary-aged children in a safe, fun environment this Summer.

Volunteers are needed to staff the Summer Fun Program at Terrace Park Elementary from Monday, June 4th through Friday, June 22nd.

Activities for the children include outdoor games and indoor crafts from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A variety of field trips are planned for Monday and Friday of each week.

Contact Lynda Mackey @ 831-2575 for more info.

Garden club flower show

The Terrace Park Garden Club Flower Show is back! If you enjoy the Cincinnati Flower Shows at Ault Park, just wait until you see our gardener's talents. The club is hosting their own "2001 Space Odyssey" show June 5th at the Community Building with public viewing from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. The artistic division, with flower arrangement designs, is limited to club members, but Terrace Park residents are invited to enter the horticultural division to display their homegrown flowers and herbs. For information and rules for entering the show, contact **Ruth Rauth at 831-5187.**

Cincinnati Country Day School's Fabulous Fundraiser

Cincinnati Country Day School's primary yearly fund-raiser is Country Date. This year it is being held on Saturday, May 12, 2001. The theme is "It's A Jungle Out There".

The evening consists of cocktails and a silent auction with over 400 items available for written bidding, a delicious dinner, and a live auction with 40 highly desirable trips, events and dinners. Country Date always proves to be an exciting and memorable evening. Last year, more than 400 people attended.

Committee chairs include several Terrace Park residents: Men's Committee: **Roger Davis** Mailings: **Debbie Davis** Faculty Rep: **Tina Hesser** Raffle: **Elaine Grever**

For information contact **Cincinnati Country Day School at (513) 561-7298.**



Lanie Grever (Terrace Park) has a Pre-Kindergarten child help pull the winning ticket out of the basket of tickets sold to support the school and the fund-raising event.

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Carol Barnes, (l) Preschool aide, and Claudia McDaniel with a young Jordan Walter on her lap.

Retirement party set for St. Thomas Nursery School teacher

Submitted by Denise Walter

St. Thomas Nursery School will be hosting an Open House to celebrate one of our community's most beloved nursery school teachers. After 20 years of teaching young preschoolers, Claudia McDaniel has announced she will retire at the end of the current school year.

The Open House will be held

at St. Thomas on Thursday, April 26 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The event offers former students, parents and staff the opportunity to express our gratitude to Claudia for her dedication to teaching and enhancing the lives of our children. We hope you can join us. **Call Denise Walter at 576-0250 with questions.**

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Terrace Park Historical Society

Reminder: the meeting to form a non-profit Terrace Park Historical Society will be held at the Community House, **Monday, April 30th at 7:30.** Everyone is welcome. Please bring your interest and your ideas.

If you have questions, please call **Carol Cole 831-6771 or Betsy Holloway 831-9515.**

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The Magical World of Butterflies

Submitted by Ruthann Spears, Krohn Conservatory

Enter A Magical World of Butterflies when The Cincinnati Park Board presents the 2001 Butterfly Show, May 11 - June 24 at the Krohn Conservatory in Eden Park. This is the sixth year for the show.

The world's largest butterfly, the Birdwing (7-inch wing span), and many exotic varieties from Africa, Malaysia, Indonesia and Central America will headline the 2001 show. More than 30 species will be featured including North American natives such as the White Peacock, Monarch, Queen, Zebra Swallowtail, American Painted Lady and the Red Admiral. Over 1000 butterflies will be released each week of the show.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Free admission to

Mothers on Mother's Day and Fathers on Father's Day compliments of the LAZARUS Fund of the Federated Foundation. Event hours: May 11 - June 24, Monday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information call (513) 421-5707 or visit www.cinci-parks.org.

The Art of Butterfly Watching

Many people think that butterflies "flit" around with no purpose or plan. However, each action serves a specific function. If you know what to look for, butterfly watching can be educational for the entire family.

How to Act

What You Need to Know

Before you begin your search

for butterflies, there are several important points to remember.

- Dress in drab, earth-toned clothing. "Camouflage clothes" are great.
- Be patient.
- Think small. Most species are tiny.
- Move slowly, carefully and smoothly. Go in slow motion. Quick, jerky motions scare butterflies away.

Butterfly Basking

Their Common Behaviors

What You'll See: Butterflies will sit quietly with their wings held to "catch the rays" of the sun. Butterflies do this so the sun shines on dark areas at the base of the wings and body. Butterflies bask early in the day, when the temperature falls or when it is cloudy.

What's Happening: The butterflies are using their wings and/or bodies as "solar collectors" to absorb sun energy and warmth. Butterflies have internal temperatures roughly the



Photo: Michael Hamilton

same as the surrounding temperature. However, they need a body temperature of 85 degrees to 100 degrees Fahrenheit to fly. Basking quickly heats up the wing muscles to the needed temperature.

Butterfly Roosting

Their Common Behaviors

What You'll See: Butterflies will hang upside down from the under-

sides of leaves or grass, often in thickets or trees.

What's Happening: When they aren't flying, butterflies need a safe place to rest. Butterflies roost an average of 14 hours each day. Late in the afternoon, butterflies begin hovering over shrubs, seeking roosting places. They also roost if the day is cool and overcast or rainy. They usually seek an eastern exposure so the warming rays of the sun will reach them in the morning. Upside down, with wings closed and the duller colored undersides showing, butterflies look like dead leaves and are camouflaged from predators.

Butterfly Puddling

Their Common Behaviors

What You'll See: Groups of butterflies will cluster around a patch of wet ground, or the edges of a puddle. The group of butterflies, called a puddle club, probes the damp mud or sand with their proboscises. Butterflies usually puddle at midday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

What's Happening: The butterflies in the puddle club are almost all males, especially young males searching for a mate. The puddling butterflies are getting moisture, but more importantly they are getting minerals and nutrients. Males need extra nutrients, especially sodium and amino acids, because they pass nutrients to the female during mating. Some scientists think the males also need the nutrients to produce pheromones, chemical scents that attract females.



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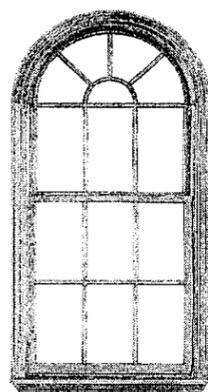
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Summer Fun 2001!

Mark your calendars! Registration for Summer Fun 2001 will take place on Monday June 4 from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria. SF activities will begin on Tuesday, June 5 and continue through Friday, June 22nd. Again this year, SF will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. Crafts/Hands-on Activities are held in the cafeteria, and Outdoor Games on

the playground. In addition to the on-campus activities, a variety of field trips are planned.

All Terrace Park resident children, who have completed K through 6th grade are eligible to attend. Emergency Information and Activity Interest Forms must be completed by parents/guardians prior to a child's participation. Packets will be sent home via the school's white envelopes in early

May. Packets are available for children who do not attend TPES. In addition to the on-campus activities, a variety of field trips are planned. The Better Baby Sitters course, for kids age 10-plus and enrolled in 5th grade or higher for 01-02, will be offered once again. Check the calendar in Village Views for dates.

Summer Fun is sponsored by the Village of Terrace Park and the Terrace Park Recreation Committee. If you have a special talent to share with the children at SF, you are encouraged to give us a call and join in the fun! Please direct your questions, comments or volunteerism to **Lynda Mackey @ 831-2575** or **Julie Smith @ 831-0091**.

Summer Fun Needs Your Help!

Volunteers are needed to coordinate and/or oversee Summer Fun activities. If you have a special talent to share, or if you enjoy working with children, your help would be greatly appreciated! Call **Lynda Mackey @ 831-2575**.

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Terrace Park Elementary students are getting "Down to Earth"

The students at Terrace Park Elementary School are participating in a unique writing program. Collaborating with nationally recognized and award-winning children's book author, Michael J. Rosen, the Terrace Park PTO/Fine Arts Committee, teachers and students are working together to publish an anthology entitled, *Down to Earth*. The objective of this program is to

strengthen the voice of our young writers by encouraging them to flex their imagination. Approximately 302 students, K thru 6th grade, will author and illustrate their own individualized page while combining many interactive skills throughout the process.

The final collection of stories will have "grown" from questions such as, "What is a special food that

you enjoy?" or "Do your grandparents make a special meal when you come to visit?" or "Does the smell of the outdoors remind you of something special?" A series of these prompts will help students brainstorm past the easy response to the truly personal and original.

"We are so fortunate to have the guidance of both our teachers and the professional expertise of parent, Will Hillenbrand, a published author and illustrator of children's books", said Debbie Whittelsey, Chair of the Anthology Committee. "Will has been the guiding light to make this vision a reality. Each student has excelled in the process and the results are outstanding".

The anthology, *Down to Earth* will be published as an eBook on CD and each family and sponsor will receive a complimentary copy.

The Routt family were the lucky winners of the original illustration and signed copy of *THE LAST SNAKE IN IRELAND*, by Will Hillenbrand. The artwork was raffled on March 16th; all families that contributed to the school anthology were eligible to win.

Terrace Park Newcomers Cinco de Mayo Party

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Terrace Park Sports

Chief Umpire Retires

By Cyndy Finnigan

Terrace Park resident Buz Ecker has retired as Chief Baseball Umpire in the Village. His duties included training umpires and hiring them for games, as well as accompanying new umpires to games. He ran his last umpire clinic in March, 2001 and has aided Baseball Commissioner Matt Nickum in readying equipment for the upcoming baseball season.

"an extremely capable young man. I am thrilled to hand over this position to him."

Miles, for his part, is "excited



Buz Ecker (l) and Miles Lindahl

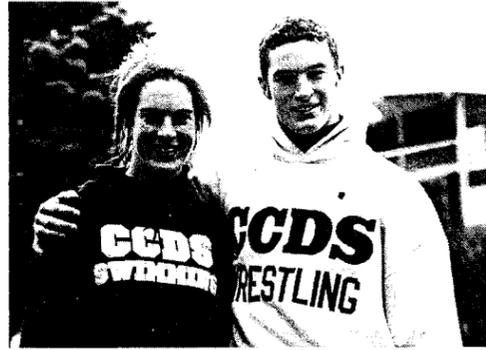
Replacing Mr. Ecker will be Miles Lindahl, 16, son of Glenn and Margo Lindahl at 800 Stanton. Miles is currently a sophomore at Cincinnati Country Day School in Indian Hill. He has served as an umpire for the past three seasons and is, Mr. Ecker comments,

and optimistic about the season and his role as Chief Umpire."

Mr. Ecker had a number of accomplishments during his five year tenure as Chief Umpire, most notably: he brought girls into the umpire program for t-ball and softball

games, worked with Mr. Nickum to bring potable water to the fields, rewarded experienced umpires with Crew Chief designations and shirts and ensured that fields were dragged and lined for each softball and baseball game played at Drackett Field, even if it meant pitching in and doing it himself.

Mr. Ecker emphasizes "how much he loves the game and enjoys the kids." He coached seven baseball teams and four softball teams. "As fun as it is to win, good sportsmanship always comes first," he stresses. "Every kid should have a chance to play." He insists that his job was not volunteer but that he was "paid handsomely by having the opportunity to work with some really great coaches, umpires and players." He would like to extend a special thank you to the following people for their hard work and dedication to the sports of softball and baseball: Tammy Fisher, Skip Kirby, Bill Drackett, Matt Nickum, Camilla Warrick, David Schloss, Dave Tobergte, Eric Moyer and Joddy Perry.



Kristen and Whit Hesser

CCDS siblings excel

Cincinnati Country Day students and Terrace Park residents, Kristen and Whit Hesser, children of John and Tina Hesser of 801 Miami, excel in the classroom and on the athletic fields.

Sophomore Kristen Hesser became the Miami Valley Conference Champion in the 100 meter

freestyle and league runner-up in the 50 meter freestyle. She was also one of the corner stones of the league champion 200 and 400 meter freestyle relays. She scored more points than anyone in the meet and qualified for the District Championships in

all four of her events. Kristen was also named to the CCDS honor roll winter semester.

Senior Whit Hesser excelled as co-captain of the CCDS Varsity Wrestling team. He wrestled his way to the League meet and won over a Miami Valley Conference League Champion in the 160 lb weight class. He also qualified for sectionals and finished fifth in a large field. Wrestling coaches chose Whit, along with another senior, as season MVP's for their leadership and wrestling ability.

Terrace Park Swim team news

Spring has arrived. With an eye on summer, members of the Swim Team Committee have been busy organizing the Terrace Park Tiger Shark Swim Team at the Terrace Park Swim Club. Forrest Kennedy will return this year as Head Coach of the Tiger Sharks after another successful year at Cornell University. His assistant will be Emily Tomes, a freshman at the University of Evansville. Both are collegiate athletes with more than thirteen years of competitive swimming experience. Forrest and Emily hope to see "more fun, lots of best times, and a great turn out from the membership."

Susan Austin and Beth Srofe, Swim Team Parent Representatives, are committed to making the seven week season "a great time." Kids can expect Best Times Ribbons, motiva-

tional prizes, Swimmer Bingo, special food days and more! This year a Stroke Clinic will be offered at Mariemont High School from 4-6 p.m. May 21 thru May 30 to tune up rusty strokes for the first meet on June 14, 2001. Requirements to join the team require a great attitude, willingness to learn, ability to swim twenty-five meters of freestyle and backstroke, and a smile. Stephanie Hogue plans to return for a fifth year as the Tiger Shark Diving Coach. Kids of all ages can learn to dive or do a combined routine of swimming and diving practices. It should be a great summer for the TPSC. For more detailed information call Susan Austin at 831-8235 or Beth Srofe at 831-6844.

Susan Austin, a mom of four age group swimmers says "I can-

not tell you in just a few words all that swimming has done for my children. Discipline and great stroke technique certainly can come from the swim team experience, but the friendships they have made over the years, lap after lap, stroke after stroke have been invaluable for our children. If you have young children (5-8) that is certainly the best time to catch them...when they are eager and want to learn. The years after that are building on a great foundation that is already laid...filled with the bricks of commitment, hard work and satisfaction of achieving lifetime bests in a swim meet! No doubt about it...swimming can be hard work, but this year Forrest, Emily, Beth and I want to make it FUN!"



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June 21 Terrace Park at Miami Hills

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July 5 Terrace Park at Normandy

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July 18/19 SWIM CHAMPS at Summit

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2001 Fall Soccer Referee Clinics

Terrace Park Fall Recreational Soccer needs adult and student (7th grade and up) referees! This is a great way to earn some extra money while having fun. Please make the commitment to be a part of Terrace Park Soccer. Contact T.P. Referee Coordinator, John Finnigan at 831-5121. Below are the training dates. The \$10.00 training fee will be reimbursed to you by the TPRC.

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August 3 & 4	Fri. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Sat. 8:00 a.m -4:00 p.m.	Norwood Community Center

Returning certified referees need only to call John Finnigan @ 831-5121 to re-register.

Fall 2001 soccer sign up

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Ages 6-11 - \$65 per player (must still be 11 on July 31, 2001 to be eligible for fall)

*Fees payable at sign-up. Separate registration forms are needed for each player, but a single check per family is fine. Questions: Call Rich or Patty Beyersdorfer @ 576-0540.



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